

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2022**

Present were: Mayor Brian Keating
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh
Councillor Bridget Hodder
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
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.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/001R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Regular Council Meeting

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/002R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on October 18, 2022, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Special Council Meeting

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/003R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on October 18, 2022, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting with St. Gabriel’s Hall Inc.

The minutes of the Council meeting with St. Gabriel’s Hall Inc. that was held on October 27, 2022, were tabled for information purposes. Mayor Keating advised Council has had discussions/meetings with St. Gabriel’s Hall Inc. regarding the operation of the hall. The hall is currently listed for sale with a listing price of \$499,000.00. Council is in discussion with the Board to discuss a way forward.

4. Business Arising

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

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations. It was noted that Council met earlier in the evening with Grieg NL to get an update on operations and construction. The company is waiting on further information from Norway on the construction of the PS-A and PS-B (post smolt) buildings as approval is needed from Norway. It’s hoped there will be more information to bring forward at a later date.

6. Committee Reports

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development meeting held on October 27, 2022.

Councillor Myles advised the Committee discussed an issue with civic addressing on Atlantic Street that the CAO is addressing with the Municipal Assessment Agency.

The Committee discussed the conveyance of land from the Town to Grace Sparkes House for the construction of a new shelter. There will be more follow-up once a survey on the land is received.

The Committee and Council had a discussion on developing 15 residential lots on Greenwood Street West that will be advertised for sale through a Request for Proposals. More follow-up is pending.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/004R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident for a Crown Land Grant measuring 0.4 ha for the purpose of a cottage in the Garnish Pond area be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/005R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident for a Crown Land License measuring 0.3 ha for the purpose of a cottage in the Prairie Hill, Garnish Pond area be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/006R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Darren Jackman to relocate and operate Pizza Delight at 186 McGettigan Boulevard be approved subject to approval from Service NL, Fire & Life Safety approval and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/007R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Sonya Jackman to operate PTM Pet Supplies at 186 McGettigan Boulevard be approved subject to approval from Service NL, Fire & Life Safety approval and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

In the absence of Councillor Edwards, Council Myles reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on October 26, 2022.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/008R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the remaining 50% of interest on Account No. MITCC009 as the principal and 50% of the interest has been paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/009R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that further to Motion MMC 2002 06 18/017R made at the regular Council meeting on June 18, 2002, wherein Council gave approval to write off any account with a balance of less than \$3.00, the Committee is recommending approval be given to amend this amount to \$5.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/010R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Chief Administrative Officer to participate in the Professional Development: Essential Knowledge for Municipal Leaders Session offered by Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador scheduled to start on November 16, 2022, at a cost of \$1,750.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/011R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of October 26, 2022, in the amount of \$233,394.23, as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/012R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Town of Marystown to become a member of Legendary Coasts Eastern Newfoundland at a cost of \$150.00 annually.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee

In the absence of Councillor Keating, who was in Gander for MNL and Trio meetings, Mayor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on October 26, 2022. Deputy Mayor Walsh presided as Chair of the Council meeting.

Applications for ICIP (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) funding have been submitted to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for Mayor's Road/Levi's Road, Thompson Street and the Glendon Brook Bridge.

A request has been received from a resident to extend the pavement on Charlotte Avenue.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/013R

Moved by Mayor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the installation of asphalt on Charlotte Avenue at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00 with funds to be identified through the 2023 Municipal Budget.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Since the last Committee meeting, the Public Works Department has completed the following tasks:

- ditching and culverts on Greenwood Street Extension
- installation of the LED lighting system on Kinsmen Softball Field
- road shouldering completed in Creston South – Creston North in progress
- provision of Class A for the Walk of Hope walking trail
- regular call requests completed as received

Mayor Keating noted that some complaints have been received regarding new ditching on Greenwood Street West. Follow-up will be made to have the ditching marked for better safety and visibility.

Mayor Keating noted work on the Walk of Hope walking trail will shut down soon for the winter season but residents are welcome to walk what has already been developed.

The new traffic lights for the McGettigan Boulevard/Columbia Drive/Penney Street intersection were scheduled to arrive on October 21st but as of that date, they were still in British Columbia and another two weeks away from arrival. The new estimated date of arrival is November 9th after which they will be installed.

The Town's new supply of road salt for the 2022/2023 winter season has arrived and is in storage. Mayor Keating advised the Town purchases its road salt through the Provincial Government's tender, which is then delivered by the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure. The loads are supposed to be covered during transport. Follow-up has been made with the Department to address the issue.

The Committee is following up on other items such as a new heating system for the Town Depot.

Mayor Keating advised the new LED lights for the Kinsmen Softball Field have been installed but the wiring has not been completed. Once done, the Town will host a grand opening at the field.

Mayor Keating again presided as Chair of the Council meeting.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on October 25, 2022.

The Committee discussed operations at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena. The arena has been very busy and every weekend until the end of the hockey season has been booked for tournaments.

There was a break-in at the arena and a small amount of money was taken. The RCMP has completed their investigation.

The idea of an indoor soccer program was discussed and received positive feedback. Several volunteers have approached the committee willing to assist with a program, which is just in the early stages and will take some time to plan and implement. Through the program, it's hoped that athletes will be able to practice and train year-round and interest in the sport will grow.

Seventy-three new members joined the YMCA in September thanks to the No Joiner Fee promotion. Fifty-one new members joined in October. Swimming lessons are at full capacity and the YMCA has applied for grants for swimming equipment to assist users with autism.

The Town's outdoor facilities have been shut down for the winter season.

As noted earlier, the LED lights for the Kinsmen Softball Field are still being worked on but should be in operation very soon. The electrical will be done in-house by the Town's electrician.

The Committee has been in discussion with the RCMP regarding their ATV Safety Program. It's a good program to have and the Committee will also be talking to the RCMP about a safe thoroughfare for ATV users who want to travel from the Marystown Hotel to the Garnish Pond trail near the old Ville Marie Swimming Pool.

Deputy Mayor Walsh has spoken with the CAO and the Director of Recreation & Community Services regarding new equipment for the playgrounds. A list of required equipment will be finalized soon so it can be ordered.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on October 25, 2022.

Friends of Daffodil Place will be hosting a fundraiser at St. Gabriel's Hall on November 6th. Council will be on site to volunteer with answering the phones.

The Committee hosted several Halloween events. Councillor Hodder took a moment to thank those who attended and those who assisted in making all events a success.

The Committee hosted a dance for persons with disabilities at the Summer Games Building on October 28th. Councillor Hodder thanked Colin Farrell for providing the music free of charge and also thanked Pizza Delight for the donation of free pizza for the dance.

The Committee also hosted a Halloween party for the seniors at the Retirement Centre on October 29th. Councillor Hodder thanked Levi Smith for providing the music as well as Lorraine and Rex Blundon and Serenity Funeral Home of Burin for the provision of free pies for the party. Councillor Hodder noted it was great to see the seniors enjoying themselves.

Councillor Hodder thanked all volunteers and vendors for a very successful second annual Trunk or Treat event, which was even bigger and better than last years. Again, Colin Farrell provided the music free of charge. Kids from Terrenceville to St. Lawrence participated in the event and it was great to see so many people involved.

Bonfire Night will take place on Sunday, November 6th rather than Saturday, November 5th. Jeff Pittman has volunteered to do the music. Councillor Hodder thanked all residents who contributed to the wood pile, noting the Town now has enough material for the event.

The Remembrance Day service will take place in Marystown on the Town grounds on November 11th and will be followed by a luncheon at the Lions Club.

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be on December 1st on the Town grounds. As always, the Town will serve hot chocolate and Timbits.

On behalf of MADD Burin Peninsula, Councillor Hodder thanked the Town for providing the electrical service to the MADD Gardens, which will be lit up again this Christmas season. Anyone wanting to donate lights can get in contact with Bern Pike.

The Marystown Model Ship Gallery has expanded its collection with the addition of several artifacts from the former Jerome Walsh Museum now on display. The gallery will be making Mr. Walsh's sleigh available for pictures with Santa Claus. Colin Pittman will provide professional photos at a cost of \$10.00 per photo.

Starting in January, residents will be able to sponsor a ship at the Model Ship Gallery, either in their own name or in memory of a loved one. Sponsorship will cost \$250.00 for the year and a plaque will be erected for each ship that is sponsored. Anyone wanting to sponsor a ship can contact Jim Miles or Courtney Kilfoy.

The Town has signed up for a membership with Legendary Coasts Eastern Newfoundland. Former Councillor Mike Brennan is a member of that organization and Councillor Hodder noted she looks forward to working with Mr. Brennan.

With Halloween over, Councillor Hodder noted residents can donate their leftover chips or candy to the Kinsmen for the annual Santa Claus Parade. Staff at the Town office will accept and hold onto any donations for the Kinsmen.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on October 27, 2022.

There were no major issues to report with regards to animal control or anti-litter. The Animal Control – Anti-Litter has been asked to follow up on the burning of garbage and a potential rodent issue possibly caused by composting on a property on Ville Marie Drive.

A complaint has been received regarding rodent sightings in the Creston Causeway area which will be investigated.

Residents were reminded that rodent issues on private property are the responsibility of the property owner.

A complaint has been received regarding a dwelling in poor condition on Ducey's Lane and several wrecked vehicles on the property, which will be followed up on with an inspection.

Regular operations are ongoing at the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department. Since the last Committee meeting, three calls for service were received.

Fire Chief Bolt has been in discussion with the Director of Operations & Public Works regarding the continuation of the fire hydrant maintenance and inspection plan.

On behalf of the Fire Department, Councillor Nolan thanked Trades NL for a grant towards the upgrade of the Department's Memorial Monument and work on the Fire Hall grounds.

With the weather changing and getting colder, residents were encouraged to have their wood burning and heating appliances inspected and cleaned.

Councillor Nolan reminded residents that the next session on the Emergency Management Plan will be held on November 23rd at the Fire Hall.

A representative of Burin Peninsula Brighter Futures has made contact with regards to the Emergency Preparedness Guide and Community Safety Net Program for the children. This item is being followed up on further.

Fire Chief Bolt and the Department wanted to thank everyone involved in making this year's Fire Prevention Week another great success. Councillor Nolan congratulated all contest winners at Sacred Heart Academy including Grade 7 student Nathan Cribb who was selected at this year's Fire Chief for a Day.

On behalf of the Fire Department, Councillor Nolan thanked everyone who attended this year's Firefighters' Banquet. Congratulations went out to those who received years of service awards as follows:

- Jerry Hanrahan – 35 years
- Justin bolt – 10 years
- Richard Nolan – 5 years
- Tyler Byrne – 5 years

Congratulations also went out to Fire Wren Peggy Clarke on 25 years of service supporting the Fire Department.

Jenna Farwell was this year's recipient of the Melvin Lambe Memorial Award; Councillor Nolan offered his congratulations.

Following fundraising efforts, the Fire Department presented the Muscular Dystrophy Association with a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Councillor Nolan thanked the twelve members of the Fire Wrens for their annual donation to the Fire Department. This year's donation was in the amount of \$9,000.00, which is very much appreciated. Councillor Nolan encouraged the Fire Wrens to keep up the good work.

As in previous years, the Fire Department will be on site for this year's Bonfire Night on November 6th. A post was put on Facebook thanking the public for contributing to the wood pile for the event. It has now been determined that there is enough material for the event. Too much material will result in a bigger fire that will take longer to put out.

Councillor Nolan reminded residents to remain focused on the anti-litter campaign and to keep their properties clean. The fall season brings with it fallen leaves along with discarded coffee cups and fast-food wrappers. Councillor Nolan thanked the residents for their continued efforts in keeping Marystown clean and beautiful.

Deputy Mayor Walsh referenced the complaint regarding the dilapidated residence on Ducey's Lane and questioned if an inspection had been completed yet. Councillor Nolan advised the complaint was only recently received so an inspection is still pending. Deputy Mayor Walsh noted he would like more information once the inspection has been completed.

7. Correspondence

- Email from HRTA dated October 25/22 re: Heritage Run Annual AGM taking place November 16th at the Marystown Hotel

The CAO advised that any member of Council wishing to attend the HRTA's AGM should advise the Town Clerk so they can be registered.

Before moving on to the Approvals to Purchase, Mayor Keating advised there are several food banks on the peninsula and with Christmas and the cold weather coming on, residents were reminded to remember the food banks and the residents who utilize them.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/014R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to expend funds for the venue rental and catering service at St. Gabriel's Hall for the 51st Annual Firefighters' Banquet at a cost of \$3,617.46 including HST."

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/015R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase 909.92 tons of winter salt for the 2022/2023 winter season from A. Harvey & Company at a cost of \$140.34 per ton for a total cost of \$146,852.90 including HST, with \$67,500.00 to come from the Salt and Sand Budget and \$79,352.90 to come from the Operating Budget.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Councillor Nolan referenced Council’s meeting earlier today with Grieg NL. It’s understood that employment is scarce and Council will do their best to keep residents informed on what is happening with the salmon hatchery.

Councillor Myles advised the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce recently held the Excellence Awards Gala at St. Gabriel’s Hall on October 19th. Councillor Myles offered his congratulations to the winners as follows:

- Employer of the Year Small Business - Mario Walsh Mechanical Services Ltd.
- Employer of the Year Med/Lg Business - Aqua Sol Enterprises
- Community Spirit Small Business - Rock Insurance Brokers Ltd.
- Community Spirit Med/Lg Business - Hickman Motors Ltd.
- Youth Entrepreneur - CPC Welding Fabrication
- Entrepreneur of the Year - Smuggler's Cove
- Family Business of the Year - Bi-Rite Distributors Limited
- Community Sector Recognition - Helping Hands Family Aid Inc.
- Judges' Choice - Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation

Councillor Myles noted these business owners put a lot into their community and offered up congratulations on behalf of the Town as well.

Councillor Myles advised MusicNL recently held their awards gala in Corner Brook. Because so much of the organization’s membership lives in St. John’s and most of the voting is by the membership in St. John’s, the majority of the winners are in St. John’s. But every now and then, someone from the peninsula is nominated. Councillor Myles congratulated John Boy Walsh on his nomination as Recording Engineer/Producer of the Year and Jeff Pittman on his nomination as Volunteer of the Year.

As noted earlier, Friends of Daffodil Place will host a fundraiser on November 6th at St. Gabriel’s Hall. Councillor Myles encouraged residents to participate.

Councillor Hodder thanked everyone for supporting the Town's various events and looks forward to growing the events. Councillor Hodder noted these events are not limited to just residents of Marystown – these events are for everyone. It's estimated that 2,000 people attended the Town's Trunk or Treat event which was great to see and it was great fun for everyone. Every child who attended the event received an anti-bullying pledge. Councillor Hodder encouraged all parents to talk to their kids about bullying and to fill out the pledge and post it in a visible area at home as a reminder.

Mayor Keating advised the public that residents have been driving quads on the Town's fields and around the Track & Field Complex. As a result, the fields that the Town has worked so hard to maintain are being destroyed at the expense of others who enjoy them. Mayor Keating encouraged residents who see this action going on to contact the RCMP or the Town.

Mayor Keating advised EverWind Fuels will be back on the Burin Peninsula on December 1st and 2nd to conduct more Town Halls at locations to be determined. The company is very interested in setting up in this area and speaking with the residents. Anyone who didn't get a chance to attend a Town Hall in October to learn more about the company will get another chance. Mayor Keating noted it's great to see the company interested in keeping the residents of the peninsula informed.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Keating advised the next meeting would take place November 15, 2022.

Motion

MMC 2022 11 01/016R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk