

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

Present were: Mayor Brian Keating
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh
Councillor Andy Edwards
Councillor Keith Keating
Councillor Gary Myles
Councillor Ray Nolan

Also present: Greg Osmond, Town Manager
Randy Brockerville, Director of Operations & Public Works
Melanie Kilfoy, Director of Finance & Administration
Debbie Fitzpatrick, Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services
Petrina Power, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Keating called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

The Town Clerk noted that there was an error with motion MMC 2025 01 21/007R in minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 21, 2025. The motion gave approval for the Town to support the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board; the Board is now referred to as the Burin Peninsula Energy Board.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/002R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 21, 2025, be adopted with the noted correction.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/003R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on January 28, 2025, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising

There was no business to bring forward.

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

6. Committee Reports**Protection to Persons & Property Committee**

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property committee meeting held on January 28/25.

Councillor Nolan advised the MMSB is again offering compost bins at a subsidized price that municipalities can offer to residents. The Town still has about 25 bins left from last year and will not be ordering any additional bins. Councillor Nolan advised residents that anyone wanting a compost bin can contact the Town office about purchasing one.

Correspondence has been received from the CNIB Foundation with a request to do a presentation to the Protection to Persons & Property Committee on the Town’s Accessibility Plan from a sight loss perspective. Arrangements are being made to take in this presentation.

Correspondence has been received from Grace Sparkes House with regards to their civic address for their new location. This item will be followed up on with the Municipal Assessment Agency to determine what their correct address should be.

February 17-23/25 is Heritage Week and Heritage NL is hosting a Heritage Week 2025 Municipal Challenge to highlight unique heritage on social media. The Committee has decided to put a focus piece on the Town’s Facebook Page for each day of Heritage Week to promote the heritage of Marystown. The Executive Assistant is working on this item.

Following the discontinuation of the Town’s app, the Committee has had some discussion about reactivating it as a means of getting information out to residents.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/004R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to engage the services of Halder Group Inc. to reactivate the Town App at a cost of \$2,300.00 including HST and a monthly maintenance cost of \$148.35 including HST.”

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

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/005R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to engage the services of Constant Contact, an online email marketing program, at an annual cost of \$463.68 including HST to assist with providing up-to-date communication to residents.”

Discussion

Deputy Mayor Walsh questioned if the Constant Contact platform would coincide with the Town app or operate separately from it. The Town Manager advised the constant contact platform would be separate but would allow staff to do email mailouts and online posts at the same time, allowing staff to be more efficient. Through the use of both, it's hoped that more people can be reached when it comes to providing news and information. Councillor Myles noted that getting information out to people is important and the Town has had a difficult time doing that following the loss of the local radio station, a network radio station and the local newspaper. No one entity can advise all residents of all Town information, events, alerts, etc. The Town had an app which was cancelled. The Town uses social media and by using all available tools, the Town will have a greater chance of reaching all residents. Different people utilize different platforms and the more the Town uses, the better.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee had a discussion on ideas to combat littering. The committee is working on setting up a meeting with the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce to discuss revitalization of the Adopt-a-Spot Program.

Animal Control has been busy. There has been an issue with dogs roaming off leash, especially in areas such as walking trails.

Councillor Nolan reminded residents to take care of their pets, especially during especially cold days.

Operations within the Fire Department have been busy with six calls since the last Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor Walsh temporarily left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Councillor Nolan reminded Council and staff of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan training session taking place at the Fire Hall on February 12/25.

Repairs to the Fire Hall roof to stop leaks is pending the receipt of the necessary materials.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/006R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for Fire Chief Bolt to attend Fire School in Gander from May 23-29, 2025 as an instructor, with the understanding that all costs associated with the training, with the exception of salary, will be the responsibility of Fire Services Division.”

Motion carried unanimously.

January was Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month. Precautions have been implemented by the firefighters such as de-cons on scene and taking showers at the Fire Hall before returning home. Bunker suits are also transitioned over time.

On behalf of the Fire Chief and firefighters, Councillor Nolan gave condolences to the families of late honorary member Mr. Cecil Lambe as well as former Councillor/Deputy Mayor/MHA Ms. Mary Hodder and former Town worker Mr. Pad Drake.

Deputy Mayor Walsh returned to the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Councillor Nolan encouraged residents to keep the fire hydrant, as well as any fire exits, nearest to their properties clear of snow.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/007R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Myles

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Nolan advised the Committee is following up on quotes for anti-litter bins to place around town.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

As Councillor Hodder was not in attendance, there was no Tourism & Special Events Committee report to bring forward.

Mayor Keating noted the Lions Club will be hosting their winter carnival later this month.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on January 28, 2025.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that the supplier of the new flooring at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena did an inspection and advised that the flooring is wearing the way it is supposed to. However, the company will do some adjustments after the ice season.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/008R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay two-thirds of invoice no. 18308 received from Urban Flooring dated October 16/24 for new flooring for the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena, which amounts to \$55,333.33 including HST, with the understanding that the remaining one-third of the payment, which amounts to \$27,666.67 including HST, will be issued once the supplier has rectified issues with the flooring and with the further understanding that the full payment of the invoice totaling \$83,000.00 including HST will come from the 2024 budget.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed a list of activities for February Active Month. More information will be brought forward and the Committee will discuss any activities to be hosted.

The Committee had a discussion regarding insurance for user groups. All user groups using the arena must have insurance. Any questions can be directed to the Town.

The Town will be hosting an NHL Hockey Legends game and a request was received for a one-night liquor license for the warm room at the arena. The Committee discussed the request and decided that because children will be in attendance and may be in the warm room, the request will not be granted.

The Ice Crystals Figure Skating Club will be celebrating their 40th anniversary and Miss Kaetlyn Osmond has been invited to take part in the celebration. As the club will need to practice with Miss Osmond when the arena is normally closed, the Town will open the arena for their usage to accommodate their schedules.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on January 29, 2025.

The Town's latest bacteriological water analysis was received January 24/25 and all samples collected on January 13/25 tested satisfactory.

Councillor Keating advised the Public Works Department has been busy with regular operations. Each week, the outside workers will have completed a lengthy list of tasks.

The Town's capital works projects are ongoing at various stages such as engineering work, drawings, etc. It's anticipated these projects will start this spring. Those projects include the

Ducey's Lane Water & Sewer Project, Eugene Hodder's Road Sewer Project, Chlorination Building Project, Glendon Bridge Replacement Project, Levi's Road Project, Rennie's Road Project, Creston Boulevard Phase 1 and 2 Projects and Farrell's Road Water and Sewer Project.

Councillor Keating advised the commissioning of the second MIOX vault at the water treatment plant is complete.

There were no major issues with the equipment to report.

Since the first major snowfall of January 23, 2025, the Department has been very busy with snow clearing. Some complaints have been received regarding snow clearing. Councillor Keating advised the Department is trying to be as effective and efficient as possible. There are 85km of road in Marystown that need to be cleared and just 5 operators. In addition to snow clearing, the workers have to address water breaks and other issues. If anyone has a complaint regarding snow clearing, they were advised to call the Director of Operations & Public Works who will try to address it as best as possible.

The Committee had a meeting with Sharp Management regarding wastewater solutions. Further follow-up is pending should more funding become available.

Councillor Nolan wanted to advise residents experiencing drainage issues on Greenwood Street that the Town has budgeted funding to address the issue.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 29, 2025.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/009R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust residential property taxes for Account No. MCCA001 in the amount of \$3,000.00 plus interest for the 2014 to 2023 taxation years as the property is not accessible for development, with the understanding the land is currently being charged at the vacant land tax rate.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/010R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 105050 from Edwards and Associates dated January 7/25 in the amount of \$862.50 including HST for the Land Gazette Subscription Renewal for January 1-31, 2025.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/011R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 2480 from Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce dated January 8/25 in the amount of \$265.00 including HST for the 2025 Membership Dues.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/012R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 4370-2025 received from The Watchdog dated January 8/25 in the amount of \$194.35 including HST for an Annual Subscription from January – December 2025.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the following invoices received from Appleby Picco Law dated January 22, 2025:

- File No. 2024193 dated January 17/25 in the amount of \$92.00 including HST for professional services relating to the termination of agreement of purchase and sale with Placentia Bay Ocean Enterprises Inc.
- File No. 2024235 dated January 17/25 in the amount of \$69.00 including HST for professional service relating to tax agreements
- File No. 2024145 dated January 17/25 in the amount of \$822.25 including HST for professional services relating to a claim by a local contractor regarding the roof of the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/014R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 2480 19306 received from Cal LeGrow Insurance dated January 22/25 in the amount of \$287,925.40 RST exempt for the renewal of Policy No. P04174506 for the period of February 1, 2025 to February 1, 2026.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 50% of the interest for Account No. BARRY003 as the property owner has met the obligations of the principal payment agreement.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Edwards reminded those residents with tax arrears that staff are available to assist them with a principal payment plan that would allow for 50% of the interest on an account to be waived subject to payment of the principal in full and the other 50% of interest. As well, the Town has a 10-month equal payment plan for those not in arrears.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/016R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise a business card sized ad in the Royal Canadian Legion Newfoundland and Labrador Command Veterans Service Recognition Book, 25th Anniversary Edition, at a cost of \$255.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to deduct funds from the Firefighters Honorarium in the amount of \$2,800.00 for a regular Firefighter program.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the 2025 Recreation Newfoundland and Labrador membership fee in the amount of \$225.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Town Manager, Town Clerk and Director of Finance & Administration to attend the PMA 2025 Convention and Trade Show taking place April 8-10, 2025, in St. John’s, NL.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of January 29, 2025, in the amount of \$181,482.86.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to hire a clerk to assist with the collection of tax arrears for the Town of Marystown.”

Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that the Town is owed around \$1.3 million in tax arrears and it’s hoped that hiring a clerk dedicated to tax collection will result in collecting on some of it.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/022R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services to attend the 2025 Recreation NL Annual General Meeting and Conference taking place in Grand Falls – Windsor, NL from April 29 to May 1, 2025.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Fire Chief Justin Bolt \$1,853.22 for 6.29 out of 11.29 days of annual leave with the understanding that the remaining 5 additional days of annual leave will be carried forward to 2025.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/024R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to request a meeting with MHA Jeff Dwyer.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/025R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for for Mayor Keating, Councillor Keating, Councillor Myles and the Town Manager to form the Town’s Hiring Committee.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Economic Development Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Economic Development Committee held on January 28, 2025.

The Committee had some discussion regarding Grieg Seafood. More information on the company’s operations will be provided to Council as they are received.

The Committee also had some discussion on the vacant land formerly occupied by CHCM Radio, which is available for development.

Also discussed was the rezoning of land for EverWind Fuels. The Committee was in agreement that only residents of Marystown will be permitted to attend the public sessions regarding the rezoning and the sessions will deal with the rezoning only, specifically for the plant, water supply and docking facilities. Residents will not be permitted to voice their opinions on wind turbines as the session is for rezoning only. If and when the applications for the wind turbine development are received, concerns can be addressed at that time.

The Committee discussed some of the IT-related issues the Town has been experiencing, especially with audio during live Facebook feeds. The Committee will be following up on engaging an IT professional to look at the services in the Town Hall and overhaul them where necessary.

Councillor Myles advised that at the regular Council meeting of December 3/24, a planning and development application was tabled for which Mayor Keating was in a conflict. Mayor Keating removed himself from the Chambers during the motion however, the motion was incorrectly recorded as being carried unanimously which implied that Mayor Keating voted on the motion. Councillor Myles noted this needed to be amended in the minutes to reflect that he did not vote on it. It was noted that Mayor Keating was not in a conflict when it came to the amendment and could vote on it given that the application had already been approved and acted on.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/026R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2024 12 03/021R as follows:

Motion

MMC 2024 12 03/021R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from John Keating and Brian Keating for a Crown Land Grant on Tolt Road for the purpose of a seasonal residence/cottage be approved.”

Motion carried without the vote of Mayor Keating who was in a declared conflict of interest.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/027R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Colin Walsh for a Crown Land grant pursuant to a lease for the purpose of a remote recreational cottage at Round Pond.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/028R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to readvertise the position of Director of Planning & Economic Development until February 28, 2025.”

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Correspondence

- Email from Department of Environment & Climate Change dated January 30/25 re: Burin Peninsula EverWind Green Fuels Project re: draft Environmental Impact Statement guidelines posted on Department’s website for public review. Deadline for public comments is February 26/25.

The Town Manager reminded everyone of the deadline for comments.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/029R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the OHS Committee to register two Co-Chairpersons to attend the annual NL OHS Association Conference from May 7th to 9th in Gander at a cost of \$977.50 including HST for early bird registration.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/030R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the OHS Committee to expend funds in the amount of \$1,253.20 including HST for travel, meals and accommodations costs for two Co-Chairpersons to attend the annual NLOHSA Conference May 7th to 9th in Gander.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/031R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Committee to purchase a G3 Numatics solenoid manifold for two valve racks and systems for a total of six manifolds (2 value rack manifolds, a CIP manifold, a feed manifold, a circulation manifold and a chemical manifold) from AriaFiltr for a total of \$163,416.32 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/032R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to purchase 144 cans of white line paint and 60 cans of yellow line paint from Fast Line Striping Systems at a cost of \$3,333.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/033R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to purchase a 2025 Triumph Landscaper 18ft aluminum trailer, including spare wheel and tire, at a cost of \$9,308.10 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/034R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to purchase 50 6ft foldable tables and 300 plastic chairs from Canadian Tire at a cost of \$10,345.98 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Mayor Keating advised he has received a lot of questions regarding the bailey bridge and the infilling of the harbour. The south side of the bridge will have the most infilling as the inlet needs to accommodate a 70m (210 foot) bailey bridge. Mayor Keating retrieved the enlarged photo provided by the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure showing the proposed bailey bridge and explained to residents that infilling on the south side of the bridge will be equal to the distance of the second pillar on the Canning Bridge. Infilling on the north side will be equal to the halfway before the first pillar, which is a considerably smaller amount of infilling. Some residents expressed concerns regarding flooding. Council will be reaching out to the Department as well as the engineers for the project to discuss those concerns for the north side.

Deputy Mayor Walsh noted that prior to the regular Council meeting at 7:00 p.m., Council held a 5:00 p.m. meeting to discuss various issues. Notice of this meeting was received earlier today around 11:00 a.m. and due to the short notice, Deputy Mayor Walsh was not able to attend. As per policy, Council is supposed to have 48-hours notice of meetings, which was brought up and discussed at the earlier meeting. Deputy Mayor Walsh noted it was good that Council agreed meetings will require the 48-hour notice from now on as Councillors need ample notice in order to attend and be part of the discussion.

Councillor Keating advised that Maico Hearing will be setting up in Marystown. Councillor Keating took a moment to welcome the service to the area.

Councillor Keating advised he has also received a lot of calls regarding infilling on the north side for the bailey bridge. Given past events such as Hurricane Igor, Councillor Keating also has

concerns however, it was good to hear that the bailey bridge will allow for 210 feet for water flow and that some of the infilling will be reused on the new permanent bridge.

Councillor Nolan reminded residents of the ongoing Kraft Hockeyville contest. The Kaetlyn Osmond Arena has been nominated and is currently in sixth place. Residents were encouraged to go online and get involved in pushing the arena into first place. Top prize will be \$250,000.00 which will be used to upgrade the arena and the arena would get to host an NHL hockey game. The link to the contest has been posted to the Town's Facebook page.

Councillor Edwards advised that at the regular Council meeting of January 14/25, Council passed a motion to set the schedule for meetings. Council meetings are usually held on the first and third Tuesday of each month with the exception of July and August when meetings are held once per month on the first Tuesday. It was decided that due to the Canada Day holiday falling on the first Tuesday of July (July 1st), the Council meeting would take place the following Tuesday on July 8th. However, as per section 4 of the Town's current Rules of Procedure, when the day fixed for a meeting of Council falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the next day following which is not a legal holiday, which would be July 2nd.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/035R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given amend Motion MMC 2025 01 14-023R to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2025 01 14/023R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular meetings of Council shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Centre, with the following exceptions:

- one meeting for the month of July, to take place on the first Wednesday due to Canada Day falling on the first Tuesday
- one meeting for the month of August, to take place on the first Tuesday

Motion carried unanimously."

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Edwards noted there are a lot of people setting up mobile businesses in town that are affecting permanent tax-paying businesses. Councillor Edwards advised the Town is in the process of getting a Municipal Enforcement Officer who would have the authority to issue fines to such businesses to ensure fairness for everyone.

Councillor Myles noted he had no further business to bring forward but did note it was good to see the bailey bridge progressing and that concerns were being addressed.

Mayor Keating has received several calls regarding Crown Land and some residents have had their Crown Land applications denied due to the requested land being within the wind energy land reserve. Mayor Keating advised those residents who receive such denials to contact EverWind Fuels as the company can issue a letter to release the land in question if the land is not needed for the project. EverWind Fuels is not interested in land that is already occupied by cabins, houses, etc. Residents can also contact the Town for assistance. Mayor Keating will reach out to Minister Gerry Byrne to discuss why there is still an issue regarding some Crown Land applications and see if the issue can be resolved. Councillor Keating advised he was approached by some residents who paid the fee for their Crown Land application only to have it turned down. Those residents should not have to pay that fee again after the land is released by EverWind Fuels. Mayor Keating will make note of this point when speaking with Minister Byrne.

With new bylaws required under the new Towns and Local Service Districts Act, Mayor Keating advised Council that if they have any items that need to be discussed prior to the regular Council meeting, they need to be forwarded to the Town Clerk on the Friday before the meeting so they can be added to an agenda and a meeting scheduled.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Motion

MMC 2025 02 04/036R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk