

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

Present were: Mayor Brian Keating
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
Melanie Kilfoy, Director of Finance & Administration
Kayla Power, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Petrina Power, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Keating called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/002R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 1, 2022, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting on Health Accord NL

The minutes of the meeting held on the Health Accord NL held on February 7, 2022 were tabled for information purposes.

Councillor Keating commended Mayor Keating on a good interview with NTV News following the meeting, noting as well that it was good to see the Town standing up for health services for the

residents. Mayor Keating noted that representatives from several communities on the Burin Peninsula have come together to present a united front to the Government on health care. While nothing was confirmed as to changes or cuts, nothing was denied either. Minister Haggie had stated that he did not anticipate any cuts for the Burin Peninsula and if anything, he hoped to see improvements but nothing is known for certain yet.

4. Business Arising from Regular Council Meeting

There was no business to bring forward from the regular Council meeting.

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

6. Committee Reports

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Brennan reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development meeting held on February 10, 2022.

Councillor Brennan advised the Town is in the process of appointing a new Board of Directors for the Marystown Development Corporation.

There have been a number of requests received from residents wanting to donate model ships to the gallery. There are negotiations currently ongoing to acquire a model ship that is over one hundred years old from a lady on Ontario who is looking for a safe home for it. As well, the gallery is working with a past resident of Marystown who has a connection with a master builder of model ships in St. John's as he has 8-10 model ships he may be interested in donating to the gallery.

Councillor Brennan advised that the gallery will be featured in the May edition of the Downhome magazine in time for the start of the tourism season. Ms. Linda Brown interviewed Mr. Jim Myles for two hours yesterday and will be visiting the gallery tomorrow.

Following the episode of Land and Sea featuring the gallery, the great grandson of Captain Bob Bartlett reached out to the gallery regarding a number of exhibitions that the gallery might be interested in acquiring.

Councillor Brennan spoke to Mr. Art Taylor, who is an appraiser who can appraise the Captain Bob Bartlett runabout model.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/003R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Marco Group to construct a new RCMP detachment building measuring 127.4' x 90.26' behind the existing detachment at 87 McGettigan Boulevard be approved subject to Fire and Life Safety, Service NL approval and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Keating advised a meeting is pending with Marco Group to discuss their subcontractors and encourage local hiring/preference.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/004R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Thi Hong Suan Nguyen (Jade) to operate BM-Nails & Spa at 289 Creston Boulevard be approved subject to Fire and Life Safety, Service NL approval and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/005R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident to construct a residence measuring 35’ x 35’ at 239-241 Creston Boulevard be approved subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/006R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Michael Terry Norman to operate OARR Logistics Inc. at 130 Columbia Drive pending submission of a development plan.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating advised the new Board of Directors for the Marystown Development Corporation will be put in place next Tuesday. The new Board will run the gallery and fall under the Tourism and Special Events Committee.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 9, 2022.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/007R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 757.3551503.1 received from FIT for Work – Marystown dated January 19/22 in the amount of \$312.50 HST exempt for an ergonomic assessment for an employee.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/008R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 1805 received from the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce dated February 1/22 in the amount of \$265.00 HST exempt for 2022 Membership fees.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/009R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 2567956 received from Quadient Canada Ltd. dated October 3/21 in the amount of \$1,475.75 including HST for the postage meter maintenance and service contract for 2022.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/010R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 313539 received from Cal LeGrow Insurance Limited dated January 28/22 in the amount of \$235,839.60 RST included for Policy No. 0902266 for the Municipal General Insurance for the period of February 1, 2022, to February 1, 2023, to be paid in three equal installments of \$78,613.20.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/011R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 11505 received from Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador dated January 21/22 in the amount of \$386.40 including HST for 2022 Membership fees.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/012R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 62390782 received from Legendary Coasts dated December 1/21 in the amount of \$135.00 HST exempt for 2022 Annual Membership fees for the Marystown Model Ship Gallery.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 205605 received from Flanker Press Ltd. dated January 26/22 in the amount of \$286.81 including GST for books sold at the Marystown Model Ship Gallery.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/014R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the December Monthly Claim dated December 31/21 received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador in the amount of \$39,190.08.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Keating noted Council approved a budget of \$290,000.00 for the YMCA for 2022 and if their monthly claims start to come in at around \$38,000.00 - \$40,000.00 each month, the budget will be depleted well before the end of the year. Councillor Keating advised the Finance Committee and Council needs to keep an eye on the claims as the cost associated with the Recreation Complex is currently 10% of the Town's annual budget. Mayor Keating advised the YMCA has committed to staying on budget and the Town will monitor things. Councillor Keating also noted the YMCA was supposed to be doing some fundraising to help offset their costs which needs to also be addressed. Councillor Hodder noted that if residents lose interest in the YMCA, the Town will lose it.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brennan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 2022101691 received from Town of Burin dated December 31/21 in the amount of \$4,535.20 including HST for 50% of Animal Control Services for January 1 to December 31, 2021.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/016R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify Poll Tax Ratification Listing No. 5-1 dated February 9, 2022, in the amount of \$1,638.53 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of February 9, 2022, in the amount of \$323,098.64 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust interest on Account No. COCEN001 as the principal amount has been paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brennan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to appoint Mayor Keating and Councillor Edwards to the YMCA’s Financial Advisory and Community Advisory Committees.”

Motion carried unanimously.

It’s anticipated that through these Committees, Council will be more involved and informed for the purpose of keeping the YMCA on budget.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify the adjustment of taxes for the 2019-2021 Taxation Years for Account No. MANNP001 in the amount of \$1,050.00 plus accumulated interest for land in the Power’s Cove area that was expropriated by the Town for the purpose of a Marine Industrial Park.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to purchase materials to complete the Recreation Soccer Building to a maximum of \$8,000.00 including HST with funds to come from Safe Restart Funding.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/022R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify the reallocation of funds through the Capital Expenditure out of Revenue Public Works Budget to facilitate the purchase of a multi-directional mounted arrow board in the amount of \$2,323.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2018 02 06/018R made at the Regular Council Meeting of February 6, 2018, to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2018 02 06/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Tremblett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reinstate the Seniors Discount Policy whereby all Senior Citizens (65 years of age and older) whose accounts are in good standing with the Town are eligible for a reduction of \$100.00 in their annual residential property tax on their primary residential property only, subject to proof of ownership and occupancy, if required.”

Motion carried unanimously.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on February 9, 2022.

Weather-wise, the winter has been good to date with the exception of the past few days which saw a lot of snowfall. The outside workers have been busy salting and sanding the roads to keep them safe. A fair amount of salt and sand has been used to date but the supply is still good.

There have been a number of complaints regarding potholes. Councillor Keating noted that during this time of year, potholes are to be expected. Winters on the Burin Peninsula are a constant cycle of freeze/thaw/snow/rain which is hard on the asphalt and even more so with the use of salt and sand. The Public Works Department is working two shifts now to allow for a night shift for snow clearing and pothole repairs with the asphalt recycler requires six or seven workers, which is difficult to accommodate with split shifts. Councillor Keating asked residents to be patient, slow down and take their time on the roads. Until the weather permits the use of the asphalt recycler, the workers are using cold patch which is a temporary fix for now.

Mayor Keating noted that on a mild day, the outside workers did use the asphalt recycler and fixed a number of potholes but they were not able to get to all of them. Both Mayor Keating and Councillor Keating commended the Public Works Department for the work they do, especially during the coldest days of the winter.

Regular operations such as snow clearing, water & sewer, etc., are going well. The water treatment plant is operating well and it's anticipated the Town will save some money in the budget this year with the Water Treatment Operator taking over water sampling/testing.

All equipment is running well with repairs made as necessary however, some equipment is getting old.

Garbage collection was cancelled today due to the weather but overall, waste management is operating well.

The Department is looking at purchasing a generator for the Clam Pond pump house to avoid power failures that would result in reverting back to the old chlorine system.

Councillor Brennan wanted to take a moment to thank the Public Works workers for all their work and everything they do, especially during the cold winter.

Councillor Edwards advised concerns have been raised regarding the potential effect of a wetland septic sludge and fish sludge waste treatment facility/composting site to be located in the vicinity of the waste management site. Residents from Jean de Baie and Spanish Room have expressed concern regarding runoff. It was noted that there will be no effect as the system will be a closed/contained system that will need to conform to various environmental regulations before being approved. As a side note, the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board has purchased a compactor for the waste disposal site to compact material to facilitate backfilling.

Recreation Committee

In the absence of Deputy Mayor Walsh, Councillor Brennan reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on February 9, 2022.

Under COVID Alert Level 3, the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena reopened to associations only (Marystown Minor Hockey and Ice Crystals Skating Club) on February 14, 2022.

Also under COVID Alert Level 3, the YMCA's capacity has increased from 25% to 50% and group sessions are back to normal.

The Jane's Pond Walking Trail is in need of repairs, which will be completed this spring as funding has been approved for upgrades to the walking trails.

During the summer months, there have been complaints regarding a bad odor from the area of the dog park which stems from pet owners not cleaning up after their pets. Councillor Brennan asked all users of the dog park to be respectful of other users and residents in the area and clean up after their pets.

Councillor Brennan received a call from a resident who was appalled at the amount of garbage and litter around the mall area, noting it was the worst he'd ever seen. Councillor Brennan noted the Town may want to consider installing some cameras in the area.

Funding has been received to replace the flood lights at the Kinsmen Softball Field and new bleachers arrived last week which will be set up for the summer season.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on February 9, 2022.

Plans for Come Home Year 2022 are proceeding and some fundraising campaigns will start soon. Due to the COVID pandemic, no lottery licenses are being issued for Chase the Ace events but the Committee will have a Mother's Day Calendar Draw.

The Outdoor Bubble Bingos hosted by the Committee in the last few years have been very popular with residents. The Committee has plans to host a number of Outdoor Bingos in support of Come Home Year 2022.

Anyone interested in including/hosting an event during Come Home Year 2022 were asked to follow up with Councillor Hodder as the Committee was in the process of drafting up a schedule of events. Councillor Hodder advised that a Come Home Year 2022 Facebook Page has been started and all information regarding events will be posted to the page.

The online photo contest is going great with three winners so far: Johnaton Poulain, Flo Ann Miller and Corwin Cornish. The Committee has received lots of pictures to date and Councillor Hodder thanked everyone who has participated. The Committee has been selecting recognizable pictures of Marystown for use on a banner however, it was noted that the Committee may look at utilizing some of the less recognizable but amazing pictures for other purposes.

The winners were drawn for the Capture Kindness contest that took place prior to Valentine's Day. Councillor Hodder thanked everyone who sent in pictures that depicted an act of kindness for a senior, noting that the seniors would be the recipients of the prize money. The first place picture was sent in by Ethan King who brought cinnamon rolls to this Poppy Cyril Hodder. Second place went to Kalem Walsh who helped his Poppy Roland with gravel and third place went to Jackson and Marie Smith who helped peel vegetables for their Nanny Delores Brake. Councillor Hodder congratulated all seniors on their prizes, noting Mayor Keating is interested in hosting another contest for seniors at a later date.

February is Violence Prevention Month and February 18th is Purple Day where residents are encouraged to wear purple to promote kindness, not just during February but all year. Councillor Hodder advised the Farmer's Market/Information Centre has been lit up in purple lights to promote kindness and support violence prevention and the victims of violence. Abuse and violence are crimes; Councillor Hodder encouraged those experience abuse and violence to reach out for help. Mayor Keating encouraged all residents to support this important initiative.

Councillor Keating suggested Councillor Hodder look into funding programs that might be available for the purpose of hiring a coordinator to assist with Come Home Year as it's a large event to plan and time is of the essence.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on February 10, 2022.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/024R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to declare the week of February 21-27, 2022 as Heritage Week 2022 and February 21, 2022 as Heritage Day and call upon all citizens to celebrate the richness of our past and the promise of our future.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating signed the proclamation for Heritage Week/Day.

There was a recent issue with a dog and co-owner however, no action was required. The Animal Control Officer has investigated reports of people feeding the wildlife, in particular, foxes. Councillor Nolan asked residents not to feed any wildlife as doing so causes them to become dependent on humans to the point where they cannot survive on their own.

Since the last Council meeting, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department has responded to six calls. The Department held their Annual General Meeting and Elections (Executive, Committee Chairpersons and Liaison) for 2022 on February 7th and the results were as follows:

- Fire Department Chairperson – Chris Emmink
- Treasurer/Firefighter Assistance - Terry Price
- Secretary/Policy and Changes – Rebecca Soper
- Public Relations – Jordan Hannam
- Fire Prevention – Justin Green
- Fire Department Events – Mark Coady
- Fire Hall and Training Grounds – Justin Nolan
- Muscular Dystrophy – Walter Vallis
- Fundraising – Tyson Power
- Heritage - Jerry Hanrahan
- Junior Firefighters - Paul Snook
- Liaison for the Firefighters – Mark Coady

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Councillor Nolan congratulated all firefighters who have accepted these positions and wished all committees a successful year, noting 2022 is the second year for the officers (Assistant Fire Chief, Captains and Lieutenants).

Fire Chief Bolt has submitted a request to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for the installation of a Fire Hall Ahead sign to be placed on McGettigan Boulevard.

Fire Chief Bolt recently attended a virtual NFPA Leadership Conference and Alzheimer's Awareness for first responders and participated in the Building Accessibility Act consultations.

A meeting between Council and the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department has been scheduled for March 1st at 6:00 p.m.

The Occupational Health and Safety work term student continues to be of great assistance to the Fire Department and is enjoying the experience.

An Inclement Weather Policy has been drafted and was brought forward during the meeting. It will be reviewed by the Committee after which it will be brought forward for adoption by Council.

Spring is a few weeks around the corner and more emphasis will be put on the Town's Anti-Litter Campaign.

Mayor Keating noted that permits are not required to burn at this time of year however, he asked that any resident doing a large burn give the Fire Department a courtesy call to advise of such so they know what is going on in case they get a call about a fire. This would help alleviate any confusion and reduce unnecessary use of resources.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/025R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Fire Department to purchase four portable radios from Bell mobility at a cost of \$4,455.10 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to expend funds from the honourarium in the amount of \$2,700.00 for the firefighters' lotto.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 02 15/027R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to purchase 14 cubic yards of winter heat from Brenton Investments Ltd. for the new soccer club at a cost of \$305.90 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating noted the heat was required for the concrete foundation for the soccer club which required heat to properly dry in the cold weather. It was noted the project is progressing well.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

There was no other business to bring forward.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment**Motion**

MMC 2022 02 15/028R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk