

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2022**

Present were: Mayor Brian Keating
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh
Councillor Bridget Hodder
Councillor Keith Keating
Councillor Gary Myles
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 7:06 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/002R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 26, 2022, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Swearing-In

The minutes of the swearing-in of new Councillor Gary Myles on July 26, 2022, were tabled for information purposes.

Special Council Meetings

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/003R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on July 26 2022, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Walsh noted an error in the second special Council meeting held on July 26, 2022. Motion MMC 2022 07 26/002S needs to be corrected to amend the word ‘overpass’ to ‘approach’.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/004R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on July 26 2022, be adopted with the noted correction.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/005R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on July 26 2022, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising from Regular and Special Council Meetings

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

Before proceeding with his report, Councillor Myles noted he wanted to thank the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors for the warm welcome he has received for his first Council meeting as the official Chair of the Planning & Development Committee and further noted he is looking forward to working with Council.

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development meeting held on August 4, 2022.

Councillor Myles advised the Committee had a discussion regarding taxes owed on a parcel of land along with what happens when the Town hosts a Land Auction for tax arrears.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/006R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident for a Crown Land grant (0.186 ha) for the purpose of a residence be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/007R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Randina Hodder to operate Done By Da Brush Interior/Exterior Paint at 60 Marine Drive as a mobile business be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/008R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident to construct an accessory building measuring 10’ x 16’ at 14 Markland Road be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

In the absence of Councillor Edwards, Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on August 3, 2022.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/009R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 317661 from Cal LeGrow Insurance Limited dated July 29, 2022 in the amount of \$579.00 RST included to add the 2022 Chevrolet Silverado to the Town’s policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/010R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the June Monthly Claim received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador dated June 30/22 in the amount of \$33,106.44.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/011R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the remaining 50% of the interest on Account No. WALSM005 as the principal and 50% of the interest has been paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/012R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the interest on Account No. PITTT007 as this is a deferred account and interest was charged in error.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/013R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the remaining 50% of the interest on Account No. MALLJ006 as the principal and 50% of the interest has been paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/014R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust seven months of 2022 Business Tax for Account No. BDOCA001 in the amount of \$901.39 plus applicable interest, as per policy, as the business ceased operations on January 26, 2022.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/015R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify Poll Tax Ratification Listing No. 5-1 dated August 5, 2022, in the amount of \$5,261.27 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/016R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of August 15, 2022, in the amount of \$136,803.91 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/017R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to convey a parcel of land adjacent to 60 Wilson Street to Mr. Rupert Pittman for the sum of \$460.00 including HST, with the understanding the purchaser will be responsible for all legal and other costs associated with the legal conveyance.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on August 3, 2022.

Several pieces of correspondence have been received requesting the installation of speed bumps on various streets. The Town has been installing speed bumps as per the Town’s Speed Bump Policy. Additional speed bumps are on order.

The Town has engaged Edwards & Associates to go to tender on road upgrading for Bayview Street, Markland Road, Sea Bonnie Place, Ville Marie Drive Section 1, Ville Marie Drive Section 2 and Ville Marie Drive Phase 2. The Town and the engineers are currently awaiting government approval to go to tender.

Regular operations within the Public Works Department are ongoing. Several new street signs have been installed to replace missing or damaged signs. Residents were advised to contact the Town should they notice additional missing or damaged signs.

Line painting is ongoing. Councillor Keating asked that residents be patient with progress on that item as line paint has been difficult to obtain.

The Department has been busy removing alders and bamboo from roadways to improve line of sight.

Several lots have been sold on Greenwood Street. The funds from the sale of those lots is being used to install water and sewer to service the lots.

Water and sewer services have been upgraded for a section of McGettigan Boulevard and the Town is now waiting on the Provincial Government to move forward on their portion of the project to upgrade the street. New traffic lights for the intersection of McGettigan Boulevard/Columbia Drive/Penney Street have been ordered and are expected to arrive by October 21st, after which they will be installed.

All equipment is operating well and is repaired as required. Winter maintenance to prepare for the upcoming snow clearing season is being done on the plows.

There have been some minor issues with bulk garbage but overall, the Town is looking good for upcoming Come Home Year Celebrations.

It is hoped work will soon start on the Walk of Hope Trail Project; the required work will be done under Town forces.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/018R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to cancel the tender call for the Walk of Hope Trail Project due to budgetary restraints.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/019R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED that, further to Motion MMC 2022 07 20/002S wherein Council gave approval to engage Edwards & Associates Ltd. to go to tender for the following projects:

- Bayview Street, Road Upgrades – Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00050
- Markland Road, Road Upgrades - Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00051
- Sea Bonnie Place, Road Upgrades - Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00052
- Ville Marie Drive Section 1, Road Upgrades - Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00053
- Ville Marie Drive Section 2, Road Upgrades - Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00055
- Ville Marie Drive Phase 2, Road Upgrades – Project No. 17-RNC-22-00012

approval be given to accept full financial responsibility for additional required funding should the tender exceed the approved funding.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on August 2, 2022.

There are plans to repair the roof of the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena and a new stage has been constructed for the big bash concerts taking place at the arena.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that the YMCA will not be changing their summer hours. There was some discussion regarding attendance which has dropped, including use of the child-minding room. The Town has to absorb the cost of the facility being open and unused. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised residents that if they want the YMCA to be open for longer hours, they will need to start using the facility more often.

There was some discussion regarding the swimming lessons offered at the YMCA and whether they could be extended beyond a half hour. It was noted that a half hour is probably sufficient for younger children but it will be reviewed for older children in consultation with the coordinators of the swim lessons.

The Committee talked about using the YMCA's gymnasium year-round to provide training for the various sports teams. It was felt that it would be a great opportunity for athletes to keep in shape during their off season.

Two free swims will be offered at the YMCA during Come Home Year, one of which is sponsored by Aylward's Home Hardware.

The Marystown Marlins will play host to a swim meet at the YMCA this weekend. There will be approximately 60 athletes competing. Deputy Mayor Walsh wished the Marystown Marlins well during the meet.

Concerns have been raised regarding the new dressing rooms and storage rooms recently constructed at the Track & Field Complex. The newer buildings are a flat white rather than the Town's green, making them look out of place. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that from this point forward, new buildings will utilize the Town's green colour. Deputy Mayor Walsh addressed rumours regarding the removal of buildings from the Track & Field Complex noting that while some buildings will be slated for repairs and upgrades over time, there are no plans to remove any buildings.

The issue of accessibility was discussed by the Committee and it was decided to construct a walkway and platform to allow wheelchair accessibility at the soccer and softball pitches so everyone can participate in events.

The Town of Marystown Recreation Facebook Group has been reactivated with Deputy Mayor Walsh and Councillor Hodder as administrators on the Group. The group has been quite busy with several new posts to date.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on August 2, 2022.

The Come Home Year Bingo will take place August 16th at 7:00 at the Peninsula Mall parking lot. This is the fourth bingo for this year.

Splash n Boots had to cancel their shows on August 8th due to COVID-19 however, both shows have been rescheduled to September 24th. The tickets for August 8th can be used on September 24th and anyone unable to attend on the new dates can return them for a full refund.

Booklets have been made for Come Home Year; they have been distributed to the three gas stations and are free for the taking. A lot of work has gone into planning a great week of activities. Many of the events will be fundraisers for the hosting organizer. In particular, the Friends and Cars event will be raising funds to purchase a seeing eye dog for a child.

Councillor Hodder advised she was in Grand Bank this past weekend and noted there was a lot of support for their recent events. Councillor Hodder encouraged all residents and neighbouring residents to come out and support the Town's Come Home Year.

Tickets for both nights of the Big Bash are available right up until showtime, meaning residents can purchase tickets at the door.

Before ending her report, Councillor Hodder wished the Marystown Marlins good luck at their swim meet.

Mayor Keating encouraged all residents to support the Town and enjoy the array of events lined up for Come Home Year and most importantly, have a great time with family and friends.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on August 4, 2022.

There haven't been any major issues with animal control. The Animal Control Officer has followed up on an incident involving a dog that bit a neighbour and the dog has since been removed from the property with the owner's consent. The Animal Control Officer is working with the RCMP on an issue concerning an animal in distress. As the Animal Control Officer is also responsible for litter issues, she has been patrolling the community with regards to litter, bulk garbage and wrecked vehicles.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department received three emergency calls since the last Committee meeting. The Department remains busy with inspections, training, fire prevention and maintenance.

Councillor Nolan gave thanks to the Recreation summer workers who have been helping with keeping the Fire Hall grounds maintained and looking good during the summer months.

There have been a number of visitors to the Gerard J. Kelly Memorial Firefighters Heritage Museum, which is located at the rear of the Fire Hall. Councillor Nolan reminded everyone that the museum is open Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for the month of August.

The annual sponsorship request for the Junior Firefighter Program has been submitted to the Finance Committee. There are 14 students registered for this year's program, which is the largest class since the first year that the program started in 2016, which shows that interest in the program continues to be strong.

The summer to date has been very hot and dry and residents were reminded to be extra careful and practice outdoor fire safety. Residents were advised to monitor the fire ratings and continue adhering to the Department of Forestry and the Government-issued warnings. The central region is currently battling two large forest fires, which is all the more reason to review and update the Town's own Emergency Disaster Plan.

The CAO is following up with the RCMP for clarification regarding the enforcement of 'No Parking' signs as there have been requests for the Town to place several of the signs in areas of Town where excessive parking has become an issue.

Crime Stoppers NL have been advised that there will be a meeting in September to form a Burin Peninsula Board of Directors.

Councillor Nolan gave thanks to some members of the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department who assisted the Winterland Firefighters and Canadian Coast Guard in the transportation of supplies to the Conaigre Peninsula in response to the forest fires.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

8. Approvals to Purchase

There were no approvals to purchase to bring forward.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised the Streetlights Project for Black Brook is still pending. The Department of Transportation & Infrastructure wants to have the streetlights installed 13.5 meters from the centre line while the Town wants them installed 8 meters from the centre line. Installing street lights over 40 feet back into the trees does not make sense and the Town has reached out to other communities that have shown their support for installing them at the 8 meter mark. The Town is committed to this project and will continue to work on it.

The Kinsmen and Kinettes will host a fish fry on August 19th at the Track & Field Complex. The cost is \$15.00 per place and the deadline to pre-order is August 12th. Pick-up will take place between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Anyone wanting to place an order can contact Deputy Mayor Walsh.

Councillor Keating advised he followed up on some information regarding the designation of St. Gabriel's Hall as a heritage site. In 2006, the Town Council at the time passed a motion to have the Hall designated as a heritage site under municipal, not provincial, guidelines. As such, a building that has been designated as a heritage building shall not be demolished nor the exterior of the building or structure altered, except under a written permit of the Council specifically authorizing the alteration and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit. Mayor Keating advised the Town is very supportive of the Hall and keeping it in the Town.

Councillor Myles noted he overlooked an item in his report. The Planning & Development Committee and Protection to Persons & Property Committee meetings will move from 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. respectively.

Councillor Hodder advised that with a fire ban in place until August 16th, the fireworks that had been scheduled for Marystown Day on August 15th will be postponed until the ban is lifted and it is safe to have them. Until such time, the new date is pending.

A new 40" Marystown sign has been erected at the corner of McGettigan Boulevard and Columbia Drive. It was erected for Come Home Year and will provide many residents and visitors with photo opportunities. Councillor Hodder thanked the Public Works Department as well as the staff at the Model Ship Gallery for their assistance with the project and great team effort.

Councillor Hodder advised the positive ticketing program is going over extremely well with the kids. The entire purpose of the program was to create a positive image for the RCMP. Councillor Hodder thanked the RCMP for connecting with the youth and thanked the sponsors for donating to the program.

Mayor Keating noted that some people may be waiting until the last minute to purchase their tickets to the Big Bash events but he encouraged residents to get their tickets sooner rather than later so the Town can be prepared with the purchase of ice and drinks. Mayor Keating advised there will be a great door prize drawn during the second event. Mayor Keating encouraged all residents to get out, have a great time and unite the community.

Councillor Keating thanked Councillor Hodder and her Committee for the hard work they've put into planning a full week of events in such a short time. Councillor Keating has hosted similar events in the past and fully understands the time and commitment that is required to ensure they are successful and congratulated them on a great line-up of activities.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

Motion

MMC 2022 08 10/020R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

"BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m."

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk