

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2024**

Present were: Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh
Councillor Bridget Hodder
Councillor Keith Keating
Councillor Gary Myles
Councillor Ray Nolan

Also present: Melanie Kilfoy, Director of Finance & Administration
Randy Brockerville, Director of Operations & Public Works
Kelsey Kilfoy, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Debbie Fitzpatrick, Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services
Petrina Power, Acting Town Manager, Town Clerk
Leeanne Augot, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/001R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/002R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on December 3, 2024, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/003R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on December 3, 2024, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/004R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on December 5, 2024, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising

There was no business to bring forward.

5. Delegations

Deputy Mayor Walsh welcomed two students to the Council Chambers, who were the recipients of the Town’s 2023-2024 scholarships.

Dr. Chester Harris Memorial Scholarship

The recipient of the Dr. Chester Harris Memorial Scholarship for the 2023-2024 year is Ms. Amanda Kavanagh. Amanda is the daughter of Rick and Elizabeth Kavanagh and is currently attending Memorial University where she is completing her Bachelor of Science. The Dr. Chester Harris Memorial Scholarship is valued at \$500.00.

Mary Hodder Scholarship

The recipient of the Mary Hodder Scholarship for the 2023-2024 year is Ms. Abby Farrell-Powell. Amber is the granddaughter of Patricia Power and is currently attending Dalhousie University and is enrolled the Bachelor of Arts (Double Major) in Political Science and Law, Justice and Society. Abby advised that her future goal is to become a politician. The Mary Hodder Scholarship is valued at \$500.00.

Both students came forward to accept their scholarships and pose for a picture with the Deputy Mayor.

Delegation – Former Ville Marie Swimming Pool Roof Replacement

Deputy Mayor Walsh welcomed Mr. Derrick Pike to the meeting. The purpose of Mr. Pike attending the meeting as a delegate was to bring forward concerns regarding the tender that was advertised for the replacement of the roof at the former Ville Marie Swimming Pool.

Mr. Pike started by requesting that anyone who was in a conflict of interest regarding his concerns remove themselves from the meeting. The Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services is the common-law partner to Mr. Pike and removed herself from her seat to sit in public seating.

Mr. Pike advised that a Request for Quotes was advertised for the replacement of the roof of the former Ville Marie Swimming Pool. Mr. Pike visited the location and obtained pictures of the roof, which were provided to Council. Mr. Pike advised that the pictures show the current condition of

the roof especially the rear of the facility which is in very poor condition. Mr. Pike advised that when the Request for Quotes was advertised, there were no specifications given by the Town to assist companies in providing a quote for the project. Mr. Pike provided examples of items which should have been included in the request such as the chimney that is located on the building, the facial board and gauge as well as the building materials that would be required. Mr. Pike advised that, without these items added to the requirements of the quote, it will cost the Town more money once it is added by the contractor. Mr. Pike advised that the Request for Quotes should be fair to all those who want to place a bid on the project.

Councillor Nolan advised that Council recently had a discussion regarding the tender bid for the roof replacement and a decision was made to take a different approach on the bid process. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that the building is currently storing many items such as town records and equipment. The facility has a lot of potential and was built very securely when it was first established. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that it is not a complicated job to replace the roof at the facility however there has been a lot of ups and downs with the project. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that Council has decided to set up a committee in the new year to speak with the Town's engineers and develop a more detailed Request for Quotes. This will allow additional companies in the area a fair opportunity to bid on the project.

Councillor Keating agreed that there was no clarification on the specifications in the request when it was advertised and they will be determined prior to the request being advertised again. Deputy Mayor Walsh also added that a report on the building was completed by an engineer and it stated that the replacement of the roof should be completed sooner than later. Councillor Hodder advised that all of Council received a copy of Mr. Pike's letter bringing forward his concerns regarding the request for quotes which prompted Council to make a decision to form a committee.

Councillor Myles clarified Mr. Pike's request in the letter for Council to reissue the request for quotes with the specification included and allow companies a fair chance to bid on the project. All were in agreement that there was not enough information provided in the request for quotes for the roof replacement. Councillor Myles also clarified that no bid has been accepted and no contract was awarded for the project.

Deputy Mayor Walsh thanked Mr. Pike for attending the meeting. Mr. Pike thanked Council for listening to his concerns and left the meeting.

Due to an outside operations emergency, the Director of Operations & Public Works left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services returned to her seat.

6. Committee Reports

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on December 10, 2024.

Councillor Nolan advised that the Marystown Fire Department has updated the Fire Department Bylaws as per the new Town and Local Service Districts Act. The new bylaws were reviewed by the Committee.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/005R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adopt the Town of Marystown Fire Department Bylaws.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Nolan advised that the Protection to Persons & Property Committee will be contacting the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in the new year regarding the Adopt-A-Spot Program and Economic Development in the area. The Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will be invited to attend a Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting as a delegation.

In the Animal Control – Anti-Litter report, the Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer brought forward her daily log book of calls and issues since the last committee meeting. Councillor Nolan advised there were a few follow-ups regarding proper care of pets, roaming dogs and the usual follow-up with some bulk garbage issues.

Councillor Nolan advised of an important reminder on the December Waste Collection Schedule. Due to the regular waste collection as well as the bulk garbage collection taking place Christmas week, there has been a revised schedule of pickups. Councillor Nolan encouraged the public to check the Town’s Facebook Page to see the new holiday schedule from the Burin Peninsula Waste Management.

During the Fire Department report, Fire Chief Bolt reported that operations remain busy from community involvement, inspections, maintenance and drills. The Fire Department responded to four emergency calls since the last meeting bringing the total for 2024 to 104 calls. This does not include the additional calls that were received over this past weekend. The total of emergency calls responded to in 2023 was 118.

Fire Chief Bolt advised that he is currently preparing the 2025 applications for the Fire Service Division. The Fire Department’s budget has also been submitted to the Finance Department for the upcoming 2025 Budget Process.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department wants to advise the public, especially during the busier Christmas Season, that snow means slow. Give yourself extra time and drive to the road conditions. The Fire Department also wanted to thank Council, Staff and the public for their continued support of the Department and would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Councillor Nolan, on behalf of Council, thanked the Fire Department for their many services provided to the community and wished them a safe and quiet holiday season.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder advised that there has not been a Tourism & Special Events Committee Meeting since the last Council Meeting. Councillor Hodder advised that the only event to take place is a Senior’s Event at the Marystown Retirement Centre on Friday, December 20, 2024.

Recreation Committee

As Deputy Mayor Walsh was chairing the meeting, Councillor Hodder brought forward the Recreation Committee Report on his behalf and reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on December 10, 2024.

Councillor Hodder advised that the Town Electrician will be completing an inspection of the lighting in the pool area at the Marystown YMCA to determine replacement bulbs. At the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena, there was an issue with the Zamboni breaking down on the ice which caused damage to the cloth; a new cloth will be ordered. Councillor Hodder advised that the new skate sharpener has been purchased and is ready to be installed. The Town's Electrician will complete an inspection to determine that the electrical outlets in the Skate Sharpening Room will support the new skate sharpener.

The Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services is in the process of obtaining quotes for solar lights for the Jane's Pond Walking Trail. The Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services is also in the process of reviewing funding for the purchase of snowshoes that can be rented from the Town. This would encourage physical activity and tourism in the area. The Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services is also in conversations with Fire Chief Bolt regarding a fire source for the lower field at the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on December 11, 2024. Councillor Keating apologized for the Director of Operations & Public Works absence from the meeting as he was called out for a water break.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/006R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 2024-26 received from Sharp Management Inc. dated December 4, 2024 in the amount of \$8,113.00 including HST for engineering consulting services for the Marystown Source Possible Funding Applications Project.”

Discussion

Councillor Keating advised that FCM cancelled the project funding that was applied for which would have been used to establish improvements for the wetland treatment facility in Marystown however Sharp Management Inc. has obtained the information and has it filed for additional funding and will meet with the Public Works Committee in the new year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/007R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 104997 received from Edwards and Associates dated November 27/24 in the amount of \$3,680.00 including HST for the surveying of four easements for the Levi’s Road/Mayo’s Road Project.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/008R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept the tender bid for the Town of Marystown - Glendon Brook Bridge Replacement Project No. 17-RNC-24-00009 and award the project to Wally Drake's Trucking Limited in the amount of \$518,830.55 including HST, with the understanding that funding in the amount of \$389,949.00 will come from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and remaining funds in the amount of \$170,124.43 will come from the Town's General Revenue account.”

Discussion

Councillor Keating advised that, over the past couple years, most projects have resulted in overages once bids are received due to the increase in prices for asphalt. Councillor Hodder also added that there was a change in the height of the bridge which resulted in additional grade needed for the project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/009R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to request that Grieg Seafood properly install a septic tank coming from the Smolt and Hatchery Buildings with the understanding that an inspection will be completed by the Public Works Department prior to the septic tank being filled in as required in the Town’s Water & Sewer Regulations.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Keating advised that the Public Works Department has been kept very busy with regular operations. The Department completed snow clearing and salt and sand operations a few times since the last Council Meeting.

Councillor Keating provided an update regarding upcoming capital works projects. Surveys have been completed by engineers with drawings and tender documents being prepared over the winter season to go to tender in the spring. Councillor Keating advised that the new MIOX Vault has arrived at the Water Treatment Plant and is scheduled to be commissioned in early January.

Councillor Keating advised that all Public Works Equipment is ready for the snow clearing season and has been utilized in the past couple weeks. The Department's new loader is scheduled to arrive in Marystown on December 20, 2024.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/010R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Mr. Gerard Baker, Arena Operator, \$6,170.88 for 24 days of annual leave.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/011R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Mr. Alje Mitchell, Chief Administrative Officer, \$19,902.56 for 43.04 days of annual leave.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/012R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise for a fulltime permanent Clerk II.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/013R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2024 12 16/009R made at the Regular Council Meeting on December 3, 2024 to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/009R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Glen Walsh, Maintenance Operator, the Public Works Employee Foreman rate of pay for all duties including callout and overtime effective December 3, 2024.”

Motion carried unanimously.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/014R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to hire a temporary fulltime maintenance operator for the Public Works Department for a period of twelve week with the possibility of extension.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/015R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to ratify writing a letter to Minister Fred Hutton, Department of Transportation & Infrastructure, requesting that Marine Drive and Black Brook, Route 220 be included in the upcoming 2025-2026 Infrastructure Road Projects.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Keating advised that an issue with flooding in the Greenwood Street area has resulted in visits to the area by some of Council as well as the Town’s Engineers and the Director of Operations & Public Works. The Public Works Department has a detailed discussion regarding a solution to the flooding in the area and determined that ditching will be completed and a culvert will be installed in the area to reroute the flow of access water. The Director of Operations & Public Works will determine cost estimates for the project and materials will be purchased over the winter to have the issue resolved in the spring.

Councillor Nolan advised that last year the Town had a major issue with the clearing of the new sidewalks on McGettigan Boulevard. Councillor Keating advised that the Town purchased a snowblower attachment for the skid steer which will be used this year to clear them. These operations will be completed during night shift as there is less traffic at that time.

Councillor Nolan also advised that the company with the snow clearing contract for Walmart has been depositing snow across the road and unto the new sidewalk. The Director of Operations & Public Works will follow up on this issue.

Finance Committee

As Councillor Edwards was not present at the meeting, Councillor Keating brought forward the Finance Committee Report. Councillor Keating also brought forward holidays greetings to Council, staff and the residents on behalf of Councillor Edwards. Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on December 11, 2024.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/016R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 1163 received from Eastern Destination Management Organization Inc. in the amount of \$158.00 including HST for the 2025 Membership for Legendary Coasts Eastern Newfoundland.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Keating advised that staff will be contacting Legendary Coasts Eastern Newfoundland to determine the possibility of becoming a voting member. Councillor Hodder advised that there has not been a call for members for the Burin Peninsula in a while. Councillor Keating advised the many tourism activities available in the Marystown area need to be promoted.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/017R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval of the October Monthly Claim received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador dated October 31/24 in the amount of \$20,549.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/018R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. CINV3194795 received from BDO Canada LLP dated November 30/24 in the amount of \$24,404.15 including HST for the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/019R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. INV-43683-T8Z4L1 received from Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated November 18/24 in the amount of \$1,986.82 including HST for 2025-2026 Membership fees with funds to come from the 2025 budget.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/020R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept the funding from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency under the Regional Innovation Ecosystems for Project No. 226551 in the amount of \$81,250.00 as per the terms and conditions of the Contribution Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given for Mayor Keating and the Acting Town Manager to sign the Contribution Agreement between the Town of Marystown and Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/021R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of December 10, 2024, in the amount of \$120,716.92.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/022R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award the Dr. Chester Harris Memorial Scholarship to Amanda Kavanagh based on academic achievement in the amount of \$500.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/023R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award the Mary Hodder Scholarship to Abby Farrell-Powell based on a combination of community involvement and academic achievement in the amount of \$500.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development meeting held on December 10, 2024.

Councillor Myles advised that correspondence was received from Transport Canada advising that the ownership of the government wharf will not be given to the Town of Marystown. It was also advised by Transport Canada that the Town cannot develop a port authority with the town.

Councillor Myles advised that the Request for Proposal for interest in developing the former CHCM Land will be advertised in the newspaper on December 20, 2024 at which time it will also be advertised on the Town's social media accounts.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/024R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Terra Nova Driving Training c/o Prashant Jadhav to operate Drivers Training (Safety NL Francise) at 1C Harris Drive be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/025R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Maico Hearing Services c/o Karla Tucker to operate a Hearing Clinic at 3A Harris Drive be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/026R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from P.S. Atlantic Limited (Paint Shop) to construct and install a planter box sign at 2 Harris Drive be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/027R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Newfoundland & Labrador Housing Corp. to construct an addition to existing building 20' x 24' at 60 Atlantic Crescent be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Correspondence

Councillor Keating advised that in Correspondence No. 19, NL Health Services held a meeting at the Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre on December 9, 2024, to discuss important matters concerning health care in our region and to explore opportunities for collaboration. Councillor

Keating advised that he requested the shortage of doctors for the area to be added to the agenda however there has been no update on topics that were discussed during the meeting. The Acting Town Manager will determine if there are minutes available from the meeting.

Councillor Keating requested clarification of Correspondence No. 58 regarding the cost of consultant services that went from \$7,700.00 to \$125,000.00 and requested a more detailed statement of work and terms of reference outlining what is expected of the consultant. The Director of Planning & Economic Development advised that this was a misunderstanding between the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology and ACOA and it was determined that these are two separate items.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/028R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase Regular Water & Sewer Materials for Daily Operations from Wolseley Canada Inc. at a cost of \$4,346.27 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/029R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to engage the services of Wally Drake’s Trucking Ltd. for blivet pumping, trucking and disposal for the Gaze Cove, Bayview Street, YMCA and Grieg Site Blivets at a cost of \$3,136.31 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/030R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to purchase two hydrant gate valves and one 1 ½” quadracup foam nozzle from Safety Source Fire in the amount of \$70,910.48 including HST with funds to come from fundraising.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/031R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to purchase two 2 ½” nozzles from Martin’s Fire Safety in the amount of \$4,436.70 including HST with funds to come from fundraising.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/032R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to engage the services of CG HVAC Services for HVAC Maintenance at Marystown YMCA at a cost of \$6,923.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/033R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to engage the services of Keep Cool to replace the safety valve, shaft seal and bearings on the evaporator compressor, check all motors, compressors and controls on the ammonia plant and replace a valve on the condenser at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena at a cost of \$20,076.54 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Councillor Keating advised that Stagehead Restaurant will be hosting Christmas Dinner again this year for those who are alone and unable to have a Christmas dinner. The Town sponsored the event last year and Councillor Keating suggested the sponsorship again for this year. Councillor Keating also advised that R & E Transport will be offering taxi service to the restaurant for those unable to travel there on their own.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/034R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to sponsor the Annual Christmas Dinner for the less fortunate hosted by Stagehead Restaurant on December 25, 2024, in the amount of \$250.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Keating advised that the Department of Municipal & Provincial Affairs has granted an extension to the deadline for the 2025 Municipal Budget and the new deadline to have the budget submitted will be January 31, 2025.

Councillor Keating took this opportunity to thank all Town Staff for a great year and wished all staff and residents a great Christmas, hoping everyone gets a chance to spend quality time with family.

Councillor Nolan advised that Farrell’s Construction has begun the placement of rock for the Bailey Bridge which is nice to see.

Councillor Nolan advised that there were many issues and complaints from the public directed towards the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure regarding road conditions over this past weekend. The lack of services for snow clearing operations caused many accidents in the area. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that there are currently only two operators at the Salt Pond Depot and the department is in the process of conducting interviews to hire more operators. Councillor Keating encouraged residents to contact their local MHAs to bring forward concerns and to request an explanation for the lack of services provided.

Councillor Nolan wished the public a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Councillor Myles advised that a representative from ACOA was present for a meeting here at the Town Hall on December 10, 2024. Councillor Myles advised that it was a good meeting. Two important topics were discussed. The first topic of conversation was the potential wharf at the Marine Industrial Park and the second topic was regarding the museums in Marystown. ACOA has offered to complete a whole footprint of all three museums and assist with the possibility of hosting all three in one facility on a go forward basis. ACOA offered to complete a sustainability/feasibility study on two potential buildings of interest which would be fully accessible to the public.

Councillor Myles advised that the Town of Marystown and the Marystown Kinsmen Club hosted the 55th Annual Santa Claus Parade on December 7, 2024. Councillor Myles advised that it was the biggest and best parade to date and thanked all those involved with the organization of the event as well as everyone who participated in putting in a float.

Councillor Myles ended his report by wishing the residents a healthy and happy holiday season and encouraged the public not to drink and drive.

Councillor Hodder agreed with a statement given by the Marystown Fire Department – snow means slow. There have been many complaints received regarding increased speed especially in the Creston Boulevard area. Councillor Hodder advised that this also includes commercial trucks

in the area. Councillor Hodder encouraged all to follow the speed limits posted and to report those who are seen speeding to the local RCMP detachment.

Councillor Hodder advised that there will be a Grand Opening for the new Grace Sparkes House on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, and would like to personally thank all those involved with the establishment of the new facility. Councillor Hodder advised that the new facility is all on one level and is completely accessible for the public. Councillor Hodder took this opportunity to thank Mrs. Lisa Slaney, Grace Sparkes House's Executive Director, for the hard work and dedication she has put into making the new facility possible.

Councillor Hodder sent congratulations to the Marystown Kinsmen Club for hosting another successful Marystown Santa Claus Parade. Each year the Marystown Kinsmen Club do a fabulous job in organizing the event. Councillor Hodder encouraged the public to donate to their local food bank during the Christmas Season.

Councillor Nolan commended the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services on a job well done on the Town's Christmas Tree, Town Hall decorations and the new Santa Float for this year. Great job done by the Director and the Recreation and Public Works Departments.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that the Town Hall Grounds and the new Santa Claus float looked great. Deputy Mayor Walsh also advised that this was the 55th Santa Claus Parade that the Kinsmen have organized and assisted with marshalling traffic. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that, since COVID, participation in the parade has increased and it was great to see so many people out for the event. This year's parade had 48 floats and over 50 people involved.

Councillor Hodder thanked all staff and departments in the Town of Marystown for their hard work and dedication over the year. Councillor Hodder advised that it has been a great team to work with and commend everyone for a job well done.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that, as this is the last Regular Council Meeting of the year, he wanted to wish staff and the residents a Merry Christmas. Deputy Mayor Walsh also encouraged the public to check on their neighbours during the holiday season as this time of year can be lonely for some people. Deputy Mayor Walsh commended the staff of a great year and is looking forward to continuing to work with each person in the new year.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Motion

MMC 2024 12 16/035R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Andrew Walsh
Deputy Mayor

Petrina Power
A/Town Manager