

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 6, 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: Randy Brockerville, Director of Operations & Public Works
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 6:58 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06/002R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 2, 2024, be adopted with the noted correction.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06/003R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on July 16, 2024, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06/004R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on July 24, 2024, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The following minutes of meetings were tabled for information purposes:

- July 11, 2024 Meeting with MNL
- July 11, 2024 Meeting with Crimestoppers
- July 22, 2024 Meeting with Grieg Seafood

It was noted that during the meeting with Grieg Seafood, a request was made for information regarding the company’s hiring practices to determine local content. That information is still pending.

4. Business Arising

There was no business to bring forward.

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

6. Committee Reports**Tourism & Special Events Committee**

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee discussion held on July 25, 2024. The Committee met via Zoom in order to finalize plans for this past weekend’s Shining Seas Summer Festival.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06/005R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify sponsorship of the Kids Glow Dance as part of the Shining Seas Summer Festival hosted by The Admiral’s Keg on August 2, 2024, in the amount of \$300.00 made payable to Colin Farrell for DJ services.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06/006R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify payment for face painting services by Ms. Kelsey Brennan during Canada Day Celebrations in the amount of \$200.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06/007R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify payment for the face painting services by Ms. Kelsey Brennan during Marystown Day Celebrations in the amount of \$200.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06/008R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify sponsorship of the Mayor’s Breakfast that took place Sunday, August 4, 2024, at The Merge in the amount of \$1,000.00 made payable to the Marystown Kinettes as they hosted the event.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06/009R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2024 07 02/006R made at the Regular Council Meeting of July 2, 2024, to read as follows.”

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 carried unanimously.

Councillor Hodder thanked the Marystown Retirement Centre, the Admiral's Galley & Keg (especially Janice and Amanda), The Merge (Evelyn Perham and the ladies of the Calvary Pentecostal Church), Tim Horton's, MADD Burin Peninsula, the Salvation Army, YMCA, Burin Peninsula Ground Search & Rescue, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department, Five Dock Row (especially Gerry and Dickie), the Marystown Kinsmen/Kinnettes, Jellybean Entertainment, Two Loonz Balloons, Kelsey Brennan and especially the Town's Director of Recreation & Community Services, Mr. Rob Warr, for their efforts in ensuring a successful Shining Seas Summer Festival. Councillor Hodder noted the Director of Recreation & Community Services always goes above and beyond when it comes to events and further noted Mr. Warr will be hard to replace once he retires. There were lots of great reports on the various events and the turnouts were impressive. Councillor Hodder thanked the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department for the great display of fireworks as the grand finale last night. Councillor Hodder thanked the public for coming out and supporting all of the events, especially with other events in other communities ongoing at the same time.

Councillor Hodder reminded everyone that the next outdoor bingo will take place on August 27th at the Club 20 parking lot. Councillor Hodder encouraged everyone to attend.

Councillor Hodder left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on August 1, 2024.

Correspondence was received from Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada regarding to advise of a Welcoming Week 2024 Toolkit that would allow the Town to participate in Welcoming Week that will take place September 13th to 22nd. Through the Executive Assistant, follow-up will be made to look further into this given the Town's growing multi-cultural population.

There were a few minor complaints regarding dogs. The Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer continues to advise residents of the regulations regarding bulk garbage to ensure it is not placed at the curb too early. The Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer will begin providing written logs regarding animal and litter issues to ensure issues can be better recorded for future follow-up.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department has been busy with fourteen calls since the last Committee meeting. Councillor Nolan reminded the public that the Firefighters Heritage Museum will be open until August 22nd with tours taking place Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Maintenance and other activities have been ongoing at the Fire Hall. On behalf of the Fire Department, Councillor Hodder thanked the summer maintenance crew, the Public Works Department and the Green Team for their assistance.

The Fire Department has been busy with regular training as well as additional training on the new pumper since its arrival a short time ago. The Push-in Ceremony for the new pumper is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on August 26th. Plans are still being finalized and everyone is welcomed to attend the event.

Fire Chief Bolt has been in contact with officials of the local RCMP regarding the takeover of their tower site on Tolt Road. After an assessment, it was determined that the Fire Department would

not proceed with taking over the tower as the Fire Department's building, also on Tolt Road, was recently upgraded and the communication system is working well. Fire Chief Bolt will follow up with the RCMP to question whether the Department could acquire their generator from the tower.

The Fire Department continues to plan and prepare for the 2025 Provincial Firefighters Convention, which will be held in Marystown from September 12th to 14th, 2025.

With the arrival of the new pumper truck, updates were made to the Fire Department's Underwriter's Portal that allowed them to maintain their best rating of 3A for residential protection. Had the pumper not been upgraded, this rating would have decreased which would have resulted in higher insurance costs for the Town.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/010R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Myles

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to appoint Melanie Kilfoy, Director of Finance & Administration, as the Head of the Public Body for the purposes of Access to Information to Protection of Privacy, with the understanding that Petrina Power, Town Clerk, is the ATIPP Coordinator and Leeanne Augot, Executive Assistant, is the backup ATIPP Coordinator."

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/011R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Myles

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adopt the Nuisance Regulations as amended, with the understanding that all previous versions are repealed and replaced."

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Nolan advised that a meeting took place on July 11th with Mr. Rod Pike of Crimestoppers NL. Two signs were provided to the Town to be erected and stickers were provided that could be displayed by local businesses. These stickers will be distributed in the near future. Mr. Pike advised he would like to see a Crimestoppers Committee formed in the area and further advised he would be meeting with the Town of Grand Bank on the same issue. The Protection to Persons & Property Committee made two attempts last year with very little interest. Councillor Nolan encouraged anyone interested in forming a committee to reach out to him.

According to the Municipal Assessment Agency, Councillor Nolan advised that the road going through Black Brook is considered to be Creston Boulevard. Councillor Nolan noted the road leading to the bus depot is unnamed, which needs to be addressed for the purpose of taxation, emergency response, courier service, etc. The Director of Planning & Economic Development will be following up on this item.

The issue concerning a slide path/pathway in the Greenwood Street West area is being addressed.

With the hot weather lately, Councillor Nolan encouraged residents to be water safe and to be diligent on the highways/road ways that are especially busy during the summer with residents travelling for summer vacation.

Deputy Mayor Walsh questioned how the road going through Black Brook could be considered Creston Boulevard when it is a Provincial road maintained by the Province. Councillor Nolan advised that prior to the establishment of Creston Causeway, Creston Boulevard continued through to Black Brook and as such, the MAA has it assessed as such. The Director of Planning & Economic Development will do more research on this item as there is some confusion.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee discussion held on July 30, 2024.

There was some discussion on how the Recreation Committee operates and Deputy Mayor Walsh advised it was a bit outdated. Deputy Mayor Walsh suggested that the Committee would now only meet monthly or quarterly and if necessary, would meet between scheduled meetings as necessary. This will help lighten the load on the volunteers, who will be advised of the new format at the next meeting.

As noted by Councillor Hodder, the Director of Recreation & Community Services will be retiring soon and there has been some difficulty in finding a replacement but it's hoped a replacement will be addressed soon.

The 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Challenge Cup took place this past weekend and the celebration went over very well. Eighteen of twenty-one players and coaches attended and Mr. Rick Farrell emceed the event. The Director of Recreation & Community Services put a lot of time into planning the event and as a result, there were no issues and the meal was excellent.

Upgrades to the Mooring Cove Playground have been completed and work is ongoing at the Greenwood Street West Playground, which should be completed soon.

Deputy Mayor Walsh commended the Recreation staff on doing a great job. There have been a number of visitors to the area over the summer weeks and there have been lots of compliments on the condition of the Town's recreation facilities. Two presidents from other recreational associations had high praise for the Town's facilities, which speaks volumes to the Town's workers.

While the YMCA is a much-needed recreational asset, the bill to the Town has been growing each month. This will be further discussed in the fall.

Deputy Mayor Walsh congratulated Councillor Hodder on a successful Shining Seas Summer Festival this past weekend. With all of the events and all of the tournaments that also took place, it was a busy weekend. Deputy Mayor Walsh commended all of the volunteers on a successful weekend. The Marystown Marlins hosted a swim meet during the past weekend. Deputy Mayor Walsh noted the number of members in the swim program and their tournaments have increased, which is great to see.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/012R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to appoint Councillor Edwards as Co-Chair of the Recreation Committee.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised the Director of Recreation & Community Services that he has enjoyed working together for the past three years and commended him for his hard work and dedication to the job. Mayor Keating advised follow-up will be made to plan something to show appreciation to Mr. Warr before he retires.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on July 31, 2024.

Councillor Keating advised a request has been received for the installation of a crosswalk on Harris Drive in the area of Smallwood Crescent Community Centre. This request will be reviewed and a crosswalk installed if it is deemed necessary.

A request was received from a resident to address a section of Creston Boulevard in front of his residence. Councillor Keating advised that the section in question is included in a capital works project as another section of Creston Boulevard will be upgraded next year. Potholes will be patched in the interim if deemed necessary.

A number of emails have been received requesting brush/bamboo cutting. The Department of Public Works will address these areas when time permits however, if the areas in question are in dire need of cutting, the Town would have no issue with residents voluntarily cutting back an area.

Councillor Keating advised that a section of the new sidewalk on McGettigan Boulevard has settled and could cause a tripping hazard. Follow-up is being made with the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure and in the meantime, the area has been marked as a warning to users.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/013R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit an application to Newfoundland Power to have seven streetlights placed on McGettigan Boulevard in the area of the new sidewalks.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The installation of a new roof on the Town garage is progressing, with about half of the work completed so far. The project was estimated to take seven to ten days to complete.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/014R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to sell one Ingersoll Rand 2-Drum Roller to Robert Nolan at a sale price of \$230.00 HST included, with the understanding the sale will be on an as-is-where-is basis.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The Public Works Department has been busy with regular operations, including cutting brush, repairing leaks, erecting signage, excavating on the Walk of Hope Trail, flushing hydrants and ditching.

An inspection of the tanks at the water treatment plant is required and has been scheduled for mid-August. It was noted that there had been some trouble with the pumps and soda ash machine at the plant, which have been addressed.

There were some issues with the new excavator, which have been addressed.

A shipment of road salt is pending for later in August. Some street sweeping will be completed to clean areas of sand from last season's winter maintenance.

As already noted, this past weekend was a busy one for the town with lots of kids on the fields and hotels booked up. Councillor Keating advised it was great to talk to people he hadn't talked to in years during the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Challenge Cup. Councillor Keating thanked Councillor Hodder for her hard work during the Shining Seas Summer Festival.

Councillor Keating took a moment to express how great it's been to work with the Director of Recreation & Community Services. Councillor Keating expressed appreciation for Mr. Warr's hard work over the years and noted he was sorry to see him leave the Town.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on July 31, 2024.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the May Monthly Claim received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador dated May 31/24 in the amount of \$31,380.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating advised that the monthly claim paid to the YMCA is for costs outside of the Town's monthly mortgage. Mayor Keating advised that while the Town will be reviewing these monthly claims, the Town is not closing the facility. Councillor Keating noted the Town spent a lot of time and energy in getting the funding for the facility but the residents need to know it is costly to

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operate. Councillor Edwards agreed, noting that most months, the cost has increased compared to the same time last year.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/016R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Interim Invoice No. CINV2980638 received from BDO Canada LLP dated June 30/24 in the amount of \$13,662.00 HST included for the audit of the December 31, 2023, financial statements.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 2024-6 received from LW Consulting dated July 18/24 in the amount of \$6,107.82 HST included for professional services provided regarding the recruitment of a Town Manager for the Town of Marystown.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Staff confirmed that this invoice is just for services provided in the recruitment of a Town Manager (travel, resume review, etc.).

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 14849 received from Cal LeGrow dated July 25/24 in the amount of \$1,464.00 HST included for the addition of the 2024 Freightliner Fire Truck to Policy No. P04174506.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the following consignment sales at the Marystown Model Ship Gallery:

- Frank Thornhill \$300.00
- Harold Moulton \$425.00”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the remaining interest on Account No. GREER003 as the Principal Payment Plan obligations have been met.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the remaining interest on Account No. POLIS001 as the Principal Payment Plan obligations have been met.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/022R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to sponsor the food for the 2024 Kidney Walk taking place on September 21, 2024, in the amount of \$100.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to engage the services of Pinchin Ltd. for the purpose of completing Asset Retirement Obligation Letters for asbestos assessment on facilities for the Town of Marystown at a cost of \$6,037.50 including HST as required per the new Asset Retirement Obligations Standard PS 3280.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/024R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify Poll Tax Ratification Listing No. 5-1 dated July 31, 2024, in the amount of \$20,488.74.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/025R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adopt the Rules of Procedure for the Conduct of Meetings as amended with the understanding that all previous versions are repealed and replaced.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adopt the Remote Meeting Policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/027R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of July 31, 2024, in the amount of \$1,058,253.75.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/028R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to purchase seven new iPhones for Council.”

Motion carried on a vote of six to one with Mayor Keating, Councillor Edwards, Councillor Hodder, Councillor Keating, Councillor Myles and Councillor Nolan voting for the motion and Deputy Mayor Walsh voting against it.

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development meeting held on August 1, 2024.

Councillor Myles advised correspondence was received from a resident regarding an issue with a residence on Creston Boulevard. The Director of Planning & Economic Development has been asked to follow up and provide a report.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/029R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from E.C. Boon Limited to install a sign and window/awning graphics for the Pet Value Store at 197-207 Ville Marie Drive, Unit 113, be approved subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/030R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Chalky’s Billiards to construct a patio measuring 8’ x 28’ x 20’ x 18’ on the backside of an existing building at 18-24 Queen Street be approved subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/031R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Stephanie Jarvis to operate KS interior Concepts as a mobile/online interior design business at 26A Marine Drive be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/032R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application from Gilbert Pardy to construct a cottage measuring 58’ x 26’ at Northwest Trail be approved subject to approved septic field design.”

Motion carried on a vote of six to one with Mayor Keating, Deputy Mayor Walsh, Councillor Edwards, Councillor Hodder, Councillor Myles and Councillor Nolan voting for the motion and Councillor Keating voting against it.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/033R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Dan Slaney to construct an accessory building measuring 14’ x 28’ at 182 Greenwood Street West be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/034R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify issuance of a permit to Wayne Wiscombe to construct a residence measuring 47’ x 49’ at 137 Greenwood Street West.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/035R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify issuance of a permit to Justin Murphy to construct a fence around the perimeter of a backyard at 410 Creston Boulevard.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/036R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify issuance of a permit to Denis Baker to construct an extension measuring 12’ x 16’ on an existing accessory building at 702 Ville Marie Drive.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Myles advised it was great to hear the news earlier regarding the bailey bridge going to tender as this is the first step to getting a new bridge and it’s long overdue.

As noted earlier, the Fire Department’s new pumper has arrived and training on it is ongoing. Councillor Myles reminded everyone that the Push-in Ceremony will take place August 26th.

As noted several times, the Shining Seas Summer Festival that took place this past weekend was a huge success and was as good as or better than could be expected. Councillor Myles offered his congratulations to the Tourism & Special Events Committee on a job well-done. It was great to see so many residents out enjoying the various activities.

Councillor Myles congratulated the Director of Recreation & Community Services on his upcoming retirement later this month. Councillor Myles noted it was a pleasure to work with Mr. Warr and further noted that his retirement will be a huge loss to the Town.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/037R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to register three firefighters to attend the annual NL Association of Fire Services Convention in Clarendville from September 27th to 30th at a cost of \$1,811.25 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/038R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to expend funds (hotel, per diem and mileage) for three firefighters to attend the annual NL Association of Fire Services Convention in Clarendville from September 27th to 30th at a cost of \$2,779.70 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/039R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase two mechanical seals for the main feed pump at the water treatment plant at a cost of \$5,221.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/040R

Motion rescinded at the regular Council meeting of September 3, 2024.

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to engage Brandt to address a stabilizer issue with the backhoe (labour and travel) at a cost of \$4,315.31 including HST.”

Motion carried on a vote of six to one with Mayor Keating, Deputy Mayor Walsh, Councillor Edwards, Councillor Hodder, Councillor Myles and Councillor Nolan voting for the motion and Councillor Keating voting against it.

It was noted that the backhoe is four-five years old and should be covered under warranty however, because the supplier couldn't figure out the issue with the backhoe, the Town was charged for labour and travel. Further follow-up will be made on this item.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/041R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to engage Jelly Bean Entertainment for entertainment for Marystown Day (Bouncy castles, reptile show, etc.) at a cost of \$2,884.13 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/042R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to engage the catering services of Ms. Yvonne Green for dinners for the Challenge Cup Anniversary Event at a cost of \$2,957.78 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

At this point, Councillor Edwards wished Mr. Warr all the best in his retirement, noting it was a pleasure working with the Director of Recreation & Community Services for the last seven years.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised he received a phone call from a resident to advise that the bailey bridge was going to tender and questioned why all of Council was not informed of this information before it was announced to the public. Mayor Keating advised that while the decision to make the public announcement was not a decision of Council as a whole, it was an executive decision of those Councillors who were at the Town Hall at the time the information was received. Deputy Mayor Walsh felt that all members of Council should be informed on such issues of importance before they are announced to avoid having to find out after the fact and being caught off guard. Mayor Keating advised there were three Councillors in the building who were involved in an HR meeting with the call was received and the announcement was made shortly thereafter. Mayor Keating felt it was a non-issue as it was known that the tender would be let soon however, if there was an issue, all announcements could wait until Council as a whole was advised on a go-forward basis. As the Deputy Mayor for the Town, Deputy Mayor Walsh stated he would like to be informed ahead of time before major announcements are made, noting he was disappointed in the process and that better communication was needed.

Councillor Keating agreed that the announcement on the tender call was great news and apologized for how it was communicated. Councillor Keating confirmed that there was a meeting in progress when the news was received and those present were excited to pass that information on to the public.

Councillor Keating noted Marine Drive, which is a Provincial road, is in a deplorable state and if it was a Municipal road, the potholes would be addressed. Councillor Keating suggested putting pressure on the Provincial government to make repairs to the road. It was noted that the Premier will be here next week and plans should include a visit to Marine Drive and some commitment from the government on that road.

Councillor Nolan noted it's been a busy summer to date, especially during the past weekend with the festival and tournaments. Councillor Nolan hopes to see major industry in the area soon. As a final note, Councillor Nolan congratulated Mr. Warr on his retirement and wished him all the best.

Councillor Edwards noted the new crosswalk near the Model Ship Gallery was a great idea however, because it is new and motorists may be unaware of it, Councillor Edwards suggested signage be installed near the crosswalk. Councillor Keating advised that crosswalks are usually not denoted with signage however, because there is some signage in other parts of town so follow-up will be made on this item.

While it would be great to have a new permanent bridge across Creston Inlet, Councillor Edwards advised it was good to hear the news on the bailey bridge finally going to tender.

At this point, Mayor Keating stepped out of the Council Chambers and Deputy Mayor Walsh presided as Chair (8:05 p.m.).

Councillor Edwards noted that the accident on the back highway involving a tractor trailer shows the need for more than one route in and out of Marystown given that traffic was backed up on the back highway and in Creston North (Ville Marie Drive).

Councillor Edwards questioned if there was any information on what town would be receiving the Fire Department's old pumper truck. Councillor Nolan was unsure; Deputy Mayor Walsh advised Fire & Emergency Services would be making that decision.

Mayor Keating returned to the Council Chambers and resumed the position of Chair (8:07 p.m.).

As mentioned earlier, the cost to operate the YMCA is increasing every year. Councillor Myles agreed that this item will need to be reviewed in September. The Model Ship Gallery will also need to be reviewed. While it is a great attraction, it doesn't pay for itself and the cost of rent and utilities is expensive; rent will be increasing again very soon. For a lot of visitors, the Model Ship Gallery is a one-time visit and Council needs to review what the gallery is costing and what the Town is willing to pay.

Mayor Keating reiterated that the announcement of the bailey bridge going to tender is great news and noted better efforts will be made to ensure Council is advised ahead of such announcements going public. The bailey bridge is still on schedule as per the schedule that was proposed by the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure. Mayor Keating advised the Premier will be on the Burin Peninsula this Friday and Council will be advised of a time to meet with the Premier once his schedule is finalized. In addition to issues on Marine Drive, there are issues with several Provincial road signs that need to be replaced.

Councillor Keating advised that the Town has been operating over nine months without a bridge and normally, the CAO would have advised Council as a whole on the news about the bailey bridge

but instead, that news went through the Mayor, who has been following with the Department almost every day for updates on the bridge. Councillor Keating thanked Mayor Keating for his diligence. While Deputy Mayor Walsh could appreciate that fact, he noted that it was the Mayor's role to ensure Council was informed and a quick email would have sufficed.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place September 3, 2024.

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk