

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2022**

Present were: Mayor Brian Keating
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh
Councillor Andy Edwards
Councillor Keith Keating
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 10 18/001R

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 10 18/002R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on October 11, 2022, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Special Council Meeting

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/003R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on October 11, 2022, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising

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

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

6. Committee Reports

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Myles thanked Councillor Nolan for chairing the Planning & Development Committee meeting in his absence last week. Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development meeting held on October 13, 2022.

Councillor Myles noted there were no development applications to bring forward.

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/004R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the placement of four MADD Boat Safety signs to be placed in the vicinity of wharves and slipways in town with the understanding that MADD Burin Peninsula will be responsible for the costs associated with the signs.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/005R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to incur the costs associated in the conveyance of a parcel of land located at 6 Dunphy’s Road to the Town of Marystown at a cost of \$488.75 HST included.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on October 12, 2022.

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/006R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the 2023 Assessment Service Fee as received from Municipal Assessment Agency in the amount of \$76,830.00 based on 2,721 parcels and 234 tenants at \$26.00 each, with the understanding that the fee will be levied in quarterly invoices in the amount of \$19,207.50 each with the first invoice being levied on January 3, 2023.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/007R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the August Monthly Claim received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador dated August 31/22 in the amount of \$31,649.52.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/008R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to make a donation to the Red Dress Vigil hosted by Keyin College in the amount of \$100.00 as per the Donation, Grant and Sponsorship Policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/009R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify Tax Ratification Listing No. 5-1 dated October 12, 2022, in the amount of \$2,464.96 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/010R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of October 12, 2022, in the amount of \$225,735.00 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/011R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the CAO to attend the MNL Conference from November 2nd to 5th in Gander, NL.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on October 12, 2022.

Councillor Keating advised correspondence has been received from a resident of Charlotte Avenue requesting that the Town submit an application for municipal infrastructure funding for the purpose of paving the end of Charlotte Avenue. The Director of Operations & Public Works has been asked to follow up on the cost of paving for discussion by the Committee.

The Committee had discussed implementing a weight restriction for the Glendon Brook bridge in Creston North. Instead, the Town will submit an application to the government for funding for its replacement.

Regular operations are going well with the outside workers having completed several tasks including the extension of Greenwood Street to the new development, screen cleaning at the old screening house, a repaired valve box for Catherine Street/Kilfoy's Road and the cleaning of a storm sewer at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena.

The new traffic lights for the intersection of McGettigan Boulevard/Columbia Drive/Penney Street are still scheduled to arrive on October 21st after which they will be installed.

The water treatment plant is operating well.

The Department is getting ready for the snow clearing season with equipment being repaired as required. The Town's order of road salt is on its way.

There are still issues with residents putting bulk garbage to the curb too early, which will be discussed at the next waste management meeting. Councillor Keating again reminded residents to stop putting bulk garbage to the curb too early and to check the Burin Peninsula Waste Management website for the pickup schedule for their area.

A 2" waterline was installed on Creston Boulevard to service three residences.

Several residential lots have sold on Greenwood Street West. Councillor Keating advised the funds from the sale of those lots are being reinvested into the necessary infrastructure for the area such as water and sewer.

Several residents have called regarding the overgrowth of alders and bamboo in their areas. Councillor Keating advised the Public Works Department is trying to address the issue but has been very busy. Councillor Keating noted if residents want to cut back the alders and bamboo themselves, they can as long as it's not on private property.

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/012R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit an application to the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure for funding for the following projects to be completed under the 2023-2024 Municipal Infrastructure Program:

- Priority No. 1 – Mayo's Road/Levi's Road Water, Sewer & Storm Sewer Upgrades (Phase I) - \$480,740.81
- Priority No. 2 – Thompson Street Water and Storm Sewer Upgrades - \$840,822.31
- Priority No. 3 – Glendon Brook Bridge Replacement - \$389,948.81

for a total funding request in the amount of \$1,711,511.93."

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on October 12, 2022.

The Committee discussed the need for additional crosswalks in various areas of town. With winter approaching, a list of suggested crosswalks will be brought forward to the Public Works Department when the time is right.

The roof of the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena has been patched in order to get it through the winter. The Town will need to address the roof again in the spring. Other than the roof, the arena is operational for another year.

There have been some complaints from parents with children involved in minor hockey. Recently, the Minor Hockey Association held tryouts and the parents were advised that the doors to the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena would be locked and the parents will be denied entry during evaluations. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that the Marystown Minor Hockey Association is a separate entity from the Town while the arena is a Town-owned facility. The Town does not support the locking of the doors and follow-up with other municipalities has shown that they also do not support locking the doors to a public facility which taxpayers have a right to access.

Attendance at the recent hockey camp at the arena was great and the Town may look at hosting it again in future years.

The Town had scheduled an Open House for the YMCA on October 20th at the Town Hall. Deputy Mayor Walsh noted the Red Dress Vigil is scheduled for the same night so the Open House has now been scheduled to 6:00 p.m. on October 24th at the Town Hall.

The 8th Annual Red Dress Vigil will take place at 7:00 p.m. on October 20th at St. Gabriel's Hall.

The outdoor facilities are shut down for the year although the high school teams are still using the fields. Upgrades to the lighting on the softball field is progressing well. The LED lights should be completed by next Friday and will be a great addition for softball season next year.

There has been some issue with ATVs and dirt bikes on the fields. The Town works hard to maintain these fields for the use of its residents and it's disheartening to see them torn up. Deputy Mayor Walsh encouraged residents to report anyone seen using ATVs and dirt bikes on the fields.

The Holy Cross Crusaders won the Toyota Jubilee Trophy National Championships in Ontario on October 9th. Deputy Mayor Walsh noted one of the players started out playing soccer in Marystown. Deputy Mayor Walsh congratulated all players on an amazing game.

Emails were sent out to all Playground Committees and some response was received. It's anticipated new equipment will be ordered soon so it can be in place for the coming spring.

Councillor Keating questioned if the YMCA open House was open to the public as a whole or just YMCA members. Deputy Mayor Walsh confirmed everyone from the public is welcome.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on October 12, 2022.

Councillor Hodder reminded everyone of several events as follows:

- October 20th – Red Dress Vigil, St. Gabriel's Hall at 7:00 p.m.
- October 28th – Dance for Persons with Disabilities, Summer Games Building
- October 29th – Dance for Seniors, Retirement Home, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- October 30th – Trunk or Treat, Peninsula Mall parking lot (30 cars have registered to participate in the event and all residents from Marystown and neighbouring communities are welcome)
- November 6th – Bonfire Night, Track & Field Complex
- November 6th – Friends of Daffodil Place Fundraiser, St. Gabriel's Hall, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- November 11th – Remembrance Day Luncheon, Lions Club

The Santa Claus Parade is hosted each year by the Kinsmen. Anyone wanting to put a float in the parade are to contact Kin/Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh or Kin Dan Walsh. The parade will take place on December 3rd and all residents are encouraged to register to submit a float. The floats will start lining up on the school grounds at 10:00 a.m. with the parade starting at 11:00 a.m.

The Christmas Tree Lighting on the Town grounds will take place on December 1st. More details are pending.

Councillor Hodder advised the public that if they have an event, the Tourism & Special Events Committee would be happy to advertise it through its Facebook Page. It was noted the Towns of Burin and Garnish are hosting their own Trunk or Treats which the Committee can advertise.

Mayor Keating reminded all residents that the Remembrance Day Ceremony is taking place in Marystown this year.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on October 13, 2022.

The CAO looking into some issues with civic addressing on Bakers Cove Road.

Councillor Nolan advised there is concern regarding a slid path on Greenwood Street as development in the area might restrict access to it. The slide path will be altered to ensure access.

There was an issue with a roaming dog on Smallwood Crescent which has been resolved.

Three cases of Avian Influenza have been confirmed in seagulls collected in the Marystown area. Councillor Nolan encouraged the public not to feed the ducks in the area as they might have been in close contact with birds infected by Avian Influenza.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department received three calls for service since the last Committee meeting. The Department was very busy with Fire Prevention Week and on behalf of the Department, Councillor Nolan thanked the public and the many organizations for their ongoing support. Fire prevention is not just a week-long practice; Councillor Nolan encouraged residents to practice fire safety all year long.

The Department is awaiting the final spec draft from Fire Services for the new pumper.

Fire Chief Bolt has confirmed that the Department's contact information has been removed as an emergency contact at the Winterland Airport.

The Junior Firefighters will be at the Training Grounds for a half day drill on October 22nd. Council was welcome to stop by and observe the junior firefighters use their new fire skills.

Fire Chief Bolt experienced a great learning opportunity with a training trip to Texas a few weeks ago. It took place in a large world-class training facility where he gained valuable skills and knowledge, which will be passed on to the members. On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Nolan thanked the Town for supporting the training opportunity and EverWind Fuels for sponsoring the trip.

Some verbal complaints have been received regarding construction noise and loud music into the late hours of the night. Councillor Nolan reminded residents that complaints should be submitted to the Town in writing or via email after which they will be reviewed, passed on to the proper committee for discussion and/or investigated.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase water hook-up materials for Greenwood Street from Wolseley Waterworks at a cost of \$3,324.74 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that after several discussions with the Department of Transportation, there has been an agreement on the distance from the center line that street lights will be installed for the Black Brook area. The technologists are readdressing the surveys and once the proper permits are secured, the work will be added to the schedule for NL Power. Deputy Mayor Walsh thanked everyone who worked on the file and sat in on discussions/meetings.

Councillor Keating advised he never made it to the Firefighters Banquet on Saturday past and gave his apologies. Councillor Keating congratulated the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department on all of their achievements, noting Council had one of the finest fire departments in the province and thanked the firefighters for doing a great job.

Councillor Myles noted the Friends of Daffodil Place online fundraiser is taking place at St. Gabriel's Hall on November 6th. The fundraiser is in support of Daffodil Place which is in St. John's but benefits residents from all over the province. Councillor Myles encouraged everyone to support the event.

Councillor Hodder advised residents the Model Ship Gallery is still open until Christmas and encouraged all residents to support the gallery with a visit.

Councillor Hodder referenced the issue with Avian Influenza and noted the issue is not limited to just feeding ducks. There is also concern with putting out seed for birds/fowl and children collecting feathers. If residents do come in contact with any type of bird, proper hand washing is important.

Last week, EverWind Fuels hosted several Town Halls. If residents did not get a chance to attend one of the six Town Halls, Mayor Keating advised EverWind Fuels will be coming back to the area before Christmas and residents will get another chance to speak with officials from the company. The project is currently in the nomination process (for Crown Land) and Mayor Keating encouraged residents to reach out to their local politicians with support for a green energy for the Burin Peninsula.

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 1, 2022.

Motion

MMC 2022 10 18/014R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk