

MINUTES – VILLAGE OF HARVEY

Regular Meeting

February 10, 2021

7:00 P.M. HMCC entrance due to COVID-19

1. Call to order, adopt agenda, approval of Minutes of previous meetings.

In attendance, Mayor Gamblin, Deputy Mayor Corey, Councillors MacMullin and Howse, Village Manager-Tom MacDonald, and Village Clerk-Katherine Henry.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gamblin at 7:00 pm.

Councillor MacMullin motioned to approve the adoption of the agenda with the added items of Plowing on Maple Street and Dog Scooping in Village. Seconded by Councillor Howse. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Corey motioned to approve the adoption of the previous Meeting Minutes from January 20th, 2021. Seconded by Councillor MacMullin. Motion carried.

2. Manager's Report

- Lift Station Pump rebuild

Tom advised Council that the damaged pump has now been re-built by Sansom at a cost of \$3,051.71. He asked if Council wanted it to be installed in place of the old pump currently operating and if that one should also be re-built. That would give us three pumps with two in place at all times. The expected cost to rebuild the second pump would be approximately the same as the first one.

Deputy Mayor Corey motioned to install the rebuilt pump and rebuild the old pump. Seconded by Councillor MacMullin.

- Odour update

Tom reported that one of the homeowners has not reported any further issues since the last meeting. The other homeowner has had continued odour in the house as well as outside. Other people have also reported odour outdoors along Birch Street including Councillor MacMullin. There has been no reporting of odour from the top of Spruce Street. Tom reported that he has notified the homeowner with odour indoors that they need to have this investigated by a plumber at their expense. If the plumber cannot identify any reasons for this odour from the main line to the property, the Village will need to investigate further as to a potential cause from the main line.

- Plowing on Maple Street

Tom reported that he had received a call from a homeowner on Maple Street that DTI had deposited the heavy wet snow from the road into his driveway at the last storm. The equipment being used makes it difficult to manage the turn at the end of Maple Street. Tom was asked to talk to Dale Yerxa at DTI to see if there is way to push the snow to the left of the road.

3. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

- Lakeshore washroom design

A proposal for creating a permanent installation of the washroom container was received from Dillon Consulting. Three options were presented with construction and annual maintenance estimates. Construction costs ranged from \$58,500 to \$66,500. Each option does contain contingency so these may be on the high end. In order to qualify for gas tax fund use, it has to be a permanent installation on a slab. The recommended location is behind the playground near the pump station. This design is very preliminary. One option included drilling a well to have drinking water. This is probably not needed. The question was also asked if screw piles could be used instead of a concrete slab. Katherine is waiting for a response to this question from Dillon. There was also a question about the washrooms being wheelchair accessible. Interior dimensions will need to be checked as well as including ramp access. Deputy Mayor Corey stated that the bathrooms must be operating this summer with the least amount of cost. The design also needs to consider potential vandalism. Mayor Gamblin stated that further investigation needs to be done and other options investigated. Tom was asked to contact the company that did the connection to the lift station for John Robison.

- Drainage on Cherry Mountain

Councillor MacMullin noted that the drainage across personal properties is still a problem on Cherry Mountain. He expressed his opinion that the Village has some responsibility to ensure that water doesn't flow across private property. The amount of water can be very heavy at certain times of the year. There is also a box at the end of the drainage behind 1978 Route 3 that needs to be repaired. The water from Cherry Mountain is directed underground at this point and under Route 3 to a drainage location behind 1971 Route 3. It was pointed out that the water flow has not changed since the properties were purchased. Councillor MacMullin would like to see a plan to address the drainage across private properties. Tom MacDonald and Jochen Schroer had walked the length of the stream last summer and some preliminary work was done on identifying properties that may need easement agreements to cross properties. The ditching done along Cherry Street between number 33 and 45 is not working to drain the water. Deputy Mayor Corey suggested that McKay's Garage Ltd should be contacted when the snow is gone to take a look at the ditches. Tom will contact Rob McKay in the spring.

- Lease with HMCC

The Clerk reported that she had sent the draft lease to Frank Cowan to review the insurance sections and they had suggested changes to these sections, which have now been made. There was also a section regarding supporting the lawn mowing and plowing requirements around the Rec Centre but it was suggested that this should be removed and a separate agreement be made for these items. The revised document should be sent to the HMCC Chair and a meeting set up to discuss the lease.

- Poplar Lane Subdivision

The latest version of the Subdivision Agreement was circulated. The Clerk reported that Mr. Little's lawyer had reviewed it and they had no objections. Mr. Little did advise that he would not be able to chip seal the road in advance of sales but the clause as it

exists currently doesn't require it. The Clerk will now send the document to the Village Lawyer for final review. It could receive final approval at the March meeting.

- Meeting with fishing groups/Harvey Lake Association
The Harvey Lake Association had expressed concern that the number of large fishing derbies that were being held each year as well as the timing of these derbies was having a negative impact on fish stocks. The Clerk advised that she had spoken with the organizer of the Rapella Bass Tour and that a new person was now in charge. The Clerk was asked to organize a meeting with Council, a representative from all three groups and a representative from the Harvey Lake Association to discuss future events from the Lakeshore.

4. New Business

- Sewer extension on Spruce Street
Deputy Mayor Corey suggested that homeowners on Spruce Street might be interested in connecting to the sewer system not that it runs down the street. The current owners would probably not be interested unless their existing system fails. There are two empty lots that may have construction in the future and would require connecting to the Village system. Deputy Mayor Corey will follow up with the two homeowners.
- Plowing around HMCC
Deputy Mayor Corey reported that he had received a call from the HMCC rink manager on Monday morning, Feb 8th complaining that the Village had not cleaned the snow from the emergency exits from the rink and they had skating scheduled. Tom has cleaned the snow from the main entrance and usually has done the rink exits but the rink has been closed so he focussed on other priorities. The government plows do the parking lot area but have not plowed around the building. The Village has only a small snowblower so is unable to clear a road around the building.

Deputy Mayor Corey made a motion that the Village would remove snow from the main door, the rink emergency exits and clear to the back steps of the gym during regular work hours for the rest of the season. Seconded by Councillor Howse. Motion carried.

Katherine was asked to send a note to HMCC Chair, Dennis Hogan to advise him of this decision and to set up a meeting in late summer with the HMCC executive to discuss the process for future.

- Community Better Grant
The Clerk reported that she had attended an information session on this year's grant program. This is part of the ParticipAction program. The activity must take place in the month of June and grants are up to \$1,000. The events must have a physical activity or sport component. The suggestion was to have an event at the Trail or the Lakeshore. The application deadline is February 26th.
- Broadband access
Councillor Howse reported that he heard that Rogers is looking to extend a fibre op cable from Thomason's corner to McAdam and had asked the Village of McAdam for a letter of support. Although this doesn't directly affect the Village as we have access to affordable high-speed internet from Rogers, Councillor Howse felt that the Village of

Harvey should support this initiative with a letter as well because broadband development is critical to the area residents. Katherine was asked to contact the Village of McAdam for more information.

- Disposal of Dump Site

With the release of the assessed property values, Deputy Mayor Corey is suggesting that the Village look into selling the old dump site in Smithfield. Deputy Mayor Corey said that DTI gave the property to the Village when it was decommissioned as a dump. He believed that the lawyer advised that there was too much risk of contamination and dangerous goods disposed there to sell the property although there were potential buyers. It has no value to the Village at this time. Katherine was asked to follow up with the Village lawyer to see if there is a way to sell the property.

- Trail

Deputy Mayor Corey proposed that the Village could use some of the COVID allowance to plant some new trees and harvest the fallen trees along the trail. The RDC grant could also be used for this as well as repairing erosion damage and improving the gravel areas. The estimated cost would be \$9,000 to \$10,000. The RDC grant should be made first.

- Dog Defecation on Village Streets

There is currently no offence listed in the Village Dog By-Law 81-04 for allowing a dog to defecate on public property without immediately removing it. This is becoming more of a problem with some new dog owners. Katherine reported that the Dog By-Law is undergoing a revision and that this could be added to the list of offences. Deputy Mayor Corey also suggested that more bagging stations could be installed in the Village similar to the ones at the Lakeshore and Trail. Locations would need to be decided.

5. Correspondence

- 2015 Building Code – The Clerk reported that the 2015 Building Code has now been adopted and that Technical Inspections Services (TIS) have gained the new *Building Code Administration Act* from its former location with Department of Environment and Local Government.
- Black History Month – February
- Premier’s Council on Disabilities January 2021 Newsletter

6. Clerk’s Report

The Clerk presented the Bank Balance Report ending February 10, 2021, the Transactions by Account Report, and the Payroll Summary Report for review.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Corey, seconded by Councillor MacMullin to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that The Village had received \$19,434.37 today as part of the provincial distribution of COVID funds to municipalities. The question was asked if you could share some of this as a grant to local groups who may be struggling with decreased revenues. The suggestion was also made to use some funds to sponsor a fundraising event – i.e., use the money to raise more money. The suggestion was made to check with the Harvey

Community Days group to see if there had been any unfilled grant applications due to the loss in revenue from the cancellation of the 2020 event. It was stated that funds did belong the Village of Harvey residents so they would have to be spent in the Village.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councillor Howse and seconded by Councillor MacMullin at 9:25 pm.

Certified Correct,

Katherine Henry
Clerk

Winston Gamblin
Mayor