

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JULY 2, 2024**

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: Kelsey Kilfoy, Director of Planning & Economic Development
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 7:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/001R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Councillor Nolan made note of an error in the minutes Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on June 25, 2024. Councillor Nolan advised that he chaired the Committee meeting while Councillor Myles co-chaired it. This error will be amended. In the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on June 18, 2024, it was noted that the Town would be submitting an application for funding to make a donated generator mobile and allow it to be hooked up at the Salvation Army to establish a warming/cooling station. The minutes state that the generator would be capable of running the water treatment plant during an emergency. Councillor Nolan clarified that he didn't know anything about a secondary use of the generator and wanted the minutes to reflect same. The minutes will be corrected as noted.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/002R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on June 18, 2024, be adopted with the noted correction.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/003R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on June 18, 2024, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/004R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on June 26, 2024, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the Council meeting with MHA Jeff Dwyer held on June 18, 2024, were tabled for information purposes.

4. Business Arising

There was no business to bring forward.

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

6. Committee Reports

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on June 25, 2024.

There were no updates to report with regards to animal control and anti-litter.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department responded to two calls for service since the last Committee meeting. The delivery of the Department’s new pumper is delayed until mid-July.

The Fire Department’s Heritage Museum will be open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from July 2nd to August 22nd. Councillor Nolan encouraged everyone to stop by for a tour of the museum and Fire Hall.

On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Nolan thanked the public for their cooperation during the provincial fire ban. The fire ban has been lifted for the island portion of the province but remains in effect for Labrador. Councillor Nolan reminded residents to always be fire smart.

On behalf of the firefighters, Councillor Nolan thanked the public for supporting the Fire Department’s recent car wash as the public’s support at their fundraisers is always appreciated.

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Mayor Keating attended MNL meetings on June 27th and brought forward questions regarding funding for volunteer fire departments. While fire departments across the province have experienced an increase in additional needs and services, there hasn't been an increase in funding for years.

Councillor Nolan thanked the Director of Operations & Public Works and the outside workers for their work in painting several crosswalks including a few extra crosswalks near the Marystown Mall/Marystown Hotel and the mini mart.

Councillor Nolan spoke with Town Manager Leo Hartson with the Town of Burin last week regarding his follow-up on poor cell service in the Marystown-Burin area and other areas of the peninsula. It wasn't easy to connect with the right people at Aliant but after many calls, Mr. Hartson did connect with someone who issued a work order to investigate the issue. Maintenance and adjustments were done on their tower which seemed to improve service but only for a short while. Councillor Nolan advised the Director of Planning & Economic Development will be writing letters to various Federal and Provincial Government Departments as well as the service provider to express concerns regarding the lack of service.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder advised the Tourism & Special Events Committee hasn't met since being newly reformed. Councillor Hodder had several recommendations to bring forward.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/005R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to appoint Mayor Keating as Co-Chair of the Tourism and Special Events Committee, with the understanding Councillor Hodder is the Chair, and accept the following volunteers as members:

- Janice Barry
- Amanda Brennan-Warren
- Cindy Pardy
- Bern Pike
- Krista Walsh”

Motion carried unanimously.

When the Tourism & Special Events Committee was merged with the Recreation Committee, several volunteers who were members of the Tourism & Special Events went with the Recreation Committee. Councillor Hodder advised she will attend a Recreation Committee to advise those Committee members of the official re-establishment of the Tourism & Special Events Committee and anyone interested in being a member of the Tourism & Special Events Committee is welcome to do so.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/006R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to sponsor the musical entertainment provided by Levi Smith in the amount of \$200.00 and snacks in the amount of \$100.00 for the Seniors’ Appreciation Social at the Marystown Retirement Centre on August 2, 2024, for a total amount of \$300.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/007R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to sponsor a breakfast hosted by The Merge during the Shining Seas Summer Festival in the amount of \$400.00 with funds to come from proceeds of the Outdoor Bingos as the breakfast will be provided to the public free of charge.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/008R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to sponsor a luncheon hosted by The Salvation Army during the Shining Seas Summer Festival in the amount of \$400.00 with funds to come from proceeds of the Outdoor Bingos as the luncheon will be provided to the public free of charge.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on June 26, 2024.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/009R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Director of Operations & Public Works to contact Newfoundland Power to start the process of having additional streetlights installed on McGettigan Boulevard.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Keating advised the Town was working with Progressive Engineering for decorative streetlighting for McGettigan Boulevard however, the cost was too expensive compared to

available funding. The Town will now have Newfoundland Power install additional streetlighting in the very near future.

