

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 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: Randy Brockerville, Director of Operations & Public Works
Melanie Kilfoy, Director of Finance & Administration
Kelsey Kilfoy, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Robert Warr, Director of Recreation & Community Services
Petrina Power, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Keating called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Before proceeding with the agenda, Mayor Keating advised the public that Minister Abbott (Department of Transportation & Infrastructure), Harbourside Engineering and other government officials will be meeting with the Town on Friday, November 10th, and they have invited the Canning Bridge Concerned Citizens Committee to meet with them as well to discuss Canning Bridge. The meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. Minister Abbott and his colleagues are very open to discussing any feasible, timely scenario that will assist in resolving issues caused by the loss of Canning Bridge. Council has been working hand-in-hand with the Provincial Government and has been providing information to the public as it becomes available. It's hoped this meeting on Friday will provide more clarification on a solution for the bridge and waterline running along the bridge.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/001R

Moved by Councillor Keith, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Deputy Mayor Walsh noted an error on page 3 of the minutes of the regular Council meeting. The minutes currently state: *Deputy Mayor Walsh noted if a bailey bridge can be done, then it should be done but further noted that he doesn't see the government changing course if their intent is to move ahead with constructing a permanent bridge.* Deputy Mayor Walsh noted that statement is incorrect and should read as follows: *Deputy Mayor Walsh noted if a bailey bridge can be done,*

and if it can be done sensibly and in a timely manner and can help resolve the current issue, then it should be supported and he would support the idea of a bailey bridge.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/002R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on October 17, 2023, be adopted with the noted correction.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/003R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on October 17, 2023, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising

There was no business arising to bring forward from any of the meetings.

5. Delegations

Mayor Keating recognized several members of MADD Burin Peninsula Chapter who were present for the signing of a proclamation to declare November 7, 2023, as Project Red Ribbon Day. Mayor Keating thanked the volunteers for the work they do noting Council is pleased to work with the organization on promoting awareness.

6. Committee Reports

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

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

There were no major issues to report with regards to animal control or anti-litter.

Councillor Nolan encouraged all residents to make sure their properties are kept clean and free of litter prior to the winter season as rodents are looking for areas to inhabit before the cold sets in.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department responded to nine calls for service since the last Committee meeting.

Work and correspondence with the Salvation Army is continuing on the implementation of a warming/cooling station.

The Fire Department was successful in arranging for an Occupational Health & Safety student to complete a work-term with the Department, which will commence in the New Year.

Councillor Nolan reported there was a leak in the roof of the Fire Hall which was looked at by the Public Works Department. The situation continues to be monitored.

A discussion took place regarding the budget process and there was a reminder from the Fire Department that a number of SCBA breathing apparatus will expire in the next few years – four in 2025 and twenty-six in 2026. These cylinders cost approximately \$2,200.00 each and will need to be discussed during the budget process.

The Junior Firefighters Program finished up this past Saturday, November 4th. Councillor Nolan attended a small banquet for the participants and congratulated the junior firefighters on completing another successful program. Thanks also went out to the sponsors and the Department members for their support and commitment to the program.

Councillor Nolan thanked the Fire Department members who supervised the annual bonfire on Sunday evening, which was enjoyed by many residents of Marystown and other communities.

Council is waiting on an update from the Provincial Government regarding support and funding for a temporary satellite fire station for the south side of Marystown.

The Committee is following up with the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board on improving the Recycle My Electronics program. The Committee is looking at what is involved with having a drop-off location for electronics in Marystown.

Recreation & Special Events Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation & Special Events Committee meeting held on October 30, 2023.

The Committee hosted a Truck or Treat event on October 29th that went over very well. Deputy Mayor Walsh was amazed at how the event has grown in just a short time. The residents are very engaged in the event and local businesses, organizations and residents have been very supportive.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised there has been some discussion about talking to the government to get some support for equipment for senior programs. More information will be brought forward once available.

A request was received from the Town of St. Lawrence for a letter of support for an artificial turf soccer field for the community. Deputy Mayor Walsh reached out to the Town to discuss the request in more detail but received no response. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that if the turf is going to be considered a regional turf, it should be discussed and collaborated on by other communities. Until then, Deputy Mayor Walsh recommended against sending a letter.

The arena is operating in full swing. A new custodian has been hired and the building is kept in great shape. There is an issue with users smoking in the entrance of the arena. Residents are not supposed to be smoking on Town property and children do not need to be needlessly exposed to cigarette smoke as they enter or exit the arena. Residents are advised that they need to go off property or utilize their private vehicle.

There will be a tournament taking place this weekend at the arena. Deputy Mayor Walsh hoped everyone enjoyed the games and had fun.

The YMCA offered an Emergency First Aid course in October which was at capacity. Another class will be offered later this month and is almost or already full. A Bronze Star lifesaving course is currently taking place with the Bronze Medallion course to follow later in November. Anyone doing these courses can become future lifeguards. Follow-up is being made to speak with high school students to encourage them to complete the courses given the demand for lifeguards.

The outdoor facilities are shut down for the upcoming winter season. Most of the work to upgrade the playgrounds has been completed. The new playground equipment looks great. Deputy Mayor Walsh thanked the Director of Recreation & Community Services for his work on getting the equipment ordered and also thanked the Director of Operations & Public Works and his department for their work on getting the playgrounds prepped and the equipment installed.

Deputy Mayor Walsh noted there was a great turnout for Bonfire Night on Sunday past and the weather held. Deputy Mayor Walsh thanked the Fire Department and all other volunteers who assisted as in previous years to ensure it was a successful event.

Public Works Committee

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

The Committee met with Mr. Glenn Sharp and Mr. Matthew Mahon from Wetland Treatment Solutions to discuss new wetland treatment and potentially expanding on the Abydoz system. Marystown was the first community in the province to pilot the Abydoz system as a sewage treatment system, which is now referred to as a wetland. Marystown has 35 outfalls that need to conform to new Federal Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations within a ten-year period. Mr. Sharp advised they have wetland systems in several communities in the province and provided information on what he felt would be the best solution for Marystown. Mr. Sharp provided a breakdown of the costs associated with the wetland systems including studies to be completed, the best options for locations and the design. Mr. Sharp advised that a Green Infrastructure Funding could be applied for and could fund 50% of the project. If the funding is not available to the Town, Wetland Treatment Solutions will cover 50% of the cost. An estimate in the amount of \$145,000.00 was brought forward for the completion of a system in Marystown. This item requires further follow-up by the Committee.

Councillor Keating advised the drawings and estimates for road upgrades for Creston Boulevard and Dober's Road have been completed. Funding will need to be reallocated to each project to make up for funding shortfalls.

The tender for the Ville Marie Drive Road Upgrades Project has closed and the results are well over the pretender estimate. The decision has been made to postpone the project until Spring 2024.

Edwards and Associates completed an inspection of a roof leak at the Town Depot. It was noticed there are issues with the gable end of the building and rectifying this be added to the estimate. Most of the water is coming in through holes in the gable ends. It's hoped this project will be tendered before Christmas.

The Department's new excavator is expected to arrive by November 15th. Motor vehicle inspections are ongoing and work is being completed on work as needed.

The Department is working on preparing equipment for the winter season. Two salt trucks are ready and spars and tires have been installed on two loaders.

Waste management is operating well. Councillor Keating noted that since the roll-out bins were implemented, the rodent issue seems to have decreased.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/004R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept a Special Assistance Grant, Project No. 17-SAG-24-009, in the amount of \$30,000.00 as per the terms and conditions outlined in a letter from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs dated July 26, 2023, to assist with the cost of hiring a consultant to determine the feasibility of moving the main waterline attached to Canning Bridge, with the understanding that the funds will be on an 80-20 Provincial-Municipal cost-shared basis as follows:

Provincial - \$21,764.03

Municipal - \$5,441.01

GST/HST Rebate - \$2,794.96.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/005R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay invoice no. 104559 from Edwards & Associates Ltd. in the amount of \$26,968.19 including HST for engineering services as they relate to the relocation/replacement of the Town’s main waterline from Canning Bridge to Water Street West/Raymond’s Road, with the understanding funds will come from a special assistance grant approved by the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

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

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/006R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the 2024 Assessment Service Fee as received from Municipal Assessment Agency in the amount of \$77,012.00 based on 2,726 parcels and 236 tenants at \$26.00 each, with the understanding that the fee will be levied in quarterly invoices in the amount of \$19,253.00 each with the first invoice being levied on January 2, 2024.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/007R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to rescind the following motion approved at the Regular Council Meeting held on October 17, 2023:

Motion

MMC 2023 10 17/013R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to purchase a table for the Premier’s Dinner taking place at the Marystown Hotel on November 9, 2023, at a cost of \$600.00 plus HST for a total of \$690.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/008R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 2023 Property Tax for Account No. JONEA001 in the amount of \$450.00 plus interest.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/009R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust remaining interest for Account No. DUCER002 as the principal and 50% of the interest has been paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/010R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 2022 Water and Sewer Tax for Account No. LUNAR001 in the amount of \$472.00 plus interest.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/011R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust remaining interest for Account No. FARRS014 as the principal and 50% of the interest has been paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/012R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust remaining interest for Account No. BRENH003 as the principal and 50% of the interest has been paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to purchase two tickets to the 10th Annual Business Awards Gala taking place November 23, 2023, at a cost of \$100.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/014R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2023 10 17/018R approved at the Regular Council Meeting held on October 17, 2023, to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2023 10 17/018R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reallocate funding from unallocated Multi-Year Capital Works funding to the Dober’s Road – Road Upgrades Project. Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00056 in the additional amount of \$21,533.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2023 10 17/020R approved at the Regular Council Meeting held on October 17, 2023, to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2023 10 17/020R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reallocate funding from the unallocated Multi-Year Capital Works funding to the Creston Boulevard – Road Upgrades Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00054 in the additional amount of \$60,747.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/016R

Rescinded at the regular Council meeting of November 21/23

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay additional engineering fees for the Creston Boulevard – Road Upgrades Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00054 and the Dober’s Road – Road Upgrades Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00056 in the amount of \$2,530.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Poll Tax Ratification Listing No. 5-1 dated November 1, 2023 in the amount of \$8,237.60.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of November 1, 2023, in the amount of \$299,547.22.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for Councillor Keating to attend the Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador Conference & Trade Show February 20-22, 2024 in St. John’s, NL.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to host a retirement function for two Public Works Employees at a cost of \$500.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Development Committee

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

An Expression of Interest to develop a portion of the land off Ville Marie Drive formerly occupied by CHCM Radio was advertised and will close on November 15th. There have been some promising inquiries.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/021R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Seabourne Resources – Root and Cellar to perform mineral exploration/trenching/traditional ‘boot & hammer’ prospecting of collecting samples for geochemistry in the Marystown Municipal Planning Area be approved.”

Discussion

It was confirmed by the Director of Planning & Economic Development that the land in question has not been frozen by the Town.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/022R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Allan Hannam for Crown Land in the Big Pond & Wild Beach Road, Jean de Baie for the purpose of a cottage be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/023R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Raymond Drake for a Crown Land Grant pursuant to a Lease at Garnish Pond be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/024R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Cynthia Mayo to erect signage for Chalky’s Billiards at 176B McGettigan Boulevard be approved, subject to Department of Transportation & Infrastructure and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/025R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from April Grace Rotor to operate A&A Canada Solutions Inc. as a home-based business at 59 Harris Drive be approved, subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/026R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Doug Doucet to operate rcs Construction Company at Mount Vincent Crescent be approved, subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/027R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Colin Pittman to erect signage for Colin Pittman’s Photography on existing Town of Marystown signage for the Harris Drive Business Park, or alternate location, on Harris Drive be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Nolan declared a conflict of interest for the next application as the applicant is his daughter-in-law. Councillor Nolan removed himself from the Council Chambers.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/028R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Kyla Nolan to operate Kyla’s Nail Nook as a home-based business at 118 Atlantic Street be approved, subject to Service NL and site inspection.”

Motion carried without the vote of Councillor Nolan who was in a declared conflict of interest.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/029R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Alison Davies to operate Alley’s Place dog grooming be approved, subject to Service NL and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/030R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from John Baker to construct an accessory building measuring 32’ x 24’ and a wood shed measuring 8’ x 12’ at 40 Atlantic Street be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/031R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Pollett Enterprises to erect fencing at 278A McGettigan Boulevard be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/032R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify issuance of a permit to Timothy Coady to construct an accessory building measuring 14’ x 20’ at 9 Community Centre Road, Jean de Baie.”

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Correspondence

- Emails from Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs dated August 31-October 12/23 re: Eastern NL Regional Appeals Board Barron v. Town of Marystown Appeal – date set for November 29/23 at 9:00 a.m. at comfort Inn, St. John’s to hear appeal.

Councillor Keating questioned if the appeal was still scheduled to go ahead. It was noted that it’s uncertain if it is being postponed and follow-up will need to be made.

- Email from PMA dated November 1/23 re: Special Bulletin – New Legislation for Municipalities – Towns and Local Service District Act will replace the Municipalities Act.

Councillor Keating questioned if there was any information on training on the new Act. It was noted that if training or information sessions are to be made available, both the MNL and PMA will forward the necessary information.

- Email from YMCA dated October 31/23 re: Letter of congratulations to Mayor Keating on becoming Vice President of MNL Board of Directors.

Councillor Keating congratulated Mayor Keating on his new role with the MNL, noting that as Eastern Director himself, there are now two representatives from Marystown on the Board and Councillor Keating is looking forward to working together. Council as a whole congratulated Mayor Keating with a round of applause.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/033R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Administration Department to purchase flowers for the Town’s monument and signs plus labour at a cost of \$3,220.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/034R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department expend funds to rent St. Gabriel’s Hall and catering for the 52nd Annual Firefighters Banquet at a cost of \$4,341.32 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/035R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase two Goulds submersible turbine pumps from Electric Motor and Pump Div. Pioneer Enterprises Ltd. at a cost of \$22,595.20 including HST, with funds to come from Utilization of Surplus.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/036R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase one Franklin electric 150hp 575V 3450rpm submersible pump motor from Electric Motor and Pump Div. Pioneer Enterprises Ltd. at a cost of \$30,832.65 including HST, with funds to come from Utilization of Surplus.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Councillor Hodder advised the Town has a couple of Facebook Pages and the Town cannot post any advertising that is received that promotes one business over another.

Councillor Hodder thanked everyone who participated in this year’s Truck or Treat event, whether they were a returning or new participant, noting it was great to see so many people involved.

Councillor Hodder thanked both the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department and the Director of Recreation & Community Services for another successful Bonfire Night. Councillor Hodder noted she had to work but enjoyed seeing all of the pictures online.

The Model Ship Gallery is still open. Councillor Hodder advised there is a gift shop in the gallery in case anyone is looking for Christmas gift ideas.

Councillor Hodder congratulated Councillor Myles and the Friends of Daffodil Place on a great fundraiser for Daffodil Place this past weekend.

Councillor Hodder wished all dart players visiting the Marystown area good luck in their tournaments at the Marystown Hotel and noted she is looking forward to their screech-in.

At the last regular Council meeting, Council met with the Canning Bridge Concerned Citizens Committee and Councillor Hodder had mentioned she would like to see a feasibility study done before making a decision regarding support. Councillor Hodder thanked MHA Jeff Dwyer for bringing it up in the House of Assembly. There was government consensus to proceed with that study.

Councillor Myles also thanked everyone who participated in the Friends of Daffodil Place Fundraiser this past weekend. The event takes weeks to organize and comes together in one weekend. Over \$24,000.00 was raised. Councillor Myles thanked Tara Planke and Cindy Pardy, the two main organizers, for their efforts. Mayor Keating presented a donation on behalf of the Town.

Councillor Edwards congratulated Deputy Mayor Walsh on the work he has done to rejuvenate soccer, noting some of the older players are willing to train/coach new players which is great to see.

Councillor Nolan reminded residents that Remembrance Day services will be taking place in Burin this year and encouraged everyone to take the time to attend.

Councillor Keating noted two members of the Public Works Department recently retired – Robert (Bobby) Nolan and Gary White. Councillor Keating commended both workers on a job well-done and noted the Town will be having a little get-together for them. Councillor Keating advised many of the Town's workers are getting older and Trio has been asked to come to Marystown and do an information session on retiring. Councillor Keating looks forward to working with new workers taking over those positions.

Councillor Keating also offered up his congratulations to the organizers of the Friends of Daffodil Place Fundraiser.

Councillor Keating noted August 2024 will mark the 20th anniversary of the Men's Challenge Cup. Keating recommended the Town look at including something in the 2024 budget to commemorate the anniversary, possibly tying it in with the Town's summer festival. The event united the residents of Marystown in a way it never was before yet may be again through Deputy Mayor Walsh and the soccer program. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised he will be working on recognizing the anniversary through a sub-committee and welcomed Councillor Keating to sit on that sub-committee to assist in the celebrations.

Deputy Mayor Walsh noted there been a lot of time and discussion dedicated to Canning Bridge since it closed. The bridge was a very important centerpiece of the community and now it has become a burden. Communication with government officials has been excellent and the government has made a commitment to have the bridge replaced within a 26-month timeframe. The idea of a bailey bridge has substance. It doesn't have to be a cadillac bridge but ideally a fire truck should be able to cross it. The closure of the bridge has been a problem for everyone and a solution needs to be put in place that will truly help. A single lane bailey bridge, if possible, would help but the idea that it would delay a permanent replacement bridge seems unfounded.

Mayor Keating advised that if a bailey bridge can work, then the community needs and wants it. Council will support whatever viable option that can reduce the burden to residents on the south side. The Department of Transportation & Infrastructure has a due diligence to ensure safe passage across the inlet and Council wants the fastest, safest resolution. As noted, Council will be meeting with government officials this Friday and will be seeking answers on a bailey bridge. There will be an update to residents following this meeting.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place November 21, 2023.

Motion

MMC 2023 11 07/037R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk