

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

Present were: Mayor Brian Keating
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh
Councillor Andy Edwards
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
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 2023 02 07/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Councillor Hodder noted an error on page six of the minutes wherein it was stated that Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting. This needs to be corrected to reflect that Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/002R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 24, 2023, be adopted with the noted correction.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising

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

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

Mayor Keating recognized several members of the Kinettes who were present for the signing of a proclamation. February 19th-25th, 2023, is Kin Canada Week and February 20th is Kin Canada Day. Council took a moment to thank all local Kinsmen, Kinettes and Kin members who volunteer their time to make the Burin Peninsula a better place and congratulated them on their 103rd anniversary as a service organization.

Mayor Keating signed the proclamation and Mayor Keating. Deputy Mayor Walsh posed for a picture with the Kinettes.

6. Committee Reports

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development meeting held on February 2, 2023.

Councillor Myles noted that with Marystown and the Burin Peninsula on the cusp of some major industrial activity and development and a potential increase in population, the Committee discussed the need for further development with regards to land. An Expression of Interest for lots in the Greenwood Street area has been advertised with some response. The Committee also discussed the former CHCM land off Ville Marie Drive and a possible three-phase development.

Mayor Keating and the CAO met with ACOA to discuss potential funding the Town could apply for and the types of projects it would cover (i.e. recreation, etc.). Council will keep moving forward with discussions on this item.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/003R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident for Crown Land on Tolt Road measuring 0.4ha for the purpose of a cottage be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The next applications were previously deferred by Council as it was thought the areas in question were subject to the Crown Land freeze put in place as it relates to the land nominations for wind energy projects. Councillor Myles confirmed the areas in question are not subject to that land freeze.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/004R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the following applications be approved subject to approval of applicable government departments and/or agencies and any conditions stipulated:

- Northern Shield Resources representing Seabourne Resources - mineral exploration and construct new trails 9first application)
- Northern Shield Resources representing Seabourne Resources - mineral exploration and construct new trails (second application)

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/005R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Northern Shield Resources representing Seabourne Resources for to perform traditional ‘boot and hammer’ prospecting and collect samples for geochemistry be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/006R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident to construct a residence measuring 60’ x 32’ on the Jean de Baie Access Road be approved, subject to approved septic system design, approved permit for access from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure, Local Service District approval and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 1, 2023.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/007R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the December Monthly Claim received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador dated December 31/22 in the amount of \$29,729.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/008R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 2023106416 received from Town of Burin dated January 31, 2023 in the amount of \$4,840.29 for 50% of the cost of Animal Control Services for the period of January 1 – December 31, 2022 with funds to come from the 2022 budget.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Edwards advised that this invoice is for cost-shared animal control services with the Town of Burin as they relate to the shelter.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/009R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to participate in the Burin Peninsula Ground Search & Rescue Annual Corporate Sponsorship Program by supporting the organization at the Platinum Sponsorship level at a cost of \$1,000.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Edwards advised the Town has supported the Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue by providing space at the Fire Hall for over thirty years and covering other expenses such as heat and light for that space and insurance on vehicles. Councillor Edwards encouraged other communities to show their support for the organization which services the entire peninsula and is always there in the event of an emergency. Councillor Edwards advised that at the next Council meeting, the names of those communities, organizations, businesses, etc., that have showed their support to the Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue will be read aloud in thanks and recognition.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/010R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to purchase two tickets for Mayor Keating and Deputy Mayor Walsh for the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce’s Annual General Meeting taking place February 8, 2023 at St. Gabriel’s Hall at a cost of \$50.00 per ticket (no HST).”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/011R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to appoint Mr. Glen Picco of Picco, White, McCarthy as the Assessment Review Commissioner for the Town of Marystown effective February 7, 2023, pursuant to the provisions of Section 32 of the *Assessment Act, 2006*, at a rate of \$345.00 including HST per hour.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/012R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of February 1, 2023, in the amount of \$92,825.33 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reallocate funding in the amount of \$13,951.92 from the COVID Safe Restart funds to cover the cost of overruns on the Creston Boulevard Road Upgrading Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-21-00041.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/014R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for Councillor Keating to attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference and Trade Show taking place May 25-28, 2023, in Toronto, Ontario.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating commended the Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue on the service they provide and noted some other communities have already showed their support. Mayor Keating also encouraged others to show their support with a financial contribution.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on February 1, 2023.

The tender for the Tolt Road project has been delayed to February 9th; tenders were originally scheduled to be opened today, February 7th.

The Town's chlorine building is used as a backup for water treatment in the event there are issues at the water treatment plant. The chlorination building has been in place since 1960 and needs to be upgraded. Councillor Keating will have more information on that as it becomes available.

There has been discussion on the need to replace the filters at the water treatment plant. The Town applied for funding under the Multi-Year Capital Works program but was advised that filter replacement does not qualify as it is considered a maintenance expense and not a project. Follow-up will be made to look into other sources of funding such as gas tax. Follow-up will also be made to see if Mr. Steve Wheller of E.N.G. Environmental can be on site to assist with the replacement.

The Committee discussed installing a water meter at the Grieg site for the purpose of monitoring water usage and leak detection.

The Public Works Department was very busy with snow clearing on Friday and Saturday. A lot of frost set in and it got extremely cold which resulted in a lot of water usage with residents keeping their taps on to prevent their pipes from freezing. The Department did have to turn off water as a result of 6-7 freeze-ups and there were some water line breaks. With water usage increasing under these conditions, it's even more important to replace the filters at the plant, which degrade over time as a result of usage.

Councillor Keating reminded residents that if they hear or see water running, they should advise the Town as it could potentially be a water leak and the Town would like to avoid going on bypass.

All three pumps at the Clam Pond pump house are now working, thanks to repairs by the Town's electrician.

Councillor Keating didn't have anything to report in the way of capital works, noting things will get busier in the spring.

There were no updates with regards to waste management. Councillor Keating did note that NL Power is installing poles at the waste disposal site for the new compost watering system.

Mayor Keating advised complaints have been received regarding residents pushing snow into the roads. Residents are not permitted, under the Town's Snow Clearing Regulations, to push snow out into the roads and doing so contravenes those regulations. If residents have no choice but to go across the road, any snow deposited into the roads needs to be cleaned up so it doesn't impede traffic or pedestrians.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on January 31, 2023.

The Kaetlyn Osmond Arena has been busy with tournaments. The arena is in great shape and the staff are great. There has been discussion regarding the replacement of the roof when the weather permits and some new interior lighting has been installed.

As a result of the new pilot program and new pricing, the YMCA has 189 new members with 70-80 of them being seniors. All morning classes are full and busy, which is great to see. Deputy Mayor Walsh encouraged all residents to review the new pricing and consider a membership at the YMCA. The YMCA will be celebrating 7 years of operation later this month and an Open House is being planned. The YMCA will be offering Emergency First Aid training on February 15th as well as Mental Health First Aid training. On February 14th, the YMCA will partner with the schools for the Entrepreneur Olympics.

The walking trails are in need of some maintenance once the weather permits. Approximately 1.5 km of the new Walk of Hope walking trail off Tolt Road has been completed.

The new playground equipment has been ordered. It's expected to arrive in August but it's possible it could be received mid-July. The Committee is looking forward to receiving the new equipment and updating the playgrounds for the children.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/015R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit a Capital Investment Plan to the Gas Tax Secretariat for the Creston North Playground Project in the amount of \$30,791.95 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee held on January 31, 2023.

Residents have been asking for the Committee to host a sliding party, which will go ahead once more snow is received.

The Committee will host an event for seniors at the Retirement Centre on February 8th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Committee discussed fireworks for Marystown Day and Canada Day, which are now only shipped once a month as they are classified as dangerous goods. Follow-up will be made to look into fireworks for both events. Councillor Hodder advised all Canada Day events, with the exception of the memorial service and parade, will take place at the Track & Field Complex. Other communities, bands, etc., will be invited to participate in the Town's celebrations if they are not hosting their own.

Plans are moving ahead for the Shining Seas Summer Festival.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/016R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to book the Angie Bohlke Band for the Shining Seas Summer Festival at a cost of \$3,000.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Some events are already planned for the festival including Wheels for Wishes Car Show and the Kinsmen Fish Fry. Lotto licenses for four upcoming bingos are being processed.

Councillor Hodder advised that the Dance for Persons With Disabilities that was scheduled for February 10th is postponed due to an issue with the music.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on February 2, 2023.

The order for more compost bins has been placed. The Town has partnered with the Town of Winterland for this order. Both towns will cost-share 40 bins (20 per town). Once received, more information will be made available to residents on how to purchase them.

There have been requests for additional streetlighting on the Tolt Road, Marine Drive and Ville Marie Drive in the area of the former CHCM building/Brushett's Auto. These areas will be inspected for the need for streetlighting before a request is sent to NL Power.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/017R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to declare the week of February 20-26, 2023, as National Heritage Week.”

Motion carried unanimously.

February is Violence Prevention Month and February 16th is Purple Day wherein all residents are encouraged to wear purple to raise awareness and show support.

Councillor Nolan reported that there have been issues with untethered dogs in the Clam Pond Road area. Residents are advised that as per the Town's Dog Regulations, all dogs must be on leashes. Signage will be erected in the area and the situation monitored.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department received three calls for service since the last Committee meeting. Regular operations remain busy with no major issues.

The tender for the new pumper truck closes on February 9th.

On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Nolan thanked everyone involved with the Fire Hall Bay Project, which has been completed. Councillor Nolan thanked the members, the project workers, local businesses and the Town for their support of the project.

Councillor Nolan congratulated the Fire Wrens on their 2023 elections and noted the Fire Department looks forward to working with the Fire Wrens again this year.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the Spring Community Clean-up and discussed a few ideas on the event. The Committee will be reaching out to various businesses, groups and volunteers to participate in the Town's Clean-up Week this year.

The Committee discussed civic addressing as there was a concern received from a resident. As there are empty building lots and other reasons for why the civic numbering may seem off, Councillor Nolan advised the Town's procedures are followed with regards to policy and mapping.

The first Crimestoppers NL meeting was held in Marystown on January 30th. Councillor Nolan thanked those who attended and showed their interest in forming a group on the Burin Peninsula. Further support is needed, especially from communities outside of the Marystown area. A second meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 27th at the Town Hall.

Councillor Edwards asked residents to report streetlight outages as they see them. The Town pays for streetlights whether they are working or not. Outages and damaged streetlights can be reported through the NL Power website using the number on the pole or light.

7. Correspondence

- Email to Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure dated January 27/23 re: request for update on Canning Bridge.

Councillor Keating questioned if there was any report/update on the bridge. Mayor Keating advised he reached out to the Minister for the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for an update. Mayor Keating advised there is a report on the bridge circulating on Facebook but advised residents that the report is not related to the recent inspection and is in fact dated January 30, 2020. Mayor Keating advised that once the newest report is available, it will be made public and hopefully Council will have an update from the Minister.

- Email from Burin Peninsula Joint Council dated January 24/23 re: letter to Premier Furey on the maximization of benefits from the Bay du Nord project and support for construction activity to take place in NL and not outside the province.

Councillor Keating recommended Council request a meeting with the Premier to address the need for construction on the Bay du Nord project to take place in the province. Council could meet in Marystown or send a delegation to St. John's. Mayor Keating advised there was a reply to the letter sent by the Burin Peninsula Joint Council however, it was very general and agreed with sending a request for a meeting as the province cannot afford to lose any potential work.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/018R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to write a letter to Premier Furey to request a meeting to discuss the Bay du Nord project and the importance of ensuring the work is done within the province and further request that Minister Parsons, Department of Industry, Energy and Technology, and Minister Davis, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, also attend the meeting.”

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Approvals to Purchase**Motion**

MMC 2023 02 07/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to expend funds for the firefighter’s in-house program in the amount of \$2,600.00 including HST, with funds to come from honourarium.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to expend funds to engage CG HVAC Service for the replacement of the rooftop unit (compressor no. 2 replacement) at the YMCA at a cost of \$4,933.65 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Councillor Keating expressed concerns regarding inflation and the added burden to residents, especially seniors. It’s a serious situation for some people and where once the province would have fought against it, it seems now that the fight is gone and residents have just accepted the increases. Councillor Myles noted the foodbanks and goodwill have gotten busier as well. Councillor Keating noted the need for better medical care, noting the long wait for doctor appointments. The Town of Bonavista has taken things into their own hands and will be doing their own recruiting for a doctor. Councillor Keating advised Council budgeted \$10,000.00 a year for five years to recruit a student doctor and the Town needs to move forward.

Councillor Edwards noted it seems nothing is shocking anyone anymore and as noted, residents are just accepting the situation, including rising prices. No one is fighting back or fighting for the Bay du Nord project.

Councillor Myles agreed with Councillor Keating, noting the fight seems to be gone out of the province. Councillor Keating noted Marystown and the surrounding area had so much to offer for years and now, so much has been lost. It's time for the government to step up. Mayor Keating agreed, noting the Burin Peninsula is still part of the province and the government needs to start looking after the regions. Councillor Myles referred back to Council's meeting with Trades NL regarding the Bay du Nord project and he had questioned if it was possible the government might be choosing to take the bigger dollars on the development end in terms of royalties and giving up jobs on the other end because in the long run, there was more money to be made. In the past, the government has been criticized for doing the opposite – taking the jobs up front and losing out on royalties once a project started. As no clear answer was provided, Councillor Myles is still wondering if that is the case and it's not being stated. Whatever the case, Mayor Keating noted the towns need to stand up and fight and do something about getting back what was lost.

Councillor Nolan wished to pass on condolences to the families of Mr. Dennis Dwyer and Mr. Alonzo Hiller on the passing of their loved ones.

Councillor Edwards suggested the first Council meeting in March be held at the YMCA to give the residents of the peninsula a chance to see what the facility has to offer.

Councillor Myles referenced Council's earlier meeting with Sergeant Hannah McKean and advised residents that Council is in communication with the RCMP on a regular basis and both Council and the RCMP are aware of the concerns raised on both sides. Councillor Myles thanked Sergeant McKean for taking the time to meet with Council.

Councillor Hodder advised February is Violence Prevention Month and February 16th is Purple Day. Residents are encouraged to wear purple to show their support of ending violence however, Councillor Hodder noted violence prevention is not limited to any day or time of the year. Councillor Hodder also noted that anyone needing to contact the RCMP should call 279-3001 and press 3, rather than 1 or 2, in order to get through directly to the Marystown detachment.

Mayor Keating advised several companies such as EverWind Fuels have showed an interest in setting up a wind energy project on the Burin Peninsula. There is now another company by the name of Terra Nova Energies. The Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board met with company and was very interested in the information presented. Mayor Keating further noted that EverWind Fuels is also still very interested in the area. The Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their AGM tomorrow evening and Trent Vichie of EverWind Fuels will be the guest speaker. Mr. Vichie has advised that they will have a demonstration of their technology set up at their office in Marystown that will be open to the public starting tomorrow. If companies want to come to the peninsula to invest, the MHA's for this area need to support a Crown Land nomination for the Burin Peninsula. Councillor Keating suggested starting a petition. Mayor Keating noted follow-up will be made to see what form of support can be presented.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

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12. Adjournment

Mayor Keating advised the next meeting would take place February 21, 2023.

Motion

MMC 2023 02 07/021R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk