

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 3, 2020**

Present were: Mayor Sam Synard
Deputy Mayor Gary Myles
Councillor Mike Brennan
Councillor Andy Edwards
Councillor Keith Keating
Councillor Loretta Lewis
Councillor Nora Tremblett

Also present: Alje Mitchell, Director of Planning & Development Control – A/CAO
Melanie Kilfoy, Director of Finance & Administration
Ben Letemplier, Director of Operations & Public Works
Robert Warr, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Petrina Power, Executive Clerk

Also present: Paul Herridge, The Southern Gazette

1. Call to Order

Mayor Synard called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Lewis

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/002R

Moved by Councillor Tremblett, seconded by Councillor Lewis

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 18, 2020, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising from Regular Council Meeting

There was no Business Arising from the regular Council meeting of February 18, 2020, to bring forward.

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled Delegations.

6. Committee Reports

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Brennan reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee held on February 27, 2020.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/003R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Carl E. Mallard to operate a wood working shop be approved, subject to verification of civic address.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/004R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Tremblett

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident to construct a residence measuring 46’ x 26’ at 325 Ville Marie Drive be approved as per section 2.5.13 of the Town of Marystown Development Regulations, 2017 wherein Council can use its discretionary decision-making powers to approve the development as a non-conforming use.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Brennan gave an update on behalf of the Model Ship Exhibition and Gallery Interim Helm Committee.

The gallery space at the Marystown Mall is now fully painted and damaged sections of the flooring are pending replacement. To date, two former shipyard workers have agreed to become part of an ad hoc committee for the purpose of putting together a history of the shipyard and shipbuilding activities; they will be reaching out to other former shipyard workers to assist in the project. Councillor Brennan thanked volunteers Mr. Kerry Wiscombe and Mr. Jim Myles who have been working at the gallery for several weeks already to make repairs to the model ships; Mr. Art Walsh recently joined the team to lend his expertise. Committee member Mr. Bill Dober is working on a visual organizational chart to assist with gallery operations. Councillor Brennan thanked the Southern Gazette for their article on the gallery that is helping to peak interest leading up to opening day.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/005R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit an application and proposal for funding under the Regional Development Fund through the Department of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation for the purpose of engaging a consultant to carry out a Social Enterprise Research, Development and Sustainability Project for the Model Ship Exhibition and Gallery.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Edwards declared a conflict of interest for the next recommendation as he is employed by the company in question. Councillor Edwards removed himself from the Council Chambers.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/006R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Lewis

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept a quote in the amount of \$7,086.88 including HST from Aylward’s Home Building Centre to remove sections of damaged flooring and supply and install new flooring to replace those damaged sections at the Model Ship Exhibition and Gallery space.”

Motion carried without the vote of Councillor Edwards who was in a declared conflict of interest.

Councillor Edwards returned to the Council Chambers.

Councillor Brennan advised that the Committee will be reaching out to anyone who has models of ships or knows the whereabouts of models of ships that were constructed at the former shipyard, Stapleton’s Beach or Sandy Point. Councillor Brennan likewise encouraged others to reach out to the Committee if they are interested or know of others who might be interested in loaning or donating their model ships to the gallery. It was noted that this item will be posted to the Town’s Facebook Page.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 26, 2020.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/007R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Tremblett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. CINV0475882 as received from BDO Canada LLP dated January 31, 2020 in the amount of \$745.20 including HST for professional services with respect to HST advice on the sale of real property.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/008R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 298712 as received from Cal LeGrow dated February 10, 2020, in the amount of \$211,016.90 including RST for Policy No 0902266 effective February 1, 2020, with the understanding that the invoice will be paid in three equal payments of \$70,338.97.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/009R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Tremblett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay an invoice for File No. 2018474 as received from MacBeath Law dated February 14/20 in the amount of \$920.00 including HST for professional services rendered in taking instructions and drafting an Agreement of Purchase and Sale Lots 8, 12 and 14 in the Marine Industrial Park.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/010R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brennan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay an invoice for File No. 2019501 as received from MacBeath Law dated February 14/20 in the amount of \$632.50 including HST for professional services rendered in taking instructions and drafting a Lease for Lot No. 6 in the Marine Industrial Park.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/011R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Tremblett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Director of Finance & Administration to attend the TownSuite EDGE 2020 training taking place May 20-21, 2020 in St. John’s, NL.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/012R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brennan

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Receivable Other Listing No. 5-1 dated February 26, 2020, in the amount of \$583.11 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Tremblett

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify Poll Tax Ratification Listing No. 5-2 dated February 26, 2020, in the amount of \$4,254.88 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/014R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Tremblett

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of February 26, 2020, in the amount of \$172,503.92 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on February 25, 2020.

The Public Works Department has been busy with pothole repairs, clearing fire hydrants and dealing with minor issues brought to the Department’s attention by residents.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/015R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Tremblett

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve the scope of work for the McGettigan Boulevard – Water and Sewer Laterals, Sidewalks and Traffic Flow Improvements Project, Project No. 17-RNC-20-00018, as follows:

- installation of new traffic lights at the intersection of McGettigan Boulevard/Penney Street/Columbia Drive
- Installation of six water and sewer laterals on McGettigan Boulevard for future developments
- Installation of sidewalk street lighting from the intersections of Harris Drive to Columbia Drive
- Removal of traffic lights located by Walmart.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Water flows are good at the Water Treatment Plant and there are no major issues. Aside from regular wear and tear due to winter storms, the Town's equipment is operating well. The Town has seen four storms in eight days but despite the amount of snow received to date, winter operations are proceeding well and the salt and sand supply is holding steady.

Councillor Keating took a moment to clarify a statement he made at the last regular Council meeting of February 18, 2020. During that meeting, he noted the Department had received a number of calls regarding the Town's plows pushing snow into residential driveways and suggested those residents call the Director of Operations & Public Works to have it rectified. Councillor Keating clarified that the Town cannot control the snow that is deposited into residential driveways by the plow however, if a resident needs to get to a doctor's appointment or has an emergency and is unable to get out of their driveway, they can call the Town for assistance.

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/016R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to go to tender for engineering services for the McGettigan Boulevard Water and Sewer Laterals, Sidewalks and Traffic Flow Improvements Project, Project No. 17-RNC-20-00018, with the understanding that funding will be allocated through funding approved under the Rural and Northern Communities Program."

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Committee

Councillor Lewis reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on February 26, 2020.

The Recreation Committee will be hosting a Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 7th. From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., residents can have fun making snow sculptures on the Town grounds and then from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., residents can choose between sliding on the Town grounds or a free swim at the YMCA. Residents will be challenged with a contest to build as many snow sculptures as possible. Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be served with marshmallows for kids as well as musical entertainment.

The Town's Snowman/ Snow Sculpture Contest is well underway with 26 entries to date. There are approximately three weeks left in the contest. Councillor Lewis encouraged everyone to get out and build a sculpture – the prize is an ice cream cake.

An application has been submitted to Eastern Health for funding in the amount of \$500.00 through the Roots of Hope Project. If approved, the Town will offer a mental health workshop for seniors on loneliness and depression.

Additional funding in the amount of \$500.00 may be available through the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for holding community events such as ugly stick making, kite making or cardboard boat making. Follow-up will be made with MHA Jeff Dwyer for further details.

The Town's application for Gas Tax Funding for a Splash Pad has been approved; the status of the Town's Jump Start application is still pending. Council is in the process of determining the best location and will be discussing the design, cost, etc., in the near future. Councillor Lewis noted the Splash Pad will be fully accessible.

The Kaetlyn Osmond Arena is very busy and operating well. Councillor Lewis congratulated the MCHS Clippers Female team on winning gold in their home tournaments this past weekend. Councillor Lewis also congratulated all coaches and parents. The Town will be hosting the Pee-Wee C Easter Provincial tournament this year from April 13th to 15th.

A new LED lighting system that was approved will be installed as soon as the ice comes off the arena.

The Town has applied for a healthy living grant.

Volunteer Week is April 19-25, 2020, and this year's theme is 'It's Time to Applaud This Country's Volunteers'. The Committee will be meeting to discuss the format for this year as well as other details.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Deputy Mayor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Tourism/Special Events Committee meeting held on February 25, 2020.

The Committee members are continuing to volunteer with the Sacred Heart Academy Breakfast Program and will be volunteering during the week of March 23-26, 2020.

The dates have been set for this year's Shining Seas Summer Festival. Last year's outdoor bingo was a huge success and the Committee will be hosting not only one outdoor bingo as part of the festival, but a second one will take place prior to the festival

The Lion's Winter Carnival took place from February 25th to March 2nd. The Committee was to host a Variety Show on February 29th but due to weather, the event was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Last year, the Committee received approval to establish a Citizen of the Year Award. The Committee will review this item later this fall.

Deputy Mayor Myles represents Council on the Parent Action Committee and attended a public consultation last night held by the NL English School District at MCHS. Last night's meeting was very important in that any presentations tabled will be taken into consideration by the Board of Trustees when they vote on their Notice of Motion on March 28th regarding the closure of Pearce Junior High. There were twelve presentations and it's hoped that every presentation against the closure of the school had its intended impact. Deputy Mayor Myles thanked everyone who attended the meeting, including Mayor Synard, parents and students.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Tremblett reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons and Property Committee meeting held on February 27, 2020.

Renovations at the Fire Hall are proceeding despite the winter weather and storms.

Councillor Tremblett congratulated the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department on a successful sliding party on the Town grounds on February 29th during the Lions Winter Carnival.

There were no issues to report with respect to animal control.

7. Correspondence

There was no Correspondence to bring forward.

The A/CAO brought forward one reminder and advised those Councillors attending the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce's AGM on March 5th that their tickets were reserved and would be available on the door.

8. Approvals to Purchase

There were no Approvals to Purchase to bring forward.

9. Regulations

There were no Regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Mayor Synard noted this month is Red Cross Month and signed a proclamation declaring the month of March 2020 as Red Cross Month.

Mayor Synard briefly commented on the Town's Marine Industrial Park, noting there were 17 lots in the park and 14 have now been sold, leaving only three lots vacant. It's great news for Marystown and the region in that Marystown is growing again due to the aquaculture industry. Council has already had discussions on securing land for a third park.

As the MNL's Eastern Director, Councillor Keating has already spoken on the need for a Community Collaboration Committee and advised that he will need all Mayors and Public Works Directors/Superintendents from the peninsula to get together to inventory the various equipment, materials, skills, etc., in each community in order to be better prepared in the event of an emergency or to lend general aid to each other. The Fire Departments will also be asked to participate in the discussion. Councillor Lewis commended Councillor Keating on moving forward with the committee, noting emergency preparedness kits were also made available to not-for-profits.

Mayor Synard advised the Town has an Emergency Response Plan but it needs to be reviewed. This item will be reviewed through the Protection to Persons & Property Committee.

It was noted the next Council meeting will take place March 17th.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

Motion

MMC 2020 03 03/017R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Tremblett

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Sam Synard
Mayor

Petrina Power
A/Town Clerk