TOWN OF HARBOUR GRACE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Town of Harbour Grace Council, held in the Town Hall via Teleconference, May 15, 2020 at 3:00 PM.

Members Present Mayor Don Coombs

Deputy Mayor Sonia Williams

Councillors: Lyda Byrne

Paul Fitzgerald Kathy Tetford Kevin Williams

Members Absent Councillors: Shawn Vaters

Staff Present Acting Town Clerk Sean O'Brien

Admin. Assistant-A/R Clerk Nancy Pike

Mayor Coombs called the meeting to order at 3:31pm.

Town Clerk Motioned to appoint Mr. Sean O'Brien as the acting Town Clerk.

MOTION #20-241 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. WILLIAMS

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes: Regular meeting minutes of February 13, 2020 were adopted as presented,

Regular Meeting with the following errors and/or omissions:

February 13, 2020 1. Page 1, Business arising from Minutes: Clr. Tetford requested to have the minutes

reflect that her reason for resigning was that she did not have access to information or

reports for the last four to six months prior to her resignation.

MOTION #20-242 CLR. BYRNE/CLR. TETFORD

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes: Special meeting minutes of March 2, 2020 were adopted as presented

Special Meeting with the following errors and/or omissions:

March 2, 2020 1. Page 2, Budget; Clr. Tetford requested to have the minutes reflect that Deputy Mayor

Williams originally seconded the motion to adopt the budget but then withdrew because the

budget presentation was not complete.

Mayor Coombs called for a motion to adopt Special Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2020

however motion was not made or voted on.

Online Banking Motioned to approve the Accounts Receivable Clerk to have a delegate card for the Town's

Delegate Card CIBC accounts and to move forward with online banking.

MOTION #20-243 CLR. BYRNE/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Letter to Minister Bragg Mayor Coombs advised that the letter has not been sent due to the current

circumstances that would not allow for a meeting. Clr. Tetford does not think that the meeting is still necessary, \$377,278.00 will be coming to the Town from HST rebates that were not completed. At the time the meeting was requested, Councillors were not aware that this money was outstanding. Mayor Coombs explained that the 2020 revenue was used to pay 2019 bills and does not want this to continue again this year. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Coombs requested to have the Finance Committee review and come

back with a recommendation.

CORRESPONDENCE

MAA Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Municipal Assessment Agency outlining

their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dept. of Municipal Affairs Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Municipal Affairs

providing clarity to the current situation as it relates to local government operations.

	Town of Harbour Grace	May 15, 2020
CORRESPONDENCE		
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence the Department of Municipal information on circular COR/2020/01205 concerning the issue of muLSD meetings.	·
Janey O'Reilly, OIPC	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner with an update on how to apply for COVID-19 related extensions for Municipalities.	
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Mu concerning the availability, storage, and handling of chlorine disinfe drinking water during COVID-19.	•
Rhonda Tulk-Lane, CRA	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Canada Revenue A how to apply for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS).	gency with a guide on
Krista Parsons, PMA	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Professional Munic with an update on the 2020 fee structure.	cipal Administrators
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Muconcerning the urban and rural planning act, 2000; public hearings, appeals.	•
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Mu concerning public parades.	nicipal Affairs
MAA	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Municipal Assessment 2020 Assessment Service Fee.	ent Agency outlining
Dept. of Municipal Affairs	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from the Department of Mu concerning year end claims for Municipal Infrastructure Programs.	nicipal Affairs
Service NL	Mayor Coombs tabled a certificate of Approval for the installation of system/water supply for Crown Land # 153281.	f a sewage
Dave Peddle, Harris & Assoc.	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Dave Peddle of Harris a concerning Project # AP-MCW-20239 G212 Harbour Grace.	& Associates
Bear's Cove Road	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for Bear's 0 to Housing.	Cove Road. Referred
Kildare Road	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for Kildare Housing.	Road. Referred to
520 Water Street	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 520 Wato Housing.	iter Street. Referred
65 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 65 Harv to house chickens. Referred to Housing.	ey Street and request
33 Fisherman's Road	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 33 Fisher Referred to Housing.	erman's Road.
99-103 Water Street	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 99-103 Referred to Housing.	Water Street.
688 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 688 Hal to Housing.	rvey Street. Referred
407 Water Street	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from property owner requestion relief due to the COVID-19 crisis. Referred to Finance.	sting business tax

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relief. Referred to Finance.

82 Lady Lake Road

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CORRESPONDENCE		
82 Lady Lake Road	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from property owner requesting business tax relief. Referred to Finance	
34-36 Water Street	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from property owner requesting business tax relief. Referred to Finance	
17 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from a business owner requesting business tax relief. Referred to Finance	
30-32 Squires Court	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from property owner requesting business tax relief. Referred to Finance	
322 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from business owner requesting business tax relief due to the closure of the business. Referred to Finance	
Ms. Joy French-Coleman	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Ms. Joy French Coleman concerning her previous request to have the C.L.B. recognized.	
18 Morrissey Road	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Mr. John Morrissey concerning damage to his property during snow clearing. Referred to Public Works.	
Republic of NL Brewery	Referred to Finance.	
Mr. Todd Parsons	Mayor Coombs tabled correspondence from Mr. Todd Parsons resigning his position as the Municipal Enforcement Officer for the Town of Harbour Grace. Mayor Coombs thanked Mr. Parsons for his service. Referred to Human Resources.	
	Motioned to accept Mr. Todd Parsons' letter of resignation and send a thank you letter to Mr. Parsons. MOTION #20-244 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. BYRNE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY)
122 Water Street	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 122 Water Street. Referred to Housing.	
118-120 Southside Road	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 118-120 Southside Road. Referred to Housing.	
488 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 488 Harvey Street. Referred to Housing.	
88-92 Lady Lake Road	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 88-92 Lady Lake Road. Referred to Housing.	
185 Thicket Road	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 185 Thicket Road. Referred to Housing.	
424 Harvey Street	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 424 Harvey Street. Referred to Housing.	
Connor's Valley Road	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for Conner's Valley Road. Referred to Housing.	
37-45 Hard Path Road	Mayor Coombs tabled an application for building permit for 37-45 Hard Path Road. Referred to Housing.	
NEW BUSINESS		
Come Home Year Update	Motioned to postpone Come Home Year in the Town of Harbour Grace until July 2021. MOTION #20-245 CLR. TETFORD/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS	
	CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY	

May 15, 2020

Kitchen's Hill Update

Mayor Coombs advised that Platinum Construction plans to start this month. There is an issue with land which has been referred to Finance for a recommendation. There may be some excess funding from Kitchen's Hill to allow work to be done on adjoining Roads (Queen's Road and Tarrant's Hill).

Motioned to write Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Bragg and request permission to use any surplus funding from Kitchen's Hill Project # 17-SCF-1900107 to continue needed upgrades on Tarrant's Hill and also to request to use any surplus funding from Noad Street Project # 17-SCF-190010A to continue need upgrades on Queen's Road.

MOTION #20-246

DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. BYRNE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAPITAL & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the Public Works Committee has met a few times and have started discussion on paving to be done in the Town this year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tax Relief

Motioned that Par Id 084277 shall be granted relief of business tax for the 2020 tax year due to their inability to operate under government restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Should these restrictions be lifted, and the business be permitted to open for operation during the 2020 season then the taxes shall be adjusted and prorated to reflect the same.

MOTION #20-247 CLR. BYRNE/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned that Par Id 084991 shall be granted relief of business tax for the 2020 tax year due to their inability to operate under government restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Should these restrictions be lifted, and the business be permitted to open for operation during the 2020 season then the taxes shall be adjusted and prorated to reflect the same.

MOTION #20-248 CLR. BYRNE/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned that Par Id 083188 shall be granted relief of business tax for the 2020 tax year due to their inability to operate under government restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Should these restrictions be lifted, and the business be permitted to open for operation during the 2020 season then the taxes shall be adjusted and prorated to reflect the same.

MOTION #20-249 CLR. BYRNE/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned that Par Id 085257 shall be granted relief of business tax for the 2020 tax year due to their inability to operate under government restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Should these restrictions be lifted, and the business be permitted to open for operation during the 2020 season then the taxes shall be adjusted and prorated to reflect the same.

MOTION #20-250 CLR. BYRNE/CLR. WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motioned to adjust the 2020 tax account for Family Focus Health Centre to the 2019 tax assessment.

MOTION #20-251 CLR. BYRNE/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Deputy Mayor Williams noted that the finance committee will be reviewing this issue for the 2021 tax year to fix this issue.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tax Relief Motioned that the business tax associated with Par Id 083864 shall be removed as this

business is no longer operating.

MOTION #20-252 CLR. BYRNE/CLR. WILLIAMS

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Interest on Arrears Motioned that due to the closure of the Council Office due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all

interest on arrears for the months of March, April, and May 2020 not be charged. This shall be further reviewed in June 2020 when we determine the lifting of government

restrictions.

MOTION #20-253 CLR. BYRNE/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

65 Harvey St.-Bldg App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Jordin & Natalie

Austin to construct a 6' x 8' greenhouse located at 65 Harvey Street subject to all Town

Development Standards.

MOTION #20-254 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

520 Water St.-Bldg App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Gerard Kelly to

construct a 10' x 7' greenhouse located at 520 Water Street subject to all Town

Development Standards.

MOTION #20-255 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

33 Fisherman's Rd.-Bldg App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Ryan Mercer to

construct a 32' x 40' detached garage located at 33 Fisherman's Road subject to all Town

Development Standards.

MOTION #20-256 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

688 Harvey St.-Bldg App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Cabrini Miller to

construct a 10' x 7' greenhouse and a 10'x 12' shed located at 688 Harvey Street subject

to all Town Development Standards.

MOTION #20-257 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

122 Water St.-Bldg App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Patrick Hearn to

construct a 16' x 22' detached garage located at 122 Water Street subject to all Town

Development Standards.

MOTION #20-258 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

118 Southside Rd.-Bldg App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Kenneth &

Andrea Davis to construct a30' x 26' garage located at 118-120 Southside Road subject to

all Town Development Standards.

MOTION #20-259 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

448 Harvey St.-Bldg App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Francis &

Sharon Reynolds to construct a 12' x 10' shed located at 448 Harvey Street subject to all

Town Development Standards.

MOTION #20-260 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

88 Lady Lake Rd.-Bldg App

Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Garry Crocker to construct a 12' x 10' shed located at 88-92 Lady Lake Road subject to all Town Development Standards.

MOTION #20-261

CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

185 Thicket Rd.-Bldg App

Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Terrance Galway to construct a 20' x 20' shed located at 185 Thicket Road subject to all Town Development Standards.

MOTION #20-262

CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

424 Harvey St.-Bldg App

Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Keith & Maria McCarthy to construct an 8' x10' greenhouse located at 424 Harvey Street subject to all Town Development Standards.

MOTION #20-263

CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Connor's Valley Rd.-Bldg App Motioned to approve the application for building permit as submitted by Jerry Crocker to construct a 36' x 28' residential dwelling located at Connor's Valley Road in Bristol's Hope subject to:

- 1. All Town Development Standards.
- 2. Well & septic system approval by Service NL
- 3. Driveway access approval by the Department of Transportation and Works

MOTION #20-264 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Kildare Rd.-Bldg App

Motioned to approve in principle, the application for building permit as submitted by Faye Andrews to construct a 58' x 38' residential dwelling located at Kildare Road subject to:

- 1. The section of Kildare Road from #63 Kildare Road to the proposed development being surveyed & upgraded to the Town's standard and approved by Harris & Associates.
- 2. All Town Development Standards
- 3. Well & septic system approval by Service NL

MOTION #20-265 **CLR. WILLIAMS/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

99 Water St. East-Bldg App

Motioned to approve in principle, the application for building permit as submitted by Glen Heffernan & Joy Hoyles to construct a residential dwelling located at 99-103 Water Street East subject to:

- 1. All Town Development Standards.
- 2. Connection to Town water & sewer at the applicants' expense.
- 3. Obtaining written permission to route waterline through adjacent easement.

MOTION #20-266 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

37 Hard Path Rd-Bldg App

Motioned to approve in principle, the application for building permit as submitted by Bernie Collins to construct a 50' x 32' residential dwelling located at 37-45 Hard Path Road subject to:

- 1. All Town Development Standards.
- 2. Well & septic system approval by Service NL

MOTION #20-267 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. TETFORD **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

HOUSING/ENVIRONMENT/SANITATION COMMITTEE

Bear's Cove Rd.-Bldg App

Clr. Williams advised that the application submitted to construct a residential dwelling on Bear's Cove Road (lower end) has been deferred to the committee for review.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

No report

TOURISM & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

No report

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Clr. Byrne advised that she has HR items to discuss under privileged.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the walking track at St. Francis Field is open from 8:00am to 9:00pm daily. For safety reasons, residents are asked to walk in a counter clockwise direction, which has been the most popular direction. Deputy Mayor Williams also noted that hand sanitizer is in place. Seven sets of Adirondack chairs are ready to be placed as well as additional picnic tables. The community centre is being used as a testing site for COVID-19. New signs are being made for the walking trail along with a map. The RCMP have been informed of an incident on the trail. The community garden is underway, and all boxes have been spoken for.

Mayor Coombs asked about social distancing protocols for using chairs/picnic tables and asked the Deputy Mayor to contact Mr. Sharpe and inquire about signage, etc. before opening up

Motioned to write the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Mr. Bragg, and request to use some gas tax money for the proposed splash pad.

MOTION #20-268

DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS/CLR. BYRNE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON

Deputy Mayor Williams informed Council that the HGVFB Executive is looking at ways to train using social distancing. Smaller crews using social distancing have continued to attend training nights to keep up on routine check of the trucks. She also advised Council of a serious structure fire in which bystanders took action to help get the resident out through a window, the fire department was able to perform first aid prior to the ambulance arriving. Deputy Mayor Williams was happy to report that it was a positive outcome for the individual. The department received a letter from Fire Inspector Furey thanking them for the good job on being able to save some of the property.

COMMUNITY CENTRE LIAISON

No report

CIVIC EVENTS LIAISON

Clr. Byrne advised that she has no report. She has requested to join the group but to date, has not been added. Acting CAO to find out why Clr. Byrne has not been added.

JOINT COUNCIL LIAISON HARBOUR GRACE BCIB

No report

Clr. Tetford advised that the committee has been carrying on with meetings through virtual meetings.

CAO/TOWN CLERK REPORT

No report

Mayor Coombs thanked the office staff for the pride that they are taking in the town through these turbulent times.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

No report

Mayor Coombs noted that the EDO is moderating today's meeting and is on top of grants. He has also been discussing summer students with the HR committee.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

No report

DANNY CLEARY HARBOUR GRACE COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT

No report

MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

No report

COUNCILLOR'S SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS

Harvey Street CIr. Fitzgerald inquired if all the documentation on Harvey Street from the engineering

firm has been submitted to allow the Town to go to tender at the end of May. Mayor Coombs advised that funding is available to complete Phase IV from Kay's Restaurant to Lee's Lane and anticipates that tenders for this will be called in the near future and work to be completed this construction season. Papers were signed prior to the COVID-19. Phase V, from Lee's Lane to the Irving Station, the Town has applied for funding for this

project but to date has not received approval from government.

Signage CIr. Tetford advised Council that she was contacted by a resident requesting signage re:

illegal drug use. Referred to Housing. Mayor Coombs say that the Town must be careful

of what it does.

Noise complaint Clr. Tetford said that she has received two complaints from residents of Lemarchant

Street concerning the use of a generator. She noted that this issue has been ongoing for a long time and requested an update. Referred to Housing to bring back an update for

the next meeting.

Illegal Animals CIr. Tetford noted that Council must keep on top of the illegal animal on residential

properties issue and that the Town needs to make a serious effort to help residents.

Wood Cutting CIr. Williams noted that there is a lot of wood being cut on the trail and the Amelia

Earhart Airport. Clr. Williams requested to have signage erected. It was suggested that

the Department of Forestry should be called to investigate.

CAO Advertisement CIr. Byrne requested to see the last CAO advertisement to ensure that everything is

included. Human Resources will review the ad and approve. It was also suggested to

contact Mr. Dan Noseworthy.

CB Museum Deputy Mayor Williams advised that the committee held a meeting concerning the

upcoming season, the possibility of hiring a curator and discussing summer student placements. A member has resigned, and the committee is looking for new member.

Generator Deputy Mayor Williams stated that the issue with the generator needs to be dealt with.

Water Street Deputy Mayor Williams noted that the shoulders of the road on Water Street need to be

filled in. Referred to Public Works Superintendent.

HGBCIB Deputy Mayor Williams announced that she has not been involved with the Harbour

Grace Board of Culture, Innovation, & Business. She was appointed as liaison and her wish is to quit the board for various reasons and will follow up with a letter to the group

and each member and the Town, explaining why.

Harvey Street Phase IV Deputy Mayor Williams advised Council that there was a lot of activity on social media

concerning Harvey Street. She advised that she was tagged in a letter that she could not see but noted that she will contact this person as she does not use her personal Facebook account to respond to Town issues. Deputy Mayor Williams also noted that she made motions regarding Harvey Street in Fall 2019 and that the Town does whatever it can to

make sure that this project moves forward.

COUNCILLOR'S SUGGESTIONS/CONCERNS

Deputy Mayor Williams wished everyone a happy long weekend.

Deputy Mayor Williams thanked Tony Ryan and Sean O'Brien for their help with the

budget this year.

Mayor Coombs noted that he has had meetings with Eastern Health and Joint Council concerning the waste management facility, it needs to be opened as soon as possible.

Adjournment Motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 4:40 P.M.

MOTION #20-269 CLR. WILLIAMS/CLR. BYRNE

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next regular meeting of Council is Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Regular Meeting of Council reopened at 5:15pm

Members Present Mayor Don Coombs

Deputy Mayor Sonia Williams

Councillors: Lyda Byrne

Kathy Tetford Kevin Williams

Members Absent Councillors: Paul Fitzgerald

Shawn Vaters

Staff Present Acting Town Clerk Sean O'Brien

Motioned that the Acting Town Clerk receive the \$50.00 per week vehicle allowance as per Town policy, for use of his personal vehicle. To be paid on a Monthly basis and to be retroactive to December 2019, when Mr. O'Brien stepped into the role of Acting Town Clerk.

MOTION #20-270 CLR. BYRNE/DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAMS

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Adjournment Motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of Council at 5:19 P.M.

MOTION #20-271 CLR. BYRNE/CLR. WILLIAMS

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Confirmed:	
Don Coombs, Mayor	Sean O'Brien, Acting Town Clerk
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