

MINUTES – VILLAGE OF HARVEY

Regular Meeting

March 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 item of Boat Launch. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Corey. Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Corey motioned to approve the adoption of the previous Meeting Minutes from February 10th, 2021. Seconded by Councillor MacMullin. Motion carried.

2. Manager's Report

- No report this month

3. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

- Lakeshore washroom design

The Clerk asked if the option of putting the washrooms on a trailer should be reconsidered given the high estimate from the engineering firm. However, the funds would have to come from general operating because gas tax funds require a permanent installation. Deputy Mayor Corey said a permanent installation would be preferred. The answer to the question regarding the use of screw piles was that the concrete slab allows the piping that will be connected and disconnected for the sanitary service to be at a fixed / solid location. Further consideration of this option will occur if the project moves past conceptual design. Councillor Howse stated that we can't delay this as we need to have washroom facilities at the beach. Council agreed that something must be there and if our washrooms are not ready then temporary bathrooms would need to be brought in.

- Little Subdivision

The feedback from the lawyer was reviewed. There were a few items to consider. The first is that the proposed name of Little Subdivision is already taken so it would be better to create a new name or incorporate the new lots into the existing registered subdivision. Another is that the agreement should describe when and how the Village would take ownership of the road and infrastructure. He also suggested that there should be a clause to define at what point a chip seal surface would need to be constructed during the five-year development period. Options to this have been discussed prior to this as a percentage of sales could be used to trigger the chip sealing. He also asked if the chip sealing would be required at the end of the five-year period and if the \$25,000 security would be sufficient for the Village to take on the road construction. There were a few formatting and wording suggestions, and these have been done. The Clerk was asked to request an ownership clause from the lawyer and

to advise the Planning Department of the comments from the lawyer.

- Meeting with Fishing Groups/Harvey Lake Association
A meeting has been arranged with the various fishing groups that hold events on Harvey Lake, the Harvey Lake Association, a rep from NRED and Village Council for Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00pm.
- Municipal Reform Update
Deputy Mayor Corey reported on a meeting that he attended with the UNMB committee working on the reform options. There will be a green paper produced where local government is
- Broadband Support
Councillor Howse read his draft letter to Council. The letter was approved as read and the Clerk was asked to prepare on letterhead and send to Rogers indicating support for their funding application to improve internet access in the area.

4. New Business

- 2020 Financial Statements
The Auditor, Maaik Brewster, joined the meeting by speaker phone. She advised that her audit is complete and that nothing stood out as a problem. Both the General Operating and Utility Operating Accounts have a surplus to carry forward to 2022.
A motion by Councillor MacMullin, seconded by Councillor Howse that the 2020 Audited Financial Statements be adopted. Motion carried.
- Temporary Use Permit Application
An application has been submitted to the Planning Department for a temporary use permit. The use would be an ice cream stand on the vacant lot at the corner of Poplar Lane and Route 3. The temporary use permit would be required because it is currently zoned as residential. The permit would allow commercial use for a year at which time a re-zoning would be required. Deputy Mayor Corey advised that he had spoken with one of the neighbours as this would impact them. Councillor Howse asked about the opening hours as noise could be a problem. Mayor Gamblin asked about parking as there was concern about parking on Poplar Lane or Route 3 could be a problem. There would be parking on the property. Deputy Mayor Corey stated that a permanent structure would have to be built for future years and anything built there would require a variance due to both the smaller lot size and zoning. The positive is that it would provide employment for young people in the Village. Deputy Mayor Corey suggested waiting for the advice of PRAC.
- Approval for New Business Location
A letter was received from Sarah Fiander, the owner of Best Beginnings Pre-School and After School Centre. She would like a support letter from the Village for her plan to move from her current location in the Community Centre to a new building in the new subdivision behind her house. Council expressed that there is a need for these programs in our community and hers have been high quality.
A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Corey and seconded by Councillor MacMullin to send a letter of support to Ms. Fiander. Motion carried.

- Sewer extension on Spruce Street
Deputy Mayor Corey reported that one of the homeowners on Spruce Street that is not currently connected to the sewer system would be interested in investigating the feasibility and cost of hooking on. The other homeowner is not interested at this time as their current system is functioning fine but may be interested in the future. The Clerk was asked to follow up with Crandall Engineering on what would be required.
- Creation of a national three-digit (9-8-8) hotline
Councillor Howse presented the following motion in support of a national three-digit suicide and crisis hotline. Deputy Mayor asked who would be answering calls placed to this hotline number.

Support for 9-8-8 Crisis Line

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 9-8-8, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 percent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 9-8-8 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the Village of Harvey recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Harvey endorses this 9-8-8 crisis line initiative; and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to our local Member of Parliament, Member(s) of the Legislative Assembly, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

The motion was seconded by Councillor MacMullin. Motion carried.

- Purple Day for Epilepsy Proclamation March 26, 2021
Council wore purple ribbons during the meeting in honour of Purple Day. Mayor Gamblin proclaimed that March 26, 2021 would be Purple Day for Epilepsy.

5. Correspondence

- Communities in Bloom – Hope is Growing Campaign
The Communities in Bloom national organization has created a Plant Hope in 2021 program and we were invited to participate. Across Canada and beyond, their goal is to see the land awash with gardens of yellow, the international colour of hope! We will become eligible for national and global recognition. Our beautification committee plans to plant some yellow gardens and baskets this summer.
- RCMP Survey on public safety priorities
The Clerk and Deputy Mayor Corey both completed the online survey. Speeding in our community on Route 3 and Route 636 continue to be a problem.
- Earth Day - April 22
The suggestion was made that the remaining composters could be sold off then. The Clerk will check how many are left. There was also a suggestion to have a course on container gardening and use the Community Garden funding.

- Pitch in Canada 2021

The Clerk reported that the Village has registered for the Pitch In Canada program. We need to select a date for the clean up program. Garbage bags and promotion supplies are provided.

6. Clerk's Report

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

An error was noted in the bank balance report for the Gas Tax Account

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

Deputy Mayor Corey requested a list of potential projects that could be done with the extra, unbudgeted revenue from the COVID restart fund and the elimination of the P-Gap.

7. Adjournment

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

Certified Correct,

Katherine Henry
Clerk

Winston Gamblin
Mayor