Regular operations are busy as usual. The outside workers have been busy addressing waterline breaks and a few paving projects have started. There were a number of complaints regarding Creston Boulevard when work started on upgrades to that road but it is looking great now. Screening of material at the former Ville Marie Swimming Pool has been ongoing. Milling was spread on Markland Road, Henry Mayo's Road, Rebecca's Road and White Saw Mill Road and milling was spread on several road shoulders as well. The splash pad is now open. Line painting has started; the recent rainy weather has impeded. With a rainfall warning currently in place, Councillor Keating advised residents to clean out ditches around their residences and ensure sump pumps are working. The Department has also been transporting sand from Dick's Head to the Town Garage to be mixed with sand for winter use.

The Department has also erected the Town's 'Marystown' sign across from the Town Hall and a new lobster pot has been placed next to the sign. Residents and tourists are encouraged to have their pictures taken. Mayor Keating thanked Mr. Harv Hooper from Rock Harbour for donating the lobster pot.

As noted, Creston Boulevard was recently paved along with Dober's Road and a portion of Ville Marie Drive and the shoulders of the roads were done. Upgrades to Thompson Street have started and the relocation of the Town's waterline from Canning Bridge to Raymond's Road will start soon. Work will also start soon on the Town Garage roof. Work will also start soon on replacing the Glendon Brook Bridge and the Chlorination Building Upgrades Project will be tendered soon.

There were no issues to report with regards to waste management. Councillor Keating noted there didn't seem to be much of an issue with bulk garbage which was good to see.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/010R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Public Works Department to advertise a request for proposals for the purchase of one Ingersoll Rand 2-drum roller, with the understanding the purchase will be on an as-is-where-is basis."

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised the Recreation Committee hasn't met since the last regular Council meeting of June 18, 2024, due to the fact that a couple of Council meetings have been rescheduled which affected Recreation Committee meetings which are also on Tuesdays. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that with the re-establishment of the Tourism & Special Events Committee, he may look at a different day of the week to have Recreation Committee meetings.

It's been a busy summer so far for recreation. The Recreation Department is staffed for the summer with several students and temporary workers in place. The recreational facilities are looking great.

The splash pad is open for the summer, which the kids always enjoy. Softball and lacrosse are both underway; lacrosse is becoming very popular.

There are several soccer tournaments scheduled for the summer. On July 17th, there will be a minor soccer U7 tournament, on August 2nd to 4th, there will be a minor soccer U9 tournament, on August 9th there will be a tournament for U13 and U15 and other tournaments are still being planned for later in the summer. It was recently announced that the club created an all-female committee to increase female membership. The number of female registrants has increased as has parent involvement which resulted in the formation of the new committee. A Girls with Goals Day is planned for July 14th and will be completely dedicated to girls playing soccer, who will also be encouraged to bring a friend who may be interested in joining and growing the team.

Drop-in female soccer dates have been set up for July 7th, July 21st and two days in August for anyone interested in soccer. These drop-ins are free and open to females over the age of 13.

Work on repairs to the walking trails has started and is ongoing.

Plans are underway for the Challenge Cup 20th Anniversary Celebration to pay homage to the what soccer players accomplished twenty years ago in bringing home a provincial championship. A small committee has been set up that includes some of the past players and a meeting was held earlier today. A banquet will be included in the celebration which will take place during the Shining Seas Summer Festival/Marystown Day weekend.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on June 26, 2024.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/011R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 851 received from Laite Law dated June 10/24 in the amount of \$757.30 including HST for professional services rendered in relation to the Town of Marystown Assessment Appeals.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/012R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the Statement of Account for File No. 2024252 received from Appleby Picco Law dated June 20/24 in the amount of \$350.75 HST included for professional services rendered in acting on the Town’s behalf and advising/representing the Town generally with respect to cleanup orders/prosecutions.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify an interest adjustment for Account No. COADK003 in the amount of \$8.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/014R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify an interest adjustment for Account No. COWAN002 in the amount of \$5.05.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Walsh declared a conflict of interest for the next item as his spouse is part owner of the property in question. Deputy Mayor Walsh removed himself from his Chambers seat to sit in the public area.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 2024 water and sewer taxes for Account No. CRSPR001 in the amount of \$588.00 plus interest as a dwelling has been removed from the property as it was inhabitable.”

Motion carried without the vote of Deputy Mayor Walsh who was in a declared conflict of interest.

Deputy Mayor Walsh returned to his Chambers seat.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/016R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 2024 business tax for Account No. 2LOON001 in the amount of \$405.71 plus interest for seven months as the business is no longer operating in Marystown.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to sponsor the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department to participate in the Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation’s Annual Golf Tournament taking place in September 2024 in the amount of \$500.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to go to tender for the Chlorination Building Upgrades Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00049.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of June 26, 2024, in the amount of \$26,923.21.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for Councillor Hodder and Councillor Edwards to attend the MNL conference taking place in Gander from November 7th to 9th, 2024, with the understanding they will be registered as voting delegates.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development meeting held on June 25, 2024.

Councillor Myles advised that correspondence was received from MHA Jeff Dwyer to advise that he met with a resident of Ville Marie Drive and the resident is requesting a Letter of Agreement from the Town of Marystown and the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure confirming that any damage done to the resident’s property during the construction and removal of the temporary bailey bridge will be repaired at no cost to the resident. The Committee discussed the

request for written confirmation and agreed that the Canning Bridge Replacement Project and the temporary bailey bridge are provincial projects and therefore, the responsibility for damages to property lies with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. The Town will not be providing a written confirmation for remediation of property for provincial projects.

The Committee discussed the Model Ship Gallery and a future location for it, which is a decision that will need to be made by Council as a whole.

The Committee discussed permits for residential swimming pools in yards, whether temporary or permanent, and a permit fee structure for same. The Director of Planning & Economic Development has been asked to do some further follow-up on this item.

At the last Council meeting, a motion was made to approve a commercial garage on Creston Boulevard. The approval was subject to a list of conditions that the applicant must adhere to when operating the garage. This list has been sent to the applicant to sign off on indicating his agreement.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/021R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Kevin Kane/The Brody Company Ltd to operate the Great Canadian Dollar Store at 197-207 Ville Marie Drive, Unit 101, be approved subject to Service NL, Fire & Life Safety and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/022R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Leon Walsh to construct an accessory building measuring 20’ x 24’ at 31 Dinah’s Road be approved subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/023R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Vay Bath to construct an accessory building measuring 30’ x 50’ x 18’ at 820 Ville Marie Drive be approved subject to advertisement of a discretionary use in a residential zone ad (as the size of the accessory building is over the permitted limits) and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/024R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify issuance of a permit to Leonard Cheeseman for the construction of an addition measuring 12’ x 22’ to an existing accessory building at 9 Dunford Place.”

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

8. Approvals to Purchase**Motion**

MMC 2024 07 02/025R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Administration Department to engage Rogers’ Lawn and Greenhouse for the planting of flowers in the memorial monument and at four Town signs plus weeding and trimming at a cost of \$3,680.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to engage CG HVAC Services for quarterly HVAC maintenance at the YMCA at a cost of \$4,777.84 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

Mayor Keating advised that there has been an issue with parking on residential roads. Currently, on street parking is only addressed in the winter through the Town’s snow clearing regulations however, there are instances during the summer months when on street parking has been a nuisance and caused issues with safety. Follow-up will be made to address this through current regulations with an amendment.

10. Other Business

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised Council needs to look at re-evaluating the YMCA and the value of the brand. The Recreation complex itself is an excellent facility but increasing costs have caused

a strain. Council is in agreement that the facility is needed but Council also needs to figure out a better plan and will be taking a closer look at the facility in the near future.

Councillor Keating lives on the south side of Marystown near Canning Bridge and one of the residents most affected by the closure of the bridge given that the majority of businesses and services, including the Town Hall, are on the north side. Councillor Keating advised that a monthly meeting with the Provincial Government is needed in order to receive updates on the progress towards a new bridge.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/027R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to request that officials with the Provincial Government and the engineering firm appointed to construct a temporary replacement bridge as well as a permanent bridge to reconnect the north and south sides of Marystown participate in monthly meetings for the purpose of progress reports and updates that can, in turn, be relayed to the public, with the understanding that the first meeting should be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.”

Motion carried unanimously.

During Council’s meeting with MHA Jeff Dwyer on June 18th, there was some discussion on Marine Drive. Councillor Keating noted that Marine Drive is one of the worst roads in Marystown and is in need of new asphalt. As it is a provincial road, it is the responsibility of the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure however, it is understood that no funding has been allocated to this road for this year.

Councillor Keating commented on the cost of living and questioned how some residents were expected to keep up with the cost of groceries, the cost of food and all other rising costs. Councillor Keating further questioned who the Town could contact to address the issue; there was no answer.

Councillor Nolan referenced the meeting with MHA Jeff Dwyer, noting Council brought forward issues with Provincial roads but there was no firm commitment with regards to funding. There also wasn’t any update on the major industries in Marystown, those being Grieg Seafood, Kiewit Offshore Services and Marystown Marbase Inc. There hasn’t been much in the way of positive news to bring forward in terms of roadwork and employment, which is concerning.

Councillor Edwards agreed with Deputy Mayor Walsh’s comments regarding the YMCA. Council needs to look at the rates being charged at the YMCA, which are some of the lowest membership fees in Canada. Costs are going up, including the Town’s costs, and something needs to be done to take the burden off the residents.

A number of playgrounds are in a state of disrepair; Councillor Edwards advised Council will be doing further follow-up on this item.

As noted earlier, the closure of Canning Bridge and the need for a new bridge remains a priority however, it seems the Town is no closer to a solution than when the bridge first closed in February 2023. In addition to that, increased traffic on other roads is causing damage to those roads, some

of which are provincial. Unfortunately, the Provincial Government has only allocated \$50,000.00 for asphalt repairs (over and above approved roads projects) for the entire district.

During Council's meeting with MHA Jeff Dwyer, it was noted that Kiewit Offshore Services is not bidding on projects valued less than \$1 billion. This is of concern to Council as that means there is no possibility of smaller jobs coming to the peninsula and creating employment.

Councillor Myles agreed with all previous comments and concerns and also expressed concern over the replacement of Canning Bridge and the temporary bridge, noting government officials will only state is that the project is on schedule. But before physical work can start on a temporary bridge in the fall of this year, the engineering must be finished, tenders must be called, time needs to be allotted for the tenders to be reviewed, contracts awarded, materials ordered, etc. Councillor Myles reminded everyone that today is July 2nd and government officials have stated this work is scheduled to start this fall, which is mid-September – less than three months away. Things need to start moving now or physical work will not start this fall. It's been over a year since Canning Bridge closed and the residents, especially those on the south side, have been very patient. But those same residents have endured costs due to the closure and the schedule is very concerning.

Councillor Hodder noted that there is a seniors' appreciation social on the schedule of events for the Shining Seas Summer Festival, which will take place at the Marystown Retirement Centre. Councillor Hodder invited residents from the Kinsmen Manor to attend as well, noting they were more than welcomed. Anyone who needs a ride can call Councillor Hodder or Mayor Keating. The band for the Rock the Dock event will be The Racket. Councillor Hodder encouraged everyone to get out and support the local venues and if anyone was available to volunteer, their services would be more than welcomed.

Councillor Hodder noted the closure of Canning Bridge has affected everyone, especially Airbnb's. The annual bike rally in Beau Bois is coming up soon and in addition to the closure of the bridge, it's hoped bikers coming to the area are aware of the condition of Marine Drive, especially from the intersection of Creston Boulevard to the intersection with Water Street East. Councillor Hodder recommended bikers avoid that area on the way to Beau Bois by entering onto Marine Drive via Water Street East rather than Creston Boulevard.

Recently, there was an arson attempt at the former Ville Marie Swimming Pool building. Councillor Hodder asked that residents with any information contact the RCMP. Councillor Hodder further noted that equipment belonging to Mallay's Industrial Services Ltd. was recently vandalized. The equipment was left at Thompson Street as the company is working on upgrading the road for the Town. Again, residents with information were asked to contact the RCMP.

Mayor Keating noted his frustration with the lack of activity on the Canning Bridge file and directed his frustration towards MHA Jeff Dwyer, MHA and Minister Paul Pike and other government officials including Minister Abbott with the Department of Transportation & infrastructure. The Town will be writing another letter and taking their concerns to NTV. The Provincial Government has been insisting that the project is on schedule but both Council and the staff are well aware of how long the process can take to get permits, go to tender, etc. The residents need their bridge and if there is no response by the end of next week, Council will look at what further action they can take. Council is tired of being passive about this project and will be reaching

out to the Canning Bridge Concerned Citizens Committee for their voice. Once the letter is issued and the interview airs on NTV, Council will look at other avenues of pushing this project forward.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place August 6, 2024.

Motion

MMC 2024 07 02/028R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk