

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

Present were: Mayor Brian Keating
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh
Councillor Andy Edwards
Councillor Bridget Hodder
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
Petrina Power, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Keating called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/001R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/002R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 6, 2024, be adopted with the noted correction.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/003R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on August 6, 2024, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting with Canada Fluorspar Inc. held on August 7, 2024, were tabled for information purposes. Mayor Keating advised that the Town is working with CFI to ensure the Town's roads and the environment are protected from any residue that may emanate from the loads being transported.

4. Business Arising

There was no business to bring forward.

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

6. Committee Reports

Public Works Committee

In the absence of Councillor Keating, Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on August 21, 2024.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/004R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2024 05 21/006R made at the Regular Council Meeting on May 21, 2024, to read as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to start the process of submitting an application for funding to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for the preliminary engineering review of outfalls within the Town of Marystown for the purpose of developing a wetland treatment system, with the understanding Wetland Treatment Solutions (Sharp Management) will assist with initial costs associated with obtaining data for the application at a cost of \$11,500.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/005R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify entering into a contract with Wally Drake's Trucking Ltd. for the Raymond's Road Watermain Replacement Project No. 17-MYCW-24-00016, in the amount of \$747,171.68 including HST; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Council ratify authorization for Mayor Keating and the Director of Finance & Administration to enter into the contract on behalf of the Town.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hodder advised the Public Department has been busy with regular operations, including but not limited to:

- Asphalt gutter reinstatement at Johnny Hannam's Road and Maryann Subdivision
- Filled pot holes with asphalt at Mooring Cove
- Completed sewer installation at Greenwood Street
- Road grading at Dock Point Road, Centennial Road, Track Road, Smith's Road and Lambe's Road
- Fire hydrant flushing at Fleming Place and Water Street West
- much more...

Councillor Hodder provided updates on various projects.

The curb and gutter were completed on Thompson Street on August 16, 2024 – sods have been replaced and asphalt is outstanding.

Work on the Town garage roof is ongoing. The roof has been covered with metal. A project sign will need to be placed on the Town garage, which will stay in place for twelve months.

Fusing of the pipe for the Raymond's Road Watermain Replacement Project has been completed and the pipe was put in place in the water last week. The pipe will be tied in on both sides of the inlet and the project completed over the next few weeks.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/006R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to cancel the Ville Marie Drive Lift Station Upgrades Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-24-00054 and reallocate funding in the amount of \$373,249.30 within the 2023-2026 Multi-Year Capital Works Program to the Chlorination Building Upgrades Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00049; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given to reallocate all unallocated funding in the amount of \$116,400.00 from the 2020-2023 Multi-Year Capital Works Program to the Chlorination Building Upgrades Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00049.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating advised that due to the safety issues surrounding the current chlorination building, the Ville Marie Drive Lift Station Project is being cancelled to allocate funds to the Chlorination Building Upgrades Project and make it a priority.

Two tender bids were received for the Chlorination Building Upgrades Project as follows:

- Stellar Storm Industries Inc. - \$1,348,684.93 including HST
- Cahill Technical Services - \$1,664,773.77 including HST

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/007R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award the Chlorination Building Upgrades Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00049, to Stellar Storm Industries Inc. in the amount of \$1,348,684.93 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/008R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Contract Change Order No. 1 received from Edwards & Associates Ltd. for the Town Garage Roof Upgrades and Restorations Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-24-00092 for the supply and installation of a project sign by Livewire Electrical and Construction Ltd. at a cost of \$1,380.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hodder advised that the engineers are still waiting for permits for the Glendon Bridge Replacement Project. They are in contact with the Water Resources Division, which is reviewing the file.

The kickoff meeting for the Eugene Hodder’s Road Project has taken place and the engineers are scheduled to be on site soon to complete a survey.

The Director of Operations & Public Works met with the engineers on August 20, 2024, to look at the Ducey’s Lane Project and start the survey. A kickoff meeting has been scheduled for later this week.

Councillor Hodder provided the following update on the water treatment plant:

- The tank inspection was completed on August 14, 2024. Report will be back in 2-3 weeks.
- The Dehumidifier in the soda ash room went non-operational – a new dehumidifier has been ordered.
- Seals for the main feed pump were ordered on July 18, 2024, and arrived in St. John’s.
- The Miox Vault is on the factory line and is expected to be shipped early September however, no exact date has been confirmed.
- New computer construction and programming is expected to be completed by the second week of September and arrive on site by the end of September.
- Personnel are in the process of determining a date for the commissioning of the compressors.

Councillor Hodder advised that there was an issue with the new excavator however, it was a warranty issue and a new shim kit has been ordered.

Road salt has been ordered for the upcoming snow clearing season and the Director of operations & Public Works has requested an update on the anticipated delivery date.

There was a request from the residents of Mooring Cove for an ATV-friendly access to the Garnish Pond Road via Kaetlyn Osmond Drive. This will allow residents of Mooring to access the trail through the old road from Mooring Cove to Marystown. It is the Town's understanding that upgrades to the old road will be the responsibility of those residents.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/009R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to designate an all-terrain vehicle-friendly thoroughfare starting on Kaetlyn Osmond Drive and crossing to McGettigan Boulevard for the purpose of accessing Garnish Pond Road with the understanding proper signage and all ATV Safety Regulations are to be implemented and followed, subject to follow-up with the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/010R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to ratify signage of Change Order No. 1 received from Edwards & Associates Ltd. for the Thompson Street Water and Storm Sewer Upgrades Project, Project No. 17-GI-24-00054, for four additional manhole frames and covers and a fire hydrant extension in the amount of \$8,906.75 including HST, payable to Mallay's Industrial Services Ltd.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on August 21, 2024.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/011R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to purchase treats in the amount of \$300.00 to purchase treats for the Trunk or Treat event taking place on October 27, 2024.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hodder noted that a number of regulars/companies will be attending the Trunk or Treat event to distribute treats. Councillor Hodder reminded those residents that if they are attending the event in big company trucks, they will need to arrive early in order to set up and decorate. The Committee will be designating a quiet hour from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for those with sensory issues. Councillor Hodder advised that this hour will not be limited to children with autism – it

will be open to any child with a limitation that would prevent them from attending the regular event.

The Department of Immigration and Canadian Citizenship has proclaimed the week of September 13th to 22nd as Welcoming Week. The Town will host an event for new immigrants who have chosen Marystown as their home. The event, which will take place on September 14th on the Town grounds (gazebo) will include a barbecue, musical entertainment and a non-alcoholic screech-in ceremony. Anyone who wants to be screeched-in should advise the Town in advance so a certificate can be prepared. Council advised the general public is also welcomed to attend the event and support our newcomers.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/012R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to host an event at a cost of \$500.00 for newcomers to Marystown on the Town Hall Grounds as part of Welcoming Week.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The outdoor bingo that was to take place on August 27th had to be cancelled due to an issue with the FM transmitter. It's hoped that issue can be resolved and another bingo scheduled. Councillor Hodder will advise the public once a date is set.

Councillor Hodder thanked Mayor Keating and his spouse, Krista Walsh, for their generous donation of a meal of Mary Browns for the residents of the Marystown Retire Centre. Without transportation or assistance, it is difficult at times for many of the residents of the centre to go to a restaurant and they greatly appreciated this personal donation.

Councillor Hodder left the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on August 22, 2024.

Eastern Health will be hosting an event entitled Seeds of Hope – A World Suicide Prevention Day Event which will include a free picnic lunch at the Summer Games Building on September 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Council has received many complaints from residents in the Harris Drive/Smallwood Crescent area (sites 1 and 2) regarding increased crime, specifically speeding and drug use. Several Councillors, including Councillor Nolan, have spoken to some of the residents, who have advised of some disturbing activities taking place in the area. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 5th, at the Smallwood Crescent Community Centre. Council will have representation at the meeting and the RCMP has been asked to send representation as well. Councillor Nolan advised that Council takes these matters very seriously as safety is of the utmost importance. Councillor Nolan advised residents to report issues to the RCMP or utilize the Crime Stoppers system to report them anonymously.

The Committee has been following up on an addressing issue in the Black Brook area in the vicinity of the Bus Depot Road area. The Town was advised that the address used by the Burin Peninsula Bus System is Black Brook Road. Follow-up will be made with the Municipal Assessment Agency on this item.

The Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer has spoken to several residents regarding bulk garbage being placed at the curb too early. This is an ongoing issue. While responding to a minor pet complaint in the Smallwood Crescent area, the Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer noticed a lot of bulk garbage around sites 1 and 2. While the garbage may have been placed there by a private contractor, the Town will be following up with NL Housing Corporation on this matter.

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

On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Nolan reminded residents and businesses who have alarm systems to ensure the monitoring company and all keyholders have the correct contact information for their property on file in the event of an emergency. The Department has had calls for alarms in Burin and vice versa, Burin has received calls for alarms in Marystown. This is as a result of the information that the monitoring companies have on file. Once on the scene, it's found that the monitoring company does not have the correct contact information and this can delay entry into the property to ensure everything is ok, which is especially problematic in the early hours of the morning. Councillor Nolan encouraged all residents and businesses to re-check their information.

The application that was submitted to the Provincial Government for funding to assist with the generator set-up for the Town's warming/cooling centre was not approved. Fire Chief Bolt will continue to follow up on this item.

There were many visitors to the Fire Department's Heritage Museum this summer. Councillor Nolan thanked Bailey Warren for his assistance over the summer, which was greatly appreciated.

Councillor Nolan reminded residents that it is hurricane season and the public was advised to be prepared for weather-related emergencies and to take public advisories seriously.

The Fire Department will host a fundraising car wash on Saturday, September 7th. The Department's annual Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive will take place on September 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Councillor Nolan encouraged the public to support both events.

The Fire Department's new Engine No. 2 was put into service last Monday. It was a proud time for everyone involved in the Push-in Ceremony and it was a great investment towards helping the Department protect our town. Many thanks go out to those who supported and assisted in the acquisition of the new pumper. Fire Commissioner Robert Fowler attended the ceremony and had high praise for the volunteer firefighters, the Department and the great support shown to both.

Referring back to the issue with bulk garbage, Mayor Keating advised that bulk garbage in Marystown is collected on the fourth Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each month and there might have been some confusion during August in thinking that collection was during the last week, which was the fifth Tuesday-Thursday of the month. Mayor Keating reminded residents to be aware of the schedule for bulk garbage collection in Marystown.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee discussion held on August 20, 2024.

Some maintenance work began at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena over the summer months to ensure readiness for the winter season by the end of this month. Mr. Barry Moulton, a recent hire with the Town, has undergone training in Grand Falls-Windsor to ensure smooth operations at the arena.

A Lead Hand has been hired at the YMCA to assist with the Hope for Dementia Program that will be ongoing this month. The Program is funded by Hope for Dementia and currently has 10 young volunteers to assist with the program. It will involve working with seniors and helping with such tasks as crafts, electronics, etc.

The YMCA's new Fall Program will start on September 16, 2024. A couple of new programs will be offered this fall such as Try-it Sports and Try-it Water Sports. The YMCA has purchased six spin bikes which will allow the YMCA to offer spin classes this fall. The YMCA's Shine On Open House is scheduled for September 28, 2024, with more details to follow. September will be a busy month at the YMCA.

On August 17th, Marystown hosted the Gary Hynes Memorial Softball Tournament and ten teams participated in the event. Everyone had fun and it's hoped the event grows bigger next year.

Deputy Mayor Walsh thanked the outside Recreation workers for the maintenance work that has been done on the outside facilities. The overall conditions of the grounds and facilities have been excellent, especially compared to bigger communities. There is still an issue with vandalism at the Track and Field Complex, which the Town will be looking at litigating.

On August 17th and 18th, two soccer teams participated in the NLSA Mega with the boys' team bringing home silver and the girls' team bringing home gold. Deputy Mayor Walsh congratulated both teams on their wins as a result of their hard work during the season.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that the Red Shoe Crew Walk for Families will be taking place at the Track & Field Complex on Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Hockey registration just recently opened up. In-person registration will take place this Sunday, September 8th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a location to be determined.

The Marystown United Soccer Club's AGM will take place on September 12th. It was a great year and the Club is looking for more people to participate on the Executive Board. Anyone who would like to get involved can contact the Club.

On September 5th there will be a banquet for the U9 to U17 soccer groups at St. Gabriel's Hall.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on August 21, 2024.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 24888 received from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador dated July 31/24 in the amount of \$1,150.00 HST included for registration for the 2024 MNL Conference and Trade Show taking place November 7-9, 2024, in Gander, NL.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/014R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the June Monthly Claim received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador dated June 30/24 in the amount of \$21,950.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 2020-2022 Business Tax for Account No. TRINA001 in the amount of \$849.71 plus interest as the business ceased operations.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/016R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust interest on Account No. CHEEJ006 as the property owner is on the EFT Payment Plan and interest was charged in error.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the remaining interest on Account No. LEGGC002 as the principal payment plan obligations have been met.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to donate two pictures from the Marystown Model Ship Gallery to the Garnish Pond Day event for use on a ticket draw.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to rescind the following motion:

Motion

MMC 2024 08 06 06/040R

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.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of August 31, 2024, in the amount of \$215,545.20.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development meeting held on August 22, 2024.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/021R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Atlantic Lottery c/o Lisa Cribb to place a kiosk inside the Marystown Mall at 195-207 Ville Marie Drive be approved subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Nolan declared a conflict of interest for the next application as he is employed by a subcontractor of the applicant. Councillor Nolan removed himself from his Chambers seat to sit in the public area.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/022R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Grieg Seafood to construct permanent fencing around facilities on Kaetlyn Osmond Drive be approved subject to site inspection.”

Discussion

Councillor Edwards questioned if the fence would be on Grieg’s own property and if it would restrict access to the beach area by the general public. The director of Planning & Economic Development advised that the fence would replace temporary fencing that is already in place on the company’s own property. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised he would like to see a drawing of the proposed development.

Motion withdrawn with the approval of Councillor Myles and Councillor Edwards.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/023R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Grieg Seafood to construct permanent fencing around facilities on Kaetlyn Osmond Drive be deferred pending further clarification on placement.”

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

Councillor Nolan returned to his Chambers seat.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/024R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Gina Mitchell to operate “The Creative Stem” at the Peninsula Mall at 25-57 Columbia Drive be approved subject to Service NL, Fire & Life Safety and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/025R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application from Derrick Pike to operate “Pike’s Carpentry & Construction Inc.” as a mobile business from 11 Fleming Place be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/026R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Gensler c/o James Wingrove to do interior renovations for the installation of a new ATM at TD Canada Trust at the Peninsula Mall at 25-57 Columbia Drive be approved subject Service NL, Fire & Life Safety and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/027R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Aurele and Trudy Doucet to construct a residence measuring 76’ x 76’ on Lot No. 16 and 17 Kimberly Place be approved subject to both lots being combined as one and site inspection.”

Discussion

Councillor Nolan questioned whether the two lots could be combined and if that would affect taxes; the Director of Planning & Economic Development and Councillor Myles confirmed they could as they are both in the same of the same owner and are adjoining lots. Councillor Edwards advised information will be sent to the Municipal Assessment Agency to have the lots appraised as one lot which will be reflected in the revised tax assessment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/028R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Preston Farrell to construct a fence around the perimeter of property at 51-53 Hillview Heights be approved subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/029R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED than an application received from Aloysius and Deborah Linehan to construct a driveway measuring 15’ wide and erect a privacy fence at 268 Creston Boulevard be approved subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/030R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Alvin Pittman to construct an accessory building measuring 24’ x 30’ at 10 Marine Drive be approved subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/031R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to enter into a five-year lease with Transport Canada effective March 10, 2023, for the purpose of occupying space to use and maintain a concrete boat trailer launch six meters wide by thirty-nine meters long off Dock Road in the Port of Marystown, with the understanding the Town will be required to provide an updated survey to attach to the lease; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given for Mayor Keating and the Town Clerk to enter into Lease M2328210 on behalf of the Town of Marystown.”

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/032R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay lost wages for a firefighter with the Fire Department who is travelling to College Station, Texas, to attend an Advanced Foam Firefighting School at a cost of \$948.80 including HST, with the understanding that all other costs will be covered by EverWind Fuels.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/033R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase water and sewer materials and fire hydrant whips/markers from Wolseley Canada Inc. at a cost of \$4,064.23 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/034R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to engage the services of CG HVAC Services for maintenance, including one filter, for the YMCA HVAC at a cost of \$5,888.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/035R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to purchase electric heaters for two dehumidifiers for the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena at a cost of \$5,849.54 including HST and ground freight.”

Motion carried unanimously

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/036R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department purchase Kwik Goal Euro Club 2B3005 soccer nets (set) at a cost of \$7,130.00 including HST and shipping.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Deputy Mayor Walsh has been considering how Council has a 5:00 p.m. meeting that precedes the regular 7:00 p.m. Council meeting. The 5:00 p.m. meeting is a closed meeting and while some of the issues that are discussed are private, some issues are not and should be discussed in public at the 7:00 meeting so those watching the live stream or attending the meeting in person can see that they do get discussed. Deputy Mayor Walsh recommended that Council amend its meeting structure to ensure that only the three L’s – Labour (HR), Land (taxes) and Legal – are discussed at a 6:00 p.m. meeting with all other issues being brought forward to the 7:00 meeting.

Motion

MMC 2024 09 03/037R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend the Council meeting structure to allow a 6:00 p.m. meeting prior to the regular 7:00 p.m. meeting wherein only issues relating to the three L’s – Labour (HR), Land (taxes) and Legal – will be discussed with the understanding that all other topics of discussion will be brought forward to the regular public 7:00 p.m. Council meeting.”

Discussion

Councillor Edwards understands the issues that fall under the three L’s but questioned what would happen if other issues arise and questioned if there would be a list of issues prior to the meeting. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised there should be a list on Friday prior to the Council meeting and it should be decided at that time what needs to be discussed in private and what can be discussed in public so the public can see how issues are discussed.

Councillor Nolan, with all due respect, how Council has their meetings is an internal matter. Councillor Nolan noted he did bring up a few things in the 5:00 p.m. meeting that he could have brought up in the public meeting, such as the need to replace the flag poles, which he can be more cognizant about. However, Council has already tried, with difficulty, to categorize some issues but discussions always go off topic.

Councillor Myles advised he is uncomfortable with changing what currently works. Councillor Myles did not disagree with Deputy Mayor Walsh’s comments however, he felt that there was a veiled suggestion or perception that Council was doing something wrong. The 5:00 p.m. meetings

sometime run right to the last minute before the public meeting starts but there's often some very frank discussion and debate. In his opinion, the format works. Those discussions can be brought forward again at the public meeting. Councillor Myles noted that no decisions are made at the 5:00 meeting unless they fall under the three L's as they are sensitive decisions. But the discussions at the 5:00 meetings allow each Councillor to exchange ideas and get a feel for a certain issue and Councillor Myles noted he would hate to see that end.

Mayor Keating noted some of the discussions had at the 5:00 p.m. meetings are brought forward to the 7:00 p.m. public meeting in a filtered manner.

Deputy Mayor Walsh agreed that there is a lot of good discussion during the 5:00 p.m. meeting and while decisions are not formally made and voted on, they are made in that everyone knows how the vote will go.

Councillor Myles respectfully disagreed with that statement, noting that each Councillor comes away from a 5:00 p.m. discussion with a better idea of how they feel about an issue and they can still decide to vote differently once a recommendation is tabled at the public meeting.

Councillor Edwards further noted that the discussion at the 7:00 p.m. public meeting may not be as open as it would be at the 5:00 p.m. meeting.

Motion defeated on a vote of three to two with Deputy Mayor Walsh and Councillor Edwards voting for the motion and Mayor Keating, councillor Myles and Councillor Nolan voting against the motion.

As noted earlier, Councillor Nolan advised he did bring up the issue of the Town's flag poles, noting follow-up will be made to upgrade them with new poles.

As well, Councillor Nolan advised the Town will look into doing some maintenance on the access to Rattle Brook Falls off Clam Pond Road.

Councillor Nolan reminded residents that the annual Southern Classics Antique Car Show will take place this weekend, September 7th and 8th, at the arena and encouraged all residents to support and enjoy the show, noting all proceeds will be in aid of the Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre.

Finally, Councillor Nolan noted that school starts up again this week and reminded all motorists to be mindful of school children near school zones, bus stops and the roads in general. Motorists should allow extra time to get to their destination. Councillor Nolan wished all students and staff a safe and successful school year.

Councillor Edwards questioned if there had been any follow-up on a new skate sharpener for the arena. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised no decision has been made on this item yet. Mayor Keating advised he can do some follow-up.

Councillor Myles advised that the bailey bridge was discussed earlier and the deadline for the tender released by the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure has been extended by an additional week to September 10th however, the finish date for the bridge remains the same (June 20, 2025).

Councillor Myles congratulated the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department on a great Push-in Ceremony for their new fire truck.

With the housing area of Smallwood Crescent facing two serious issues – speeding and drugs – Councillor Myles commended the residents of the area for wanting to take control of the situation and arranging a meeting for September 5th. Several Councillors plan to attend that meeting.

Councillor Myles advised he is looking forward to Welcoming Week and meeting new residents and he is also looking forward to the annual car show.

Mayor Keating reminded residents that there will be a water shut-off tomorrow in the Baker's Cove to St. Gabriel's Hall area, including the high school, to facilitate the tie-in of the Town's main waterline which is being relocated from Canning Bridge.

Mayor Keating advised he recently spoke with Ms. Bernadine Bennett who represents the Marystown Families Shipyard Alliance and the organization is looking for support from Council with regards to the release of information and records by the Provincial Government. Mayor Keating advised that they can write a letter of support but beyond that, there isn't much more Council can do if it is outside their powers.

Mayor Keating commended the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department and the firefighters on having one of the best departments in the province. As Deputy Mayor Walsh stated earlier, the Town also has some of the best recreational facilities and as well, one of the best water treatment plants. Mayor Keating expressed great pride in Marystown. As already stated by Councillor Nolan, Mayor Keating also reminded motorists to be careful with children going back to school.

Mayor Keating thanked Council for attending the meeting, noting that while Council doesn't always agree, they are working together for the betterment of the town.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place September 17, 2024.

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk