



**Village of Blacks Harbour Council**  
 Council Chambers – 65 Wallace Cove Road

Present: Mayor John Craig, Deputy Mayor Adam Hatt, Councillors – Ashley Ritchie, Amber Libby, Gerald Welles and Jordan Thompson

Staff: Assistant Clerk/Treasurer – Stacey Frost

Guests: CHCO – Andrew Sutton & Dale Welles, Sarah Norman - St. George and Area Food Bank Executive Director, Brent Dakai – Pickleball Group Representative

Absent: CAO – Deborah Johnson

1. Call to order	6:30pm
2. Prayer & Moment of Silence to remember our Veterans for defending our freedoms and all Soldiers who have paid the ultimate price for Canada	
3. Recording of Attendance	
4. Business Arising – 4.1 Addition to Agenda – Resurfacing 35’ x 60’ outside Basketball Courts at the School	
5. Approval of Agenda  <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson                  SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby</p> <p>Be it resolved;                  That the agenda for the October 20, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be accepted as presented with the addition of item 15.5 – Resurfacing 35’ x 60’ Outside Basketball Courts at the School.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-01
6. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest on Agenda Items – nil	
7. <u>Approval of Council Minutes</u> 7.1 <u>Regular Council Meeting – September 15 , 2021</u>  <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Libby                  SECONDED BY: Councillor Ritchie</p>	

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<p>Be it resolved; That the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2021 as pre-circulated be approved and filed.</p>	
CARRIED	10202021-02
<p>7.2 <u>Special Meeting – October 5, 2021</u></p>	
<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Ritchie SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt</p>	
<p>Be it resolved; That the minutes from the Special Meeting of October 5, 2021 as pre-circulated be approved and filed.</p>	
CARRIED	10202021-03
<p>8. <u>Staff Reports</u></p>	
<p>8.1 <u>Fire Department Report – September 2021</u></p>	
<p>MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Ritchie</p>	
<p>Be it resolved; That the Fire Department Reports for the month of September 2021 be approved and filed.</p>	
CARRIED	10202021-04
<p>8.2 <u>Building Inspector’s Report –</u></p>	
<p>a) August 2021</p>	
<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Ritchie SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby</p>	
<p>Be it resolved; That the Building Inspector’s report for the month of August 2021 be approved and filed.</p>	
CARRIED	10202021-05
<p>a) September 2021</p>	
<p>MOVED BY: Councillor Ritchie SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson</p>	
<p>Be it resolved; That the Building Inspector’s report for the month of September 2021 be approved and filed.</p>	
CARRIED	10202021-06

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<p><u>8.3 Public Works Report – September 2021</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Ritchie</p> <p>Be it resolved: That the Public Works’ Report for the month of September 2021 be approved and filed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-07
<p><u>8.4 CAO Report – nil</u></p>	
<p>9. <u>Accounts</u></p> <p><u>9.1 Approval of Budget Figures</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Libby SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson</p> <p>Be it resolved: That Council approve the Budget Figures for the period ending September 30th, 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-08
<p><u>9.2 Approval of Accounts Payable</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Libby SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson</p> <p>Be it resolved: Council approve the total of Accounts Payable paid and or payable for the Month of September 2021 in the amount of \$233087.55 and Payables to date for the month of October 2021 in the amount of \$103162.10.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-09
<p>10. <u>Reading of Petitions/Presentations/Proclamations –</u></p> <p><u>10.1 Food Bank Presentation – Sarah Norman</u></p> <p>Sarah Norman, the Executive Director for the St. George and Area Food Bank presented to council. She discussed their mission, and statistics of the families who were registered and used services in 2020. She also discussed the amount of food that was shared with families during that time. The food bank also has emergency services, and special nutritional programs for families with children, expectant mothers, and those with medical conditions. They have created a social enterprise project, Repeat Boutique in partnership with the Community Living Centre. They also have a garden,</p>	

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<p>Community Volunteer Income Tax Programs, and Healthy Snack programs in schools. They do a Christmas Hamper program that helped 149 families in 2020. There is a rescue box program that is a partnership with St. George Extra Mural, Mental Health and RCMP. Community Pantries have been in place in St. George and Blacks Harbour. She discussed the needs of these programs, which are: Donations, Volunteers, Community Partners, Volunteers with Trucks, Donations of gently used clothing and footwear, and gently used furniture and household items.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Communications – Correspondence, Community Contacts</u>          11.1 <u>Correspondence for Action</u>              a) <u>Lion’s Club Request</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt          SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson</p> <p>Be it resolved:          That Council defer this request to Finance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-10
<p style="text-align: center;">b) Charlotte County Hospital Foundation Request</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson          SECONDED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt</p> <p>Be it resolved:          That Council defer this request to Finance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-11
<p style="text-align: center;">c) Pickleball Request</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt          SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles</p> <p>Be it resolved:          That Council Accept/Reject the application for use of the old curling surface area to play Pickleball using the following rate of: \$3/person/evening.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-12
<p style="text-align: center;">11.2 <u>Correspondence for Information – nil</u></p>	
<p>12. <u>Approval of Committee Minutes and Recommendations – nil</u></p>	
<p>13. <u>Business Arising from the Minutes – nil</u></p>	

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<p>14. <u>Unfinished Business – nil</u></p>	
<p>15. <u>New Business, Motions and Notices of Motion</u>          15.1 Remembrance Day Ceremony at Arena</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Ritchie          SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby</p> <p>Be it resolved:          That Council approve the use of the Curling Surface for this year’s Remembrance Day Ceremony.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-13
<p>15.2 Motion to Move into Closed Session in Accordance with 68(1)(g) and 68(1)(j) of the Local Governance Act</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson          SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles</p> <p>Be it resolved;          That council entertain a motion to move the meeting to a closed door in accordance to 68 (1) of the Local Governance Act.</p> <p><b>68( 1)</b> A council meeting or a committee of council meeting may be closed to the public for the duration of the discussion if it is necessary to discuss</p> <p>(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the local government or any corporation referred to in subsection 8(1), the local government’s agencies, boards or commissions including a matter before an administrative tribunal,</p> <p>(j) labour and employment matters, including the negotiation of collective agreements.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-14
<p>Resumed @ 7:30pm</p>	
<p>15.3 Sand Tender</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt          SECONDED BY: Councillor Ritchie</p> <p>Be it resolved;          That the Council re-tender for Winter Sand, to allow 14 days to submit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-15

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<p>15.4 Purchase of Trackless</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles</p> <p>Be it resolved; That Council transfer \$ 15,000 plus HST from the General Capital Reserve Fund to the General Capital Fund to purchase a used trackless.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-16
<p>15.5 Resurfacing of Courts at the School</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Councillor Thompson SECONDED BY: Councillor Welles</p> <p>Be it resolved; That Council award Contract #21-008 (Quotation 212804-Q3) to Premium Paving and Sealing for \$16,275.00 for fine grading and paving of the Basketball Court at the Blacks Harbour School.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-17
<p>16. <u>Consideration of By-laws</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">16.1 <u>Zoning of PID 01225838</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson</p> <p>Be it resolved; That Council defer the readings to a Special Meeting to make sure that it is done and complete.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-18
<p style="padding-left: 20px;">16.2 <u>Zoning of PID 15152275</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt SECONDED BY: Councillor Libby</p> <p>Be it resolved; That Council defer to a Special Meeting the Zoning of PID 15152275.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</p>	10202021-19

17. Councillor's Concerns

Mayor Craig – “Our condolences reach out to the family and friends of Karen Louise Campbell. I personally knew Karen and was amazed how strong and independent a person she was. Blacks Harbour certainly has lost a great person who through her resiliency and determination brought her through many challenges in her life. Karen always wanted to be treated as an equal and she always told you what she was thinking. The one thing I loved about Karen the most, was her sense of humour and her laugh, and that is what I will miss the most about her. To her father, Roland or Rollie as we call him, her three sisters Bonnie, Patricia and especially Andrea, who just retired from years of dedicated service to this Village, we extend our deepest sympathies on your loss.

Our condolences reach out to the family and friends of Arnold Seymour Hawkins of Beaver Harbour who passed away on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Recently, he held the honour of being the oldest Canadian born man, where on his 110<sup>th</sup> birthday he received over 6000 cards and well wishes from all over. He is survived by his sons Ronald of Beaver Harbour, and Wayne, here of Blacks Harbour, daughters Belva McIntyre of Saint Andrews, Anita Frye of Quispamsis and Violet McKinley of Pennfield.

On behalf of the Village of Blacks Harbour, I extend sympathies to the family of former MLA and provincial cabinet minister, Ann Breault who passed away on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Ann was part of the historical October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1987 Provincial election that saw Frank McKenna’s government sweep the entire province and take every seat in the legislature away from the Richard Hatfield Conservatives. Ann became the MLA representing the St. Stephen and the Islands, and subsequently a cabinet minister in Frank McKenna’s new government.

On behalf of Village Council and myself, our sympathies go out to family and friends of Donald Turnbull who passed away on September 27<sup>th</sup>. To Donald’s sons, Donald Junior Turnbull, and Dwayne Turnbull, our sincerest condolences.

Of behalf of the Village of Blacks Harbour, I extend deepest sympathies to the family of Sheldon Wilcox who passed away on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Over the years, Sheldon worked at the Pennfield Air Base, worked on construction of the New River Campground, he worked on the construction of Point Lepreau, worked at Connors Bros., and finally at Keith’s Building Supplies where he retired. After retirement, he worked casually here at the Blacks Harbour School as a custodian. Sheldon was a longtime member of the Wesleyan Church here in Blacks Harbour and will be sadly missed by his family and all that knew him.

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On behalf of the Village of Blacks Harbour I extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family and one of my close friends and colleague since 1988, Allan Sullivan who passed away after a long struggle on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Al is survived by his wife Rhona, three daughters, Carrie, Julie and Beth, and one son, Peter. Family was Al's world. Al was a skillful and exceptional meat cutter who worked for Dominion Stores, Save Easy, FreshMart, and Terry's Beef n' More. Al knew his trade better than most meat cutters of today. He had more experience than any supervisor of any corporate store, most meat cutters today have never cut beef other than what comes out of a box. Al's knowledge, patience and wisdom can never be replaced. Al always, and I mean always, had a great sense of humour and consistently wanted to make people laugh and smile. Al was invariably wanting to help anyone that needed help. Al was a longtime member of the Blacks Harbour Wesleyan Church and former caretaker of the Pennfield Rural Cemetery. He will be missed by so many, especially myself.

On behalf of the Village of Blacks Harbour, and on my own behalf, I wish to extend sincerest condolences to the family and close friends of Jim Justason who passed away after a brief illness on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Jim was born here in Blacks Harbour and is survived by his wife of 62 years, Phyllis. Jim worked most of his career for Connors Bros. and his greatest joy was his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jim is also survived by his sister Marlene Justason of Blacks Harbour, his children Elaine, Jeffrey, David, Eugene, Fred of Blacks Harbour and former Village Councillor Michael, and Lawrence. Our Deputy Fire Chief. Again, our sympathies to the entire family.

Also tonight, I am asking the residents to assist me in making sure that I have information on anyone's upcoming special birthdays, or anniversaries so that we as a Village, can acknowledge them in a special way. They can contact me directly or please call the Village and ask for Cara who will make sure a certificate is specially made up for them and she will inform me so that I can deliver it."

Councillor Thompson – "I have had a few people come up to me and ask me about some of the work that we have been looking at on unsightly premises. Just as a reminder, if anyone does have a complaint, there is an avenue, you can make the complaint through the Village. I think that it is important that people realise that. I am not sure that everyone understands that that is an avenue that can be taken."

Councillor Libby – "Blacks Harbour is planning a Community Clean up day for November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 8am – 1pm. This will be a chance for everyone to

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clean up the community, their properties, and will make it easier for you to dispose of the items that are not accepted on regular garbage pickup days. Things like paint cans, electronics, batteries, white goods, etc we will give you some leads on where to send that stuff and help you get rid of it. We will also have an additional garbage day that week. We will have pickup on Friday and on Saturday that week. More details to be posted on the Website and on Facebook in the coming days so you can mark that on your calendars.

Chase the Ace Update, this week's jackpot is \$17,186. The deadline to purchase tickets (supporting the arena) is tomorrow at 4pm, and this week, for each ticket that you purchase towards Chase the Ace, you will get a ticket into a draw for one hour of free ice time. The draw is tomorrow at 4pm, and you can continue to buy tickets at the Village Office, Home Hardware, you can contact me by email, or Cara Hatt. So far we have raised \$1740 for the arena and have a promising week this week. I would just like to thank Home Hardware, Cara Hatt, Kristy Blanchard, and Mary Chevarie for also helping to sell those tickets every week. We also have more news in donations towards the arena, The Kitchen, the new restaurant in Blacks Harbour, is donating their bottle redemption continuously to the arena. Today I picked up that money, it was \$85.35. I want to thank the Kitchen for that, it's very special and it's great to have you guys in our community. We are really happy so see you everyday on the way by, to check in to have soup or tea. It is really nice to have you as a part of this community. ”

Deputy Mayor Hatt – “We have had a community outreach this week about obviously you all know that you can't go in the arena if you are not double vaccinated or having a medical exemption, so it has been asked, can we look at installing a webcam, probably up in the curling area looking down the ice for the people that aren't vaccinated or cannot be so that they can watch their kids or grandchildren out on the ice. I would like to look at that with this council and figure out what the details with that and how we can do it. We have Wifi there so that's not a real hard thing, just need to know what do we do about privacy and all that kind of stuff. We would like to look at that, the cost of the camera is not a lot of money, we would like to be able to give that option to people that would like to see the kids playing hockey on the ice if they can't go inside.

The other thing is, I see there is a job posting up on the Village's website, I would ask that we extend that a little because it ends on Friday, four days is really not enough time, I don't think for somebody to apply for the Casual Public Works.”

Councillor Welles – nil

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Councillor Ritchie – “I would just like to talk about the Home and School at the Blacks Harbour School, someone had reached asking if I could help with finding more people to join that committee because they had low participation on their first meeting. So we are just looking, if you have time, for approximately a couple of hours per month. That will be flexible depending on the goals that the committee sets, but they are looking for people to attend that at the Blacks Harbour School, so if you are a parent with a child there and would like to do that, if you could just reach out to either myself or call the office. We would just like to put those names forward to the person who is taking ownership of the committee at this time.

I also just wanted to say that it’s really nice driving through town and seeing all of the Remembrance Day signs that people have out on their front lawns. It certainly puts a smile on my face, it’s really nice to see people privately getting signs and putting them out on their front lawn to acknowledge the day.”

Mayor Craig thanked CHCO for being here and helping with purchase of microphones so that we can have our meetings like this.

18. Question Period - nil

19. Next Meeting/s: Special Meeting Monday, October 25, 2021  
Regular Meeting November 17, 2021 @ 6:30pm

20. Adjournment

MOVED BY: Deputy Mayor Hatt  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Thompson

Be it resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at \_\_7:50pm\_\_\_\_\_.

CARRIED 10202021-20

Mayor John Craig

CAO Deborah Johnson

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