

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 21, 2021**

Present were: Mayor Brian Keating
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh
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, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Keating called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Prior to proceeding with the agenda, Mayor Keating apologized for the audio issues being experienced with the live feed. Mayor Keating advised he wished to recognize past Councillors and/or members of the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department who recently passed away.

Mr. Pius Ducey, former Deputy Mayor, Councillor and Town employee, passed away on November 25, 2021. Mr. Ducey served as a Councillor from 1898 to 2000 and as Deputy Mayor from 2000 to 2001 and again as a Councillor from 2001 to 2005. Recently, Mr. Ducey was employed in the Recreation Department. Mayor Keating passed on Council and staff's condolences to his family and friends.

Mr. Dominic Miller, a past member of the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department, passed away on December 2, 2021. Mr. Miller was well liked in the community and very committed to the Fire department during his years of service. Mayor Keating passed on Council and staff's condolences to his family and friends.

Mr. John Drake was an honorary member of the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department who passed away on December 7, 2021. Mr. Drake was well-respected and he committed many hours to the Fire Department during his service. Mayor Keating passed on Council and staff's condolences to his family and friends.

Mr. Arch Spencer, honorary member of the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department, passed away on December 14, 2021. Mr. Spencer was a member of many community organizations and was an inspiration to everyone who knew him. Mr. Spencer volunteered tirelessly and did so much for others. Mayor Keating passed on Council and staff's condolences to his family and friends.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/002R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Special Council Meetings

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/003R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/004R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating advised Council had a meeting with the YMCA on December 7, 2021, and a meeting with the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation on December 16, 2021; those minutes were tabled for information purposes.

4. Business Arising from Regular and Special Council Meetings

Councillor Keating questioned if any information was available regarding the FCM Municipal Green Fund. The CAO advised he is following up. This item will be added to the Finance agenda.

5. Delegations

Town's Scholarships

Mayor Keating welcomed Ms. Jayelyn Oake and Ms. Gracie Stapleton who were this year's recipients of the Town's scholarships.

The Dr. Chester Harris Memorial Scholarship is automatically awarded to the applicant with the highest average in 10 credits of selective university preparation courses, which was awarded to Ms. Jayelyn Oake. Deputy Mayor Walsh and Councillor Keating presented the scholarship and posed for a photo.

The Mary Hodder Scholarship is awarded to the applicant who best demonstrates a combination of community involvement along with academic achievement in 10 credits of selective university preparation courses, which was awarded to Ms. Gracie Stapleton. Councillor Hodder presented the scholarship and posed for a photo.

Both scholarships are valued at \$500.00 each.

Kaetlyn Osmond Scholarship

The Kaetlyn Osmond Scholarship for CANSKATE is valued at \$500.00. This scholarship rewards figure skaters who have shown motivation, dedication and perseverance in figure skating and is intended to assist the recipients with the costs associated with figure skating, education and further development. This year's recipient was Ms. Heidi Connors. Councillor Edwards and Councillor Nolan presented the scholarship and posed for a photo.

6. Committee Reports

Planning & Development Committee

In the absence of Councillor Brennan, Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development Committee meeting held on December 16, 2021.

Councillor Nolan advised a letter of concern has been received regarding the safety of a retaining wall on Ville Marie Drive. The Director of Planning & Development Control will follow up on this item.

Councillor Nolan advised that a letter has been forwarded to the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure regarding the freeze on land in the Northwest Trail area due to the lack of a turning land on Route 210.

Councillor Nolan advised there were no development applications to bring forward.

The Model Ship Gallery received approval from the family of the late Mr. Jerome Walsh to display his collection at the gallery. As well, a member of Mr. Walsh's family is interested in assisting at

the gallery. Councillor Nolan reminded residents that admission at the gallery is free until Christmas.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/005R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise the sale of a vacant parcel of land located adjacent to 1 Thompson Street measuring approximately 137 meters squared, as per requirements of the Municipalities Act, 1999.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Council Nolan advised that there will be a meeting with the taxi companies in Marystown after the New Year to discuss the town’s Taxi Regulations.

Councillor Keating advised that when Council looked at replacing the Jerome Walsh Museum building a few years back, there was some discussion on creating storyboards to explain some of the artifacts with financial assistance from ACOA. Councillor Keating recommended revisiting this idea in the 2022 budget. Councillor Nolan advised they will be looking at some form of recognition for Mr. Jerome Walsh.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on December 15, 2021.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/006R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 9130 received from DataFix dated December 7/21 in the amount of \$3,248.75 including HST for VoterView Election Management Services for the 2021 Municipal Election.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/007R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 1221-1 received from AppAds Promotions Inc. dated December 10/21 in the amount of \$1,895.20 including HST for 1 year app hosting and maintenance for the Town App, with funds to come from the 2022 Budget.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/008R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise one double block ad sized 3 ½” x 1 ¼” in the Marystown Lions Club Community Spirit Calendar at a total cost of \$120.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/009R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. INV-29409-R7V4G5 received from Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated October 13/21 in the amount of \$1,868.75 including HST for 2022-2023 Membership with funds to come from the 2022 Budget.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/010R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise in the Royal Canadian Legion Newfoundland and Labrador Command Veterans Service Recognition Book at a cost of \$230.00 including HST for a business card-sized ad.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/011R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of December 15, 2021, in the amount of \$64,015.22 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/012R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award the Dr. Chester Harris Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to Jayelyn Oake based on academic achievement.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award the Mary Hodder Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 to Gracie Stapleton based on a combination of community involvement and academic achievement.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/014R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award the Kaetlyn Osmond Scholarship Award for CANSKATE in the amount of \$500.00 to Heidi Connors.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the 2021 Business Tax for Account No. FIRST007 in the amount of \$1,414.85 plus interest as the business ceased operations in 2021 and the location was taken over by another business.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/016R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reallocate funds within the Capital Expenditure out of Revenue account in the amount of \$2,294.95 including HST for the purchase of a video/audio conferencing system for the Council Chambers, with funds to come from Administration.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reallocate funds within the Capital Expenditure out of Revenue account in the amount of \$23,345.00 including HST for the purpose of purchasing bleachers for the outdoor recreational facilities, with funds to come from Recreation and Administration.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on December 15, 2021.

Concerns amongst ambulance drivers has been raised following the first snowfall of the year. During snow clearing operations, snow is deposited at the end of residential driveways, making it difficult for ambulance drivers to respond to an emergency. Follow-up will be made to get a list of ambulance drivers so the Public Works Department can assist with keeping the end of their driveways clear of the wing roll from the plow. As well, the department will make Bill Hodder's Road off Ville Marie Drive, where the ambulance depot is located, a priority during snow clearing operations.

Councillor Keating advised he met with the MNL regarding the Wastewater System Effluent Regulations and advised there will be a meeting at noon on January 11, 2022, at the Town Hall to discuss changes to the new regulations.

Councillor Keating advised regular operations within the department are progressing well with the winter shift in effect from December 19th to April 30th. To date, the Town has experienced one blizzard.

All equipment is running well with repairs made as required.

There are no issues to report in waste management. Council Keating advised there won't be any further meetings until after the New Year.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on December 15, 2021.

As noted at the last regular Council meeting, the Committee has met with two playground committees to discuss the status of the playgrounds in their neighbourhoods. The Committee will continue to follow up with the other playground committees after the New Year to ensure everyone has a say in what happens to the playgrounds in their areas.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised correspondence has been received advising that Ms. Maggie Jones will be a member of the U20 Girls National Team participating in the World Ball Hockey Championship in Slovakia in July 2022.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/018R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Edwards

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to make a donation to Maggie Jones in the amount of \$50.00 to assist with travel costs associated with participating in the World Ball Hockey Championship in Slovakia in July 2022 as a member of the U20 Girls National Team."

Motion carried unanimously.

Inspections have been completed at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena and there are no issues to report. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised the arena will host a hockey school over the Christmas holiday, subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Committee will look into drafting and implementing an Inclement Weather Policy for the arena.

The Committee had a discussion regarding operating costs for the arena and contributions by other communities on the peninsula. It was noted that while the arena has always been made available to all communities, the Town fully funds all costs associated with the arena.

Council met with the YMCA on December 7, 2021; Deputy Mayor Walsh noted it was a good discussion. The hours of operation for the YMCA may change during the inter months. There was some discussion regarding daily passes and financial assistance for memberships. The YMCA recently received a donation in the amount of \$30,000.00 that will be used to provide financial assistance to members who qualify. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that residents visiting the area can purchase a short-term pass for access to all areas of the YMCA. Deputy Mayor Walsh encouraged residents to consider a membership noting the facility had a lot to offer.

An inspection was done on the Town's walking trails as some funding will be available next year for upgrades. Deputy Mayor Walsh thanked the Director of Recreation & Community Services for his work with the trails and all aspects of recreation, noting he will be missed once he retires.

December 12-17, 2021, was Spirit Week wherein residents participated in a different activity every day to celebrate. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised the response was overwhelming with many residents joining in on the fun. Deputy Mayor Walsh noted it was great to see everyone getting so involved.

The charity hockey game between the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department and the RCMP took place on December 18th. Both Deputy Mayor Walsh and Councillor Nolan attended what was a great game. It's hoped the game will be an annual event as it was enjoyed by everyone in attendance and it was great to see so many donations to the Happy Tree and food banks.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on December 14, 2021.

An application has been submitted to the provincial government for a grant to assist with hosting Come Home Year next year.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/019R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to host the Marystown Come Home Year 2022 Celebrations from August 14-20, 2022.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hodder reminded everyone of the Burning of the Boughs event, which will take place on January 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex. Residents are asked to drop off their old trees for the event, which will take place in lieu of Bonfire Night which was cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

Councillor Hodder thanked everyone who attended the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 11th with special thanks going out to Tim Hortons for the donation of hot chocolate and timbits, the knights of Columbus for passing out treats, Mr. Jeff Pittman for his help with the audio and the Brownies, Sparkes, Ms. Anna Smith and Mr. Earl Pardy for providing musical entertainment.

As noted, Spirit Week took place December 12-17/21 which included a Find Mayor Elf event. Councillor Hodder thanked everyone who participated, noting the Town's Facebook Page received over 35,000 hits during that week.

Councillor Hodder advised the Model Ship Gallery is open for anyone looking for a last minute Christmas gift at their retail outlet.

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/020R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to close the Marystown Model Ship Gallery from December 24, 2021, to January 10, 2022, for the Christmas/New Year holiday season.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on December 16, 2021.

Councillor Nolan advised there were no issues with animal control or litter to bring forward.

The Committee had some discussion regarding the Taxi Regulations and issues that have been brought forward. There will be a meeting with the taxi companies later in the New Year.

Plans are ongoing for a three-part mock tabletop session as part of a review of the Town's Emergency Management Plan. Plans will continue in the New Year.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department received five emergency calls since December 2nd, bringing the total number of calls for the year to ninety. The largest event the department has responded to this year was the recent fire at Farrell's Clover Farm, which was completely destroyed. Twenty-four firefighters responded to the call along with six members of the Burin Volunteer Fire Department, the RCMP and the Town's Public Works Department. Councillor Nolan thanked everyone who responded to the call and helped prevent further spread of the fire, with special thanks going out to the Town's own Public Works Department and Fire Department.

Councillor Nolan advised firefighter George Shave has retired after twenty-one years of service. Councillor Nolan thanked Mr. Shave for his service and dedication to the department and the community.

Councillor Nolan passed on his condolences to the family and friends of past firefighters Dominic Miller, John Drake and Arch Spencer who passed away earlier this month.

Councillor Nolan thanked Aylward's Home Hardware for their support of the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department's monthly Fire Safety Contest by providing smoke detectors for prizes.

The charity hockey game between the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department and the RCMP, Guns and Hoses, which took place on December 18th was very successful with many donations to the Happy Tree and food banks.

Councillor Nolan spoke to the owner/operator of the Green Depot and advised that approximately 150,000 recyclables are dropped off each week, amounting to over 600,000 per month. That's over seven million recyclables that are not ending up in our landfills and ditches. Councillor Nolan encouraged everyone to recycle more, noting that over thirty not-for-profit organizations have accounts set up at the Green Depot for anyone wishing to donate their recyclables.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department for the purchase of four bleacher units from Coastal Specialties Ltd. for the outdoor recreational facilities at a cost of \$23,345.00 including HST."

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Councillor Keating took a moment to wish everyone a COVID safe Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Keating offered seasons greetings from Council and reminded everyone not to drink and drive over the holidays.

Deputy Mayor Walsh wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with family and friends and reminded everyone to have a ride if they socialize.

From his family to everyone, Councillor Nolan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy holiday. Councillor Nolan also reminded everyone not to drink and drive and to be fire safe.

Councillor Hodder thanked all of the local businesses on McGettigan Boulevard for lighting up their storefronts for the holidays and MADD Burin Peninsula for the beautiful display of lights at the MADD Gardens. Councillor Hodder also thanked all residents for their display of lights and Christmas spirit. Councillor Hodder wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.

Councillor Edwards wished everyone a safe Christmas and a great New Year noting it's not what's under the tree that's important but the people around the table. Councillor Edwards encouraged everyone to think of others, especially those who may be spending Christmas alone.

Mayor Keating invited the CAO, the Director of Finance & Administration, the Director of Recreation & Community Services, the Director of Planning & Development Control, the Director of Operations & Public Works and the Town Clerk the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Before adjourning the meeting, Mayor Keating again wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanked the staff for their work over the year.

Mayor Keating advised the first meeting of the New Year will take place January 11, 2022.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

Motion

MMC 2021 12 21/022R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk