

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2021**

Present were: Mayor Brian Keating
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh
Councillor Mike Brennan
Councillor Andy Edwards
Councillor Bridget Hodder
Councillor Keith Keating
Councillor Ray Nolan

Also present: Alje Mitchell, Chief Administrative Officer
Randy Brockerville, Director of operations & Public Works
Craig Edwards, Director of Planning & Development Control
Melanie Kilfoy, Director of Finance & Administration
Robert Warr, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Petrina Power, A/Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Keating called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Before adopting the minutes, Mayor Keating explained to the public that Council has several types of meetings and the minutes coming forward are from regular and special meetings. Regular meetings are regularly scheduled meetings whereas special meetings are called to deal with a particular issue as it arises.

Regular Council Meeting

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/002R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on September 14, 2021, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Special Council Meetings

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/003R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on September 14, 2021, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/004R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on September 24, 2021, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/005R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the inaugural Council meeting held on October 4, 2021, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/006R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on October 7, 2021, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising from Regular and Special Council Meeting

There was no business arising from the regular or special Council meetings to bring forward.

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

Mayor Keating advised the public that there was a procedure to follow should a resident want to meet with Council as a whole or a Committee. The request has to be put in writing with the reason

for the meeting to allow Council time to prepare for the meeting and schedule the time. Mayor Keating advised that all delegates are welcome to request time with Council.

6. Committee Reports

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Brennan reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on October 14, 2021.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/007R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be to correct Motion MMC 2021 09 14/012R made at the Regular Council Meeting held on September 14, 2021 to amend 26 Roger’s Road to 13 King’s Road.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Brennan advised that a business administration student will be starting a work-term at the Model Ship Gallery on November 7th for a six-week period at no cost to the Town.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/008R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident for Crown Land measuring 0.3H pursuant to a lease in Garnish Pond for the purpose of a seasonal residence be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/009R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from St. Gabriel’s Hall Inc. for an extension measuring 40’ x 12’ to an existing patio/deck at 254-260 Ville Marie Drive be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/010R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Gary Janes to operate Just Cozy retail store for the winter season at the Peninsula Mall at 25-57 Columbia Drive be approved, subject to Government Services, Fire & Life Safety inspection and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/011R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Edgan Reyes to operate Portable Car Vacuum-256 online retail sales from 263 Marine Drive be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/012R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident to construct an accessory building measuring 8’ x 7’ at 28 Main Street, Little Bay, be approved, subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/013R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

““BE IT RESOLVED the following applications be approved subject to approval of applicable government departments and/or agencies and any conditions stipulated:

- Resident, 218 Marine Drive – construct extension measuring 8’ x 24’ to existing accessory building
- Resident, 65 Queen Street – construct accessory building measuring 8’ x 10’
- Resident, 746 McGettigan Boulevard – construct accessory building measuring 8’ x 10’.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Nolan declared a conflict of interest for the next application as the applicant in question is his spouse and he is co-owner of the property in question. Councillor Nolan removed himself from the Council Chambers.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/014R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Sandra Nolan to operate Sandra’s Crafty Creations (home-based business) at 128 Atlantic Street be approved.”

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

Councillor Nolan returned to the Council Chambers.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/015R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify issuance of a permit to Jarrad Thomas to operate Thomas Amusements at the Peninsula Mall Parking Lot, 25-57 Columbia Drive.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/016R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify issuance of a permit to Bryan Sparrow to operate Seabourne Resources Inc. to diamond drill for mineral exploration at Forest Access Road, Creston North.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/017R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify issuance of an excavation/footing permit to residents of 1 Isaacs Point Street to construct a residence with attached garage measuring 36’ x 60’.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/018R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify issuance of a construction permit to residents of 35 Creston Boulevard to construct an extension measuring 8’ x 12’ to an existing residence.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Brennan took a moment to welcome the new Councillors and Mayor to their first official meeting and noted he looks forward to working with everyone.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on October 13, 2021.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brennan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2021 09 24/002S made at the Special Council Meeting of September 24, 2021, as follows:

Motion

MMC 2021 09 24/002S

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay invoice no. 103514 received from Edwards & Associates Ltd. In the amount of \$66,930 including HST for pre-engineering services for a future build of a wharf laydown area in the Marine Industrial Park with funds to come from the sale of lots at the Marine Industrial Park.”

Motion carried unanimously.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the August Monthly Claim received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador dated August 31/21 in the amount of \$28,752.84.”

Discussion

It was noted that the August 2021 claim has increased since the same time last year (August 2020) given that the YMCA is not receiving COVID assistance funding. It was further noted that the monthly claims paid to the YMCA is the Town’s subsidy and does not reflect other costs such as snow clearing, maintenance, etc. The actual cost of the facility to the Town is between \$900,000.00 and \$1 million per year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to credit Account No. FARRB001 in the amount of \$3,196.38 for taxes paid in the 2013-2017 Taxation Years for property located at 8 Harbourview Drive as the property was sold in December 2012.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/022R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brennan

“BE IT RESOLVED that, in the absence of a policy, Council implement a condition that would require a property owner who is selling property to provide written notice to the Town within sixty days following the sale of the property for the purposes of tax adjustments, with the understanding that tax adjustments will not be granted without written notice to confirm the sale of the property and with the further understanding that failure to notify the Town within the sixty-day time period will result in a maximum adjustment of sixty days prior to the date notice was received.”

Discussion

Councillor Keating noted sixty days was a lot and the timeframe should be adjusted to thirty days. Councillor Hodder disagreed, noting it would give residents time to get used to the new requirement. Councillor Keating advised the Town is losing on a lot of tax revenue simply because residents are not advising the Town in a timely fashion that a property has been sold. Councillor Keating further advised that most sales require a tax certificate which lets staff know that a property is undergoing sale however, private sales not going through a lawyer do not require such certificate resulting in the Town being unaware of the change in ownership for the purpose of taxes.

It was agreed to amend the timeframe to thirty days.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that, in the absence of a policy, Council implement a condition that would require a property owner who is selling property to provide written notice to the Town within thirty days following the sale of the property for the purposes of tax adjustments, with the understanding that tax adjustments will not be granted without written notice to confirm the sale of the property and with the further understanding that failure to notify the Town within the thirty-day time period will result in a maximum adjustment of sixty days prior to the date notice was received.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/024R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brennan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to draft a formal policy regarding tax adjustments following the sale of a property.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/025R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brennan

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify signage of the Prime Consultant Agreement received from Edwards and Associates Ltd. for the Ville Marie Drive Street Upgrading – Phase 2 Project, Project No. 17-RNC-22-00012, with engineering fees in the amount of \$45,227.05 including HST; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Council ratify the authorization of Mayor Keating and the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Prime Consultant Agreement.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brennan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust five months of the 2021 Business Tax for Account No. NORTH002 in the amount of \$824.70 as the company has ceased operations.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/027R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brennan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to make a donation to the Friends of Daffodil Place Telethon in the amount of \$250.00 as per the Donation, Grant and Sponsorship Policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the donation to Friends of Daffodil Place has already been done.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/028R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Chief Administrative Officer to attend the Procurement Act Training taking place in Clarenville, NL, on December 3, 2021.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/029R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Director of Finance & Administration to attend the Regional Meetings and Procurement Act Training taking place in Clarenville, NL on December 2-3, 2021.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/030R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of October 7, 2021, in the amount of \$11,800.00 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/031R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED, that further to the approval of funding from ACOA in the amount of \$62,500.00 under the Canada Community Revitalization Fund, approval be given for the Town to cover the Marystown Development Corporation’s 25% share in the amount of \$15,625.00, with the understanding that the funds will come from the Town’s COVID Safe Restart Funding.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/032R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept and pay a settlement for the expropriation of land within the Marine Industrial Part in the amount of \$138,294.87, with funds to come from the sale of the lots within the Marine Industrial Park, calculated as follows:

- Land - \$124,558.00 (\$100,450.00 + \$24,108.00 interest)
- Survey - \$3,923.36 (\$3,164.00 + \$759.36 interest)
- Repayment of Taxes - \$3,480.19 (\$3,040.19 + \$440.00 interest)
- Damages for Trespass - \$6,333.32 (\$5,000.00 + \$1,333.32 interest)”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/033R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 50% of accumulated interest for the following accounts which are no longer in arrears, as per policy:

- CHEEJ004 – total interest \$4,870.00, adjustment - \$2,435.00
- MITCJ007 – total interest \$2,251.69, adjustment - \$1,125.85”

Motion carried unanimously.

Three tender bids were received in response to the Call for Tenders for the Creston Boulevard Road Upgrading Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-21-00041 as follows:

- Nortech Construction Co. Ltd. - \$188,933.73 including HST
- Farrell’s Excavating Ltd. - \$216,755.11 including HST
- Municipal Construction Ltd. - \$283,273.12 including HST

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/034R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award the Creston Boulevard Road Upgrading Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-21-00041, to Nortech Construction Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$188,933.73 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Edwards welcomed the new 2021 Municipal Council to their first regular meeting and welcomed Mayor Brian Keating to the Chair.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on October 13, 2021.

Councillor Keating advised that a request has been received from residents of Rennie's Road to have the road paved now that the road has been brought up to standards with water and sewer. Councillor Keating advised this item will be discussed under the Multi-Year Capital Works Program.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/035R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reimburse a resident of Mayo's Road for materials purchased in the amount of \$258.15 including HST for the replacement of a business sign on Greenwood Street that was damaged due to snow clearing operations."

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Keating advised the sign is very close to the Town's road and as such, should the sign be damaged again, the Town will not pay to have it repaired a second time. This will be put in writing to the resident.

The Public Works Department has been kept busy with repairs and maintenance in various areas of town. The outside workers have been working on ditching and getting ready for the winter. Screening of road material is ongoing in the Black Brook area; the purchase of a screener for sand has saved funds for the Town.

The Creston Boulevard Road Upgrading Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-21-000041, has been awarded. The project will likely start this spring and will take in the area from Murley's Brook to Fizzard's Brook.

The Water Treatment Plant stopped operating on October 17th after a power failure on Clam Pond shut down the pumps. An issue with the modem caused failure with the alerting system and by the time the power failure was discovered, the water supply in the water tank was nearly depleted, resulting in the Town switching to the bypass system. As a result, a boil order was implemented. While the plant is back up and running and off bypass, there is a timeframe of approximately 12-14 days before a boil order can be lifted.

The Department is getting ready for the upcoming winter season. It was noted that the Town's order of road salt should arrive next month.

Mayor Keating and Councillor Keating attended the waste management meeting last week and things are going good. The Board is looking at a system for secondary sewage treatment.

Marbase Marystown Inc. is starting to ramp up work at the former shipyard. Follow-up will be made to install a water meter there before winter.

With regards to the boil order, Mayor Keating advised that boil orders are implemented by the Provincial Government and the Town is doing what it can to ensure another one doesn't have to be implemented.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on October 13, 2021.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/036R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adopt the Recreation Committee Terms of Reference.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena has undergone a lot of repairs and maintenance such as upgrades to the dressing rooms and new steel fireproof doors. A new LED clock is scheduled to arrive in December.

Prior to the COVID Alert Level 3 arena shutdown, the arena was fully utilized with a full schedule for the winter season. Minor hockey membership is at full capacity and the Ice Crystals Figure Skating Club has restarted with good membership.

The annual meeting with all arena users was held last week during which time the schedule for ice time was reviewed with no issues. All users were advised that hourly rental costs have increased by \$5.00, which was accepted without issue.

There was some discussion on the use of solar panels at the arena as an energy saving initiative. The Director of Recreation & Community Services has seen such information at past conferences and will follow up on obtaining more information for the next Committee meeting.

Council will be meeting with the YMCA to determine how to increase enrollment and revenue and decrease costs while maintaining the same level of service at the facility. A meeting is necessary to discuss what the Town can bring to the table in terms of events at the YMCA. Rentals can bring in much needed revenue and offset costs. This will be further discussed in the coming weeks.

New stone will be placed on the softball fields prior to next year's season. Some maintenance has been done on the Lion's Club Softball Field with additional maintenance still pending.

Some complaints have been received regarding the condition of equipment at the various playgrounds. The Director of Recreation & Community Services is determining which pieces need to be removed for safety purposes. Plans were brought forward some time ago to construct a new all-inclusive playground at the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex and remove all other playgrounds. That plan is under review and will be brought to the public for their input. The Recreation Department is in the process of winterizing the playgrounds and splash pad. Both the Lion's Club and Kinsmen Soccer Fields have been closed as well for the upcoming winter season.

Deputy Mayor Walsh questioned the possibility of installing additional lighting on the Town grounds to facilitate sliding on the hill during the evenings. The Director of Recreation & Community Services will follow up.

A notice was placed on Facebook advising that the Recreation Committee is recruiting new members. Several residents have shown an interest. This item will require further follow-up.

Councillor Keating questioned where the lights would be on the hill. Deputy Mayor Walsh noted they would be on the Town grounds near where the kids and their families slide each winter. The electrical service is already in place so there should be no issue with the installation. Councillor Edwards noted there should be more lighting on the Town Hall building as well while Councillor Hodder stated the war memorial could use some lighting.

As a result of being downgraded to COVID Alert Level 3, the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena is currently closed to the public until an upgrade to Level 2. Mayor Keating advised the Town will keep residents informed on the status of the arena.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on October 12, 2021.

Councillor Hodder expressed her pleasure at attending her first regular meeting of Council. Councillor Hodder noted the outdoor bubble bingos held in the past were a huge success with the last event netting approximately \$3,000.00. The Committee will be looking at planning future outdoor bubble bingos.

Unfortunately, there have been low turnouts at other Marystown events in the past while surrounding communities have no issue with attendance at their events. In order to ensure successful and continuous events, Councillor Hodder noted that residents need to be more supportive of their own community events. It was noted the Committee will need to think outside the box when it comes to events and maybe look at partnering with other communities.

The Tourism & Special Events Committee will also be looking for new members to join the Committee. An ad has been posted and some interest expressed. This will require further discussion by the Committee.

Due to COVID Alert Level 3, Bonfire Night is postponed for the time being.

The Committee had some discussion on revitalizing some old events such as the old time regatta or old time NHL hockey. This will be discussed more once COVID restrictions ease.

The Town is unable to host its annual Halloween party for persons with challenging needs due to COVID-19.

Come Home Year was discussed and because of COVID-19 restrictions, the Committee is unable to plan the event for the summer of 2022 not knowing if COVID might shut things down again.

The Committee will be hosting a Nightmare Before Christmas event on the mall parking lot. To date, the event has been receiving good interest from the public. There will be some further updates from the Committee and what's happening once back at COVID Alert Level 2.

To help the youth learn more about their Council, the Committee will also host a 'Where Am I?' contest; more details will follow at a later date.

There are no big events planned for the remainder of this year.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on October 14, 2021.

Since the last Committee meeting, the Fire Department has responded to thirteen calls for a total of seventy-four calls for the year. Departmental meetings, training and inspections are ongoing however, the drill with the Junior Firefighters that was scheduled for the weekend past was cancelled due to COVID.

There have been some issues with fire hydrants that are being addressed through fire hydrant maintenance with the Department of Public Works. There are over 300 hydrants to maintain.

Occupational health and safety inspections on the Town's facilities have been completed and occupational health and safety meetings are ongoing. All Council members have received a copy of the Town's Emergency Management Plan for their review. The Committee plans to host a mock disaster in the future consisting of a tabletop exercise and a full exercise.

Issues with civic addressing and the kilometer markers initiative are still being followed up on.

The Fire Department has received applications for new members however, interviews are on hold due to COVID restrictions.

The Department hosted another successful Fire Prevention Week with several educational sessions to the schools. Councillor Nolan noted fire safety and prevention is a year-long initiative that should be practiced by everyone.

Councillor Nolan thanked the Fire Wrens for their annual donation to the Fire Department. The Wrens generously donated \$7,000.00 at the Department's Annual Firefighters Banquet.

During the Firefighters Banquet, several firefighters received their long-service pins/awards as follows:

- Derrick Keating – 25 years
- George Shave – 20 years
- Jordan Hannam – 10 years
- Mark Coady – 5 years
- Troy Mayo – 5 years

Repairs to the stairs for the exit at the rear of the Fire Hall will start soon.

The Department is in need of a new pumper truck. This item will be added to the 2022 budget discussion. Fire Chief Bolt will do some follow-up on available funding programs.

There were no animal issues to report and clean-up orders have been issued for properties on Dunphy's Road and Hollett's Road. The Committee will be discussing the possibility of increasing the anti-litter budget during the budget process.

The Committee will be reviewing the monthly reports received from Orkin Canada to ensure issues are under control.

Councillor Nolan advised residents that there is a process in place to report an outage with a streetlight. The form is very simple and can be found on the NL Power website. As well, there are links to the form through the Town's website and app.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/037R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Keating

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to issue a Clean Up Order to the owner of 43-45 Hollett's Road."

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Correspondence

- Email from Jason Brown, YMCA, dated October 5/21 re: request for a meeting with the new Council.

A date and time needs to be arranged for this meeting

- Email from Municipal Assessment Agency dated September 23/21 re: Call for Nominations – Urban and Eastern Region Directors – deadline October 28/21.

Council was reminded of the upcoming deadline.

- Email from Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce dated October 8/21 re: Call for Nominations to the Board of Directors – deadline is October 22/21.

Councillor Keating asked for follow-up on whether nominations can still be submitted although the deadline has passed.

- Email from Edwards & Associates Ltd. Dated September 21/21 re: Fire Hall Roof Repairs and Restoration – Release of Holdback to Livewire Electric and Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$19,855.90 including HST.

It was confirmed that the work completed on the project is satisfactory with all inspections completed and the holdback paid.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/038R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Fire Department expend additional funds in the amount of \$1,049.78 including HST for a paging system with Bell Mobility Radio to account for a difference in price due to taxes.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/039R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Fire Department to expend funds for the hosting of the annual Firefighters Banquet at St. Gabriel’s Hall at a cost of \$3,931.47 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/040R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Fire Department to engage the services of Tarrant’s Carpentry Inc. to do repairs to the fire escape for the training/meeting room upstairs at the Fire Hall at a cost of \$2,645.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/041R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Public Works Department to purchase chlorine from Brenntag Canada Inc. at a cost of \$6,310.03 including HST as follows:

- Chlorine – 8 cylinders x 68 kg @ \$4.14/kg (\$2,252.16)
- Cylinder deposit (returnable) – 8 @ \$400.00 (\$3,200.00)
- Transport surcharge – 6.4% x 68 kg (\$34.82)”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/042R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Public Works Department to purchase seven 1,000 kg supersacs of soda ash at \$1.10/kg for a total cost of \$8,855.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/043R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Recreation Department to engage the services of Git ‘Er Done for labour to remove and replace nine steel doors at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena at a cost of \$6,210.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/044R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Water Treatment Plant/Public Works Department to purchase 38,000 kg of poly-aluminum chloride at \$1.17/kg for a total cost of \$51,129.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 10 26/045R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Water Treatment Plant/Public Works Department to purchase a salt and sand spreader and drive belts plus installation from Parts for Trucks at a cost of \$11,750.93 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Councillor Edwards suggested that the next few Council meetings rotate to the model Ship Gallery, YMCA and other Town-owned facilities to give residents watching the meetings through Facebook the chance to see what facilities the Town has to offer.

Councillor Keating noted training for Council is very important as Council needs to have an understanding on how things are done. At some point in the future, this training will be mandatory. The CAO advised he spoke with LW Consulting about doing in-person training and sharing the cost with other municipalities however, other municipalities have either done the training in person with the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs or will be doing virtual training with the Department in December. The CAO recommended doing the virtual training, noting information can be forwarded to Council.

Councillor Keating noted that the previous Council had discussed a new scholarship to entice doctors to the area; the scholarship would be in memory of Mr. Don MacBeath. Councillor Keating advised he would like to be part of a committee established to discuss the criteria for the scholarship and recommended speaking to students enrolled in medical school to determine what incentives might draw them to this area. Councillor Hodder advised she would like to assist; Mayor Keating agreed it was a good idea.

Mayor Keating advised that Health Accord NL will be coming out with recommendations regarding various hospitals, including the Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre. Council needs to stand united to ensure current health care services are not negatively modified or reduced in any capacity. Mayor Keating recommended putting together a committee, which he will chair.

Councillor Keating took a moment to welcome the new 2021 Municipal Council to their first regular meeting and commended Mayor Keating on chairing the meeting. Councillor Keating advised he has been involved with Council for 35 years and is willing to assist where needed. Mayor Keating advised he will be reaching out as necessary.

Councillor Hodder noted she grew up around the old Town Hall and wants to see this Town Hall exhibit the same friendly atmosphere that she was familiar with.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised he was in receipt of a petition signed by several residents for traffic lights at the McGettigan Boulevard/Harris Drive/Ville Marie Drive intersection, which will be passed to the Chair of the Public Works Committee for discussion. As well, he has heard several complaints regarding the need for more lighting and brush clearing in the Black Brook area. There are plans for brush clearing however, Deputy Mayor Walsh advised the need for additional lighting should also be discussed.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that in response to the recent spike in COVID cases, EnviroClean, a company out of Ontario, reached out to him and will be donating a lot of masks to pass out to Councillors, staff and other residents or volunteer groups.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
A/Town Clerk