

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 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.

Prior to adopting the agenda, Mayor Keating advised the public that a rally has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on March 20th at the Peninsula Mall parking lot regarding Health Accord NL and potential cuts to the peninsula's health care services. Mayor Keating advised it was important that everyone come out to the rally to protect the region's health care and say no to cuts. Mayor Keating advised the rally would proceed as scheduled no matter the weather.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/001R

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 2022 03 15/002R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Brennan

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Special Council Meeting

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/003R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Nolan

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Privileged Council Meeting

The minutes of the privileged Council meeting held on March 1, 2022, were tabled for information purposes.

Council Meeting with MP Churence Rogers

The minutes of the Council meeting with MP Churence Rogers held on March 8, 2022, were tabled for information purposes.

Council Meeting with MHA Jeff Dwyer

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4. Business Arising from Regular and Special Council Meeting

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

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 March 10, 2022.

Councillor Brennan advised the Committee had some discussion regarding a number of complaints received from residents regarding rock busting on Columbia Drive by two separate contractors. Both contractors were asked to submit a development plan for their respective sites. A development plan has been received from one contractor who has agreed to limiting rock busting between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday only. An email has been received from the second contractor also agreeing to those terms but a development plan is still pending.

The Committee discussed purchasing a drone for the Town, which could be utilized by several departments for several purposes. Follow-up will be made to look into the cost of the purchase.

The Marystown Model Ship Gallery is still closed due to COVID. A new Board of Directors is still pending. The current volunteer Board will be meeting within the next week or so to discuss the gallery's reopening.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/004R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to Terry Norman to operate OARR Logistics Inc. at 31 Main Street.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/005R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to Raylyn Murley to erect signage for Waves Hair Salon at 600 Ville Marie Drive, subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/006R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to Samantha Crocker to relocate and operate Yoga Bugs at 195-207 Ville Marie Drive, subject to fire & life safety inspection and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/007R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to Allan Crocker to operate CPC Welding and Fabrication as a mobile business from 756-760 Ville Marie Drive.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/008R

Moved by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Damian Hanrahan for Crown Land at Johnny’s Pond for the purpose of a seasonal residence be rejected as the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture has implemented a five-year no cutting freeze on land on the west side on Mount Vincent.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating clarified that the restriction in place on the west side of Mount Vincent was a provincial restriction and as such, the Town had to abide by the restriction and had to reject the development application.

Prior to concluding his report, Councillor Brennan noted he hoped to see everyone present at the rally on March 20th.

Finance Committee

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

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/009R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the January Monthly Claim dated January 31/22 received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador in the amount of \$21,069.94.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/010R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust fifty percent of the interest on Account No. BYRNM001, subject to payment of the principal in full and the remaining fifty percent of the interest.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/011R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 2022 Mobile Business Tax for Account No. CHESL001 in the amount of \$200.00 as the business ceased operations in December 31, 2021.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/012R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify payment of the Invoice for File No. 2018081 received from MacBeath Law dated January 31, 2022, in the amount of \$287.50 including HST for professional services rendered regarding an opinion on tax reductions and remissions.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adopt the revised Notice of Change in Business Policy, with the understanding that all other versions are repealed and replaced.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/014R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of February 28, 2022, in the amount of \$406,346.91, as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-2 as of March 9, 2022, in the amount of \$169,177.37, as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/016R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve an application received from the Marystown Used Furniture Store Account No. USED F001 to adjust 2022 Business Tax in the amount of \$694.90 as per the Town’s Permissive Tax Exemption Policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept the Annual Expenditure Report for the 2021 Gas Tax Audit for the year ended December 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given for Mayor Keating to sign the Annual Expenditure Report for the 2021 Gas Tax Audit for the year ended December 31, 2021.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Director of Recreation & Community Services and one other delegate to attend the Atlantic Recreation & Facilities Conference scheduled for May 18-20, 2022, at the Sheraton Hotel, St. John’s, NL at a cost of \$1,425.69 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to register two delegates to attend the MNL Symposium taking place in Gander from May 5th to 7th.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to register up to three delegates to attend the Aquaculture Canada and WAS North America 2022 conference and Trade Show taking place in St. John’s August 15th to 18th.”

Motion carried unanimously.

For the interest of the public, Mayor Keating noted professional development and conferences for Council and staff is necessary for the purpose of promoting the Town and business.

Public Works Committee

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

The Committee met with Mr. Derek Ducey and Mr. Al Ducey from BMS North America to discuss the blivet system and how it could be utilized as a solution under the Federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations. The Town currently has four blivet systems; a visit was made to the blivet system on Bayview Street to discuss options for repairs to resolve an issue with smell. Councillor Keating noted as well that a blivet system will be installed at the waste disposal site.

The Committee discussed purchasing a generator for Clam Pond. Councillor Keating advised that if the power goes, the water storage tank at the water treatment plant only has enough water for 7-8 hours. Once that supply is depleted, the Town has to switch over to the old reservoir and go on

an immediate boil order. The Committee is following up on quotes for a generator and looking into potential funding programs.

Regular operations are progressing well with the outside workers kept busy doing snow clearing, ice control and pothole repairs. Councillor Keating noted the Newfoundland winters are hard on pavement and reminded residents to be patient with pothole repairs. The current salt supply is still in good supply.

Councillor Keating advised there will be a waste management meeting tomorrow and further noted bulk garbage is scheduled to resume next month.

The tender closed for the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Public Works Department, with four bids received as follows:

- Clarenville Ford – F250 \$81,187.00 including HST
- Terra Nova GM Buick \$76,955.64 including HST
- Hickman Chrysler – Dodge \$85,073.55 including HST
- Hickman Motors – Silverado \$73,466.60 including HST

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/021R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept the bid from Hickman Motors Limited for the supply and delivery of one new ¾ ton 4x4, four door crew pickup truck with an eight-foot box at a cost of \$73,466.60 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Committee

In the absence of Deputy Mayor Walsh, Mayor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on March 9, 2022.

The Town will be extending the ice time at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena by an additional three weeks this year to give the hockey players, figure skaters and other users some additional time on the ice given the COVID shutdown earlier in the season.

The Committee met with the Mooring Cove Playground Committee. That committee, comprised of over 40 members, is very interested in retaining and maintaining their playground.

Mayor Keating advised tickets are on sale now for the Mother’s Day calendar draw in support of Marystown Come Home Year 2022.

There are some issues with the motor in the ice edger at the arena so the purchase of a new motor is pending. The arena itself is operating well.

The U18 Boys hockey team will be hosting an All Newfoundland Tournament on April 19th and the U11 Girls hockey team will be hosting an All Newfoundland Tournament on April 1st and 2nd, both in Marystown. Mayor Keating encouraged everyone to come out and support the players.

The Committee discussed the new lights that are pending for the soccer field. The Recreation Department will need to do a cost analysis and follow up on the cost of the lights.

Different organizations have expressed an interest in supporting Come Home Year 2022. Mayor Keating advised Councillor Hodder will bring more information forward under her Tourism and Special Events Committee report.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on March 8, 2022.

Councillor Hodder advised the Committee is focusing on Come Home Year 2022 and a post was made to Facebook listing off some of the events and activities already being planned. It had been hoped that a schedule would be ready by now however, the schedule is still changing and organizations are still coming forward expressing an interest in participating in the event. A lot of focus has been on organizations that want to do a fundraiser during Come Home Year 2022. Councillor Hodder encouraged those groups to reach out to her with their proposed ideas so it can be worked into the schedule. The Committee is looking at adding another event for the kids. To date, ticket sales for the Mother's Day calendar draw in support of Come Home Year are going well.

Councillor Hodder advised the dates of the outdoor bingos have been advertised.

Councillor Hodder advised the Model Ship Gallery should reopen around mid-April.

The biggest upcoming event is the Rally for Health Care this coming Sunday, March 20th at 2:00 p.m. Councillor Hodder advised she will be getting Ms. Mary Hodder to talk live on Facebook on the importance of this rally and the need to save services and lives.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

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

An email was received from the Burin Peninsula RCMP requesting details on the Marystown Come Home Year 2022 celebrations to ensure adequate policing services during the events. Councillor Hodder will be following up further with the RCMP on this item as events are finalized.

Correspondence was received from a resident on Memorial Drive regarding an issue with civic addressing in the area and concerns as they relate to emergency services. This item will require further follow-up. Councillor Nolan reminded all residents of the importance of a visible civic address on all residences, especially for emergency services. All residents were encouraged to post their civic address and if unsure, to call the Town to confirm their address.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/022R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in years to come.”

Motion carried unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Hodder read out a message sent to her by the founders of True Blue, Conetta Wakeley and Wally Pittman, who were not able to be present for the signing of the proclamation.

‘So sorry we are unable to make it tonight as we have a previous arrangement with our Miles for Smiles team with regards to April’s activities. Wally and I want to say a huge thank you on behalf of True Blue for declaring April as Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention Month in our community. Our children thank you. The Town of Marystown has been there since day one. You guys signed our very first proclamation back in 2017 and have done so every year since. You have set the standard for other communities and each year, we get another community on board to help put an end to child abuse. Once again, thank you and we invite you all to our annual Miles for Smiles Awareness Walk at Janes Pone on April 24th at 2:00 p.m. Remember that every child matters.’

There were no issues to report with regards to animal control or littering. Councillor Nolan advised that Councillor Brennan had attended the Committee meeting to provide some background information on what the previous Council had in place with regards to planning the Town’s annual Spring Anti-Litter Clean-up Campaign. The Committee thanked Councillor Brennan for his input and previous experience. Plans for this year’s clean-up will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department responded to one emergency call since the last Committee meeting. Regular Fire Department operations are progressing well with inspections, training and maintenance taking place. The Department of Transportation & Infrastructure’s engineering division is reviewing the Department’s request to place a ‘Fire Department Ahead’ sign on McGettigan Boulevard. Discussions are ongoing with a Fire Protection Officer at the Fire Services Division on the preliminary specs for a new pumper.

Quotes are being obtained for the installation of a new mini-split heat pump for the upstairs section of the Fire Hall.

The Fire Department and the Town would like to thank Freeman Beck for his service to the Fire Department as he has left his position as firefighter due to work commitments. On behalf of the Department and Council, Councillor Nolan welcomed Josh Stansford as the Department’s newest recruit. Councillor Nolan reminded the public that anyone interested in becoming a member of the Fire Department should contact Fire Chief Bolt for an application.

The Fire Department will be participating in a safety campaign starting next week called ‘The Move Over Law’.

Councillor Nolan thanked the JCP workers who assisted with some painting at the Fire Hall over the past few weeks.

Councillor Nolan advised that Council will be meeting with the Fire Department on April 25th at the Fire Hall.

With the increases in gas and other fuels over the last few weeks, the Fire Department would like to remind residents of the importance of using proper fuel containers and storing those containers in the proper space. Residents had been seen filling up multiple various containers before the price hikes and need to be careful when it comes to flammable fuels.

7. Correspondence

- Email from MNL dated March 9/22 re: provincial budget to be delivered in the House of Assembly on April 7/22.

The CAO reminded Council of the date the provincial budget will be delivered.

8. Approvals to Purchase

There were no approvals to purchase/requests to expend funds to bring forward.

Councillor Edwards brought forward the following motion.

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise a Request for Proposals for the purpose of an Organizational Review for the Town of Marystown.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Mayor Keating again stressed the importance of the upcoming rally for health care this Sunday at the Peninsula Mall parking lot. Mayor Keating stressed the importance of all residence coming out to show their support for the peninsula’s hospitals and saying no to cuts.

Councillor Keating advised he worked at the Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre for over twenty years and saw a lot of changes such as a reduction in bed availability and departments. Residents need to act now and stand united to save our hospitals.

Councillor Keating took a moment to congratulate Brad Gushue and Team Gushue on winning their 4th Brier championship this past weekend. Councillor Keating advised he immensely enjoys watching curling and recommended the Town write a letter congratulating Team Gushue on their win, stating they represented Newfoundland very well.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

Motion

MMC 2022 03 15/024R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brennan

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk