

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

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

Also present: Alje Mitchell, Chief Administrative Officer  
Randy Brockerville, Director of Operations & Public Works  
Melanie Kilfoy, Director of Finance & Administration  
Kayla Power, Director of Recreation & Community Services  
Petrina Power, Town Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Keating called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

*Regular Council Meeting*

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/002R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on August 10, 2022, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

### *Special Council Meeting*

#### **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/003R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on August 10, 2022, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

### *Other Meetings*

The minutes from the Council meeting held on August 23, 2022, were tabled for information purposes.

The minutes from the Council meeting with EverWind Fuels held on August 31, 2022, were tabled for information purposes. Mayor Keating advised that EverWind Fuels has visited with many of the communities on the peninsula and will be scheduling some Town Hall meetings. To date, EverWind Fuels has held meetings in Burin, Parker’s Cove, St. Lawrence and Lawn to meet with representatives of those communities and the surrounding communities to discuss their proposed Green Hydrogen and Ammonia Project. Following those meetings, a Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board was created with eleven members from different communities representing the entire peninsula. EverWind Fuels has plans to come back to the peninsula to talk to the general public through Town Hall meetings. The dates and times for these meetings are pending and will be posted once known.

#### **4. Business Arising from Regular and Special Council Meetings**

There was no business to bring forward from the regular and special Council meetings.

#### **5. Delegations**

There were no scheduled delegations.

#### **6. Committee Reports**

##### Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Development meeting held on September 1, 2022.

#### **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/004R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to write a letter to the Minister of Industry, Energy and Technology in support of EverWind Fuels and a proposed green hydrogen and ammonia project on the Burin Peninsula.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/005R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Randina Hodder to operate Done By Da Brush Interior/Exterior Paint at 60 Marine Drive as a mobile business be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Myles advised that he, Mayor Keating and Deputy Mayor Walsh attended a virtual presentation by Terra Nova Hydrogen on August 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss a proposed wind energy project on the Burin Peninsula however, Councillor Myles noted this proposed project is not at the stage that the proposed project by EverWind Fuels is.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/006R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident for a Crown Land Grant (0.3Ha) pursuant to a lease at Garnish Pond be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Walsh declared a conflict of interest for the next application as the applicant in question is a relative. Deputy Mayor Walsh removed himself from the Council Chambers.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/007R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that Deputy Mayor Walsh be declared in a conflict of interest for the next development application as the applicant in question is a relative.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/008R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident for a Crown Land Grant (0.3Ha) pursuant to a lease at Garnish Pond be approved.”

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

Deputy Mayor Walsh returned to the Council Chambers.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/009R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident to construct a patio measuring 14’ x 26’ at the rear of a residence and a patio measuring 8’ x 13’ at the side of a residence at 178A Marine Drive be approved, subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/010R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident to construct an extension measuring 10’ x 12’ to an accessory building at 3 School Road be approved, subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/011R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident to erect a privacy fence along the property line at 39 Hollett’s Road be approved, subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/012R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident to construct a residence measuring 40’ x 49 and an accessory building measuring 20’ x 20’ at Spanish Room be approved, subject to site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/013R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to donate a parcel of land to Grace Sparkes House for the construction of a new facility.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Myles offered congratulations to Councillor Hodder and Deputy Mayor Walsh for a very successful Come Home Year 20022 Celebration. The events were very well-attended and all Committee members are to be commended for their hard work.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/014R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify the issuance of a removal order to Newfound Mechanical for the removal of equipment and material from Lot No. 14 at the Marine Industrial Park.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on August 31, 2022.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay an invoice received from Art Taylor, Antiques Appraiser, dated August 12/22 in the amount of \$100.00 for the appraisal of an 86’ model of the American clipper ship Sea Witch for the Marystown Model Ship Gallery.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/016R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 0454 received from Brenton’s Music dated July 19/22 in the amount of \$2,225.12 HST included for the purchase of a new speaker system.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve the Donation, Grant and Sponsorship Application received from the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department for the Junior Firefighter Program in the amount of \$500.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the 2014-2022 Water and Sewer Taxes for Account No. POWEA009 in the amount of \$4,812.00 plus interest as the account was charged in error.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to approval be given to adjust the 2014-2022 Property Tax for Account No. FFAWC001 in the amount of \$3,650.00 plus interest as the property was returned to Crown Lands.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the remaining 50% of the interest on Account No. WISCJ006 as the principal and 50% of the interest has been paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the remaining 50% of the interest on Account No. MACIJ001 as the principal and 50% of the interest has been paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/022R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the remaining 50% of the interest on Account No. GOVEC004 as the principal and 50% of the interest has been paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Change Order No. 1 received from Progressive Engineering & Consulting Inc. dated July 13/22 for the McGettigan Boulevard CP2 - Water & Sewer Upgrades Project, Project No. 17-RNC-20-00018, in the amount of \$7,945.93 including HST for additional water and sewer materials.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/024R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 318322 received from Cal LeGrow Insurance Limited dated August 29/22 in the amount of \$100.00 RST exempt for the addition of the Junior Fire Brigade Program to the Town’s insurance policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/025R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 2015-2022 Business Tax for Account No. SHELL001 in the amount of \$1,600.00 plus interest as the business is not in operation.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Business Tax Adjustment Listing No. 5-1 dated August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$40,116.47 plus interest as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/027R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$207,843.17 as per policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/028R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to issue petty cash to the Director of Recreation & Community Services in the amount of \$250.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/029R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Director of Finance & Administration to attend the Professional Municipal Administrators Fall Forum 2022 taking place October 13-14, 2022 in St. John’s, NL.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/030R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Nolan

“BE IT RESOLVED that any member of staff requiring time off work for reasons related to COVID-19 be required to utilize sick leave credits.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/031R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to hire four workers for the Walk of Hope Walking Trail Project, Gas Tax Project No. 153-2021-7425.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/032R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to register Mayor Keating and Deputy Mayor Walsh to attend the MNL Conference taking place in Gander from November 2-5, 2022, with the understanding that they will be registered as voting delegates.”

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/033R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reallocate funding in the amount of \$10,181.86 from the COVID Safe Restart funds to cover costs associated with the installation of plumbing for the new Recreation Soccer Building, Project No. 17-CEEP-22-168.”

Motion carried unanimously.

## Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on August 31, 2022.

A request has been received to pave the cul-de-sac at the end of Mary Anne Place. This item will be looked at as additional multi-year capital works funding becomes available.

BioMaxx is continuing to monitor flows on several of the Town’s outfalls although many of the outfalls have shown no change in flows for months. Councillor Keating advised a resolution will be submitted to the MNL to lobby the Provincial Government, on behalf of all municipalities, to allow monitoring to cease after a certain period of time during which there has been no change in flows.

Regular operations within the Public Works Department are progressing well. Since the last Public Works Committee meeting, the following items have been completed:

- Water and sewer installation on Greenwood Street Extension
  - Grading, ditching and culverts to be completed in the coming weeks
- Assisted with Come Home Year activities – Marystown sign a big hit with many positive
- comments received. Letters will be removed in the fall and stored until the Spring.
- Installed road signage for Marystown Model Ship Gallery
- Culverts installed on Centennial Road
- Electricity installed at MADD Gardens
- Electricity hooked up at new soccer hut
- Abydoz system checked regularly
- No Parking signs installed at Brake’s Subdivision and Mount Vincent

The tender call for the Road Upgrades Projects will close on September 9<sup>th</sup> after which it’s anticipated that work will soon start. The Tolt Road Project will soon be ready to go to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for approval prior to going to tender.

With the rising cost of gas prices this year, the Town’s gas budget may be overbudget and will need to be reviewed.

Preparations are underway to get ready for the upcoming snow clearing season. Salt is expected to arrive late September/early October.

There were no issues to report with waste management. Councillor Keating reminded residents to check the Burin Peninsula Waste Management website for collection dates.

The Town had hired some extra staff during the summer months to assist the Public Works Department with covering off summer holidays.

#### Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on August 30, 2022.

There have been issues with the door at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena, which the Director of Recreation & Community Services is following up on. Estimates are being sought for repairs to the roof.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised the ice is scheduled to go on the rink on September 16<sup>th</sup> with a hockey camp taking place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Two Big Bashes were held at the arena during Come Home Year and the new stage worked out really well.

The YMCA has been busy over the summer, including being involved in Come Home Year. A new fall schedule is pending.

The Marystown Marlins recently hosted a swim meet at the YMCA, which was well attended. The Marlins took home several medals and everyone showed lots of great spirit and had fun. A motorcade took place after the meet, which was well enjoyed and appreciated by those involved in the meet.

The YMCA now has two new personal trainers on staff for users to avail of.

There was some discussion about having a winter soccer program at the YMCA so players could keep in shape during the off season. Many volunteers have stepped forward to assist and interest in such a program is growing. More discussion and information are pending.

The dressing rooms at the new soccer clubhouse are coming along. The showers are installed and the electrical is hooked up.

The Director of Recreation & Community Services advised there have been some issues at the splash pad caused by a recent storm. The Town is waiting on a part to fix the splash pad, which will soon be shut down and winterized for the winter season after which the Department's focus will shift to the arena and winter activities.

Deputy Mayor Walsh took a moment to pay respect to current Committee Members Murray and Hanrahan on the passing of Mr. Jesse Cribb. Mr. Cribb was father to Committee Member Murray as well as grandfather to past members of the Recreation Committee. Mr. Cribb and his wife Effie moved to Marystown many years ago and have contributed significantly to recreation in the area, as have their children and grandchildren.

#### Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on August 30, 2022.

Councillor Hodder thanked everyone who attended the various events that were planned for Come Home Year 2022 last month and helped to make it a success. The Marystown Come Home Year Facebook Page will be renamed for the Tourism & Special Events Committee and used to post Committee news as there are a lot of members on the page.

A significant amount of funds was raised during Come Home Year 2022 and the Committee agreed to give back to the community, especially those groups that assisted with events.

### **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/034R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to make the following donations, with funds to come from revenue generated during Come Home Year 2022 Celebrations:

- Lions Club of Marystown - \$1,000.00
- Kinsmen Club of Marystown - \$500.00
- The Merge - \$500.00
- Garnish Pond Road Committee - \$500.00
- St. Gabriel's Hall - \$500.00
- Little Bay Heritage Committee - \$500.00
- Salvation Army - \$500.00
- Marystown Volunteer Fire Department - \$129.00
- Burin Peninsula Ground Search and Rescue - \$395.00
- Autism Society of NL - \$185.65
- Friends and Cars - \$242.40
- Burin Peninsula SPCA - \$61.25
- Burin Peninsula Brighter Futures - \$500.00
- Grace Sparkes House - \$500.00
- Smallwood Crescent Community Centre - \$500.00”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hodder noted the donations to the first seven groups were to assist with the costs of providing food and meals during Come Home Year and the other donations were top-ups on fundraising efforts.

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Committee will host an Anti-Bullying Picnic from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Dave Brenton memorial Track & Field Complex. It's anticipated some members of the Heritage Riders will be in attendance.

True Blue will host the True Blue Child Abuse Awareness Walk on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex.

A final Outdoor Bingo for the year will take place on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Peninsula Mall parking lot. As the days are getting shorter, players may feel the need to turn on the cab lights but will also need to remember to occasionally start their cars to ensure they don't drain their car batteries. Councillor Hodder recommended bringing flashlights.

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The Committee will host another Nightmare Before Christmas event. Anyone wanting to enter a vehicle should contact Councillor Hodder.

The Splash n Boots event will take place September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event has been moved from the arena to St. Gabriel's Hall.

The 2022 Kidney Walk is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Dave Brenton memorial Track & Field Complex.

#### Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Nolan reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on September 1, 2022.

#### **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/035R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to declare the month of September as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Month.”

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/036R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to declare the month of October as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.”

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/037R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to write a letter of tolerance to the owner of property at 8 Brake's Subdivision regarding the non-conforming use of an accessory building on the property.”

Motion carried unanimously.

There were no major animal control or anti-litter issues to report on. In the last number of weeks, there have been a few strays/lost pets, all of which were safely returned to their owners.

Since the last Committee meeting, the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department has responded to 9 calls for service. Maintenance, training, inspections, public education and various community involvement initiatives are ongoing within the Department.

Repairs to the Fire Hall's bay floor have begun and planning is underway for the Junior Firefighters Program, which will start on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Council was invited to stop by that first night to meet the new junior firefighters.

Plans are underway for Fire Prevention Week, which will take place from October 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>.

The specifications for the new pumper truck have been drafted and should be forwarded to the Town for review in the near future.

The Department's Heritage Museum received many visitors over the summer season. Councillor Nolan thanked summer student Jayden Pittman and also thanked the Town for assisting in providing a summer student to operate the museum.

Members of the Fire Department were pleased to be able to assist in the transportation of goods to the south coast during the wild fires in the central region.

The Marystown Emergency Management Education, Tabletop and Mock Disaster is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Those participating were asked to confirm their attendance with Fire Chief Bolt.

The Province has a new Fire Commissioner. Fire Chief Bolt has been in contact with Mr. Robert Fowler and expressed interest in hosting a future Fire School in Marystown.

On behalf of the Fire Department, Councillor Nolan thanked the Fire Wrens and the public for their ongoing support and fundraising efforts for the Fire Department. The Department recently purchased two rope rescue equipment kits to upgrade their rescue equipment; the members have completed training using this equipment.

Councillor Nolan advised that Fire Chief Bolt would like to remind residents to plan ahead and be prepared for hurricane season. Fire Chief Bolt has been working with the Public Works Department on areas of concern in order to prepare for hurricane season.

### **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/038R

Moved by Councillor Nolan, seconded by Councillor Edwards

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for Fire Chief Justin Bolt to do Advanced Foam Firefighting training in College Station, Texas, from September 24<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, with the understanding that all costs associated with the training will be the responsibility of EverWind Fuels."

Motion carried unanimously.

A meeting has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on September 19<sup>th</sup> to reform the Board of Directors for a Burin Peninsula Division of Crime Stoppers NL. Contact is being made with interested parties to advise of this meeting.

As school will be starting very soon, Councillor Nolan asked motorists to watch out for children near the roadways as they head back to class for another year.

## **7. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

## **8. Approvals to Purchase**

### **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/039R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Administration Department to purchase flowers, promix soil, peat moss soil, weeping tile stone, topsoil, cedar mulch, concrete blocks, dwarf Alberta spruce, gold mound spirea and labour from Rogers Farm at a cost of \$4,763.09 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/040R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Public Works Department to purchase miscellaneous water and sewer materials and 24m of 100mm SDR sewer for Greenwood Street Extension from EMCO Distribution Ltd. at a cost of \$3,523.13 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/041R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Recreation Department to purchase ice paint for the arena from Jet Ice at a cost of \$2,559.94 including HST, with the understanding the Town of Fortune will help share the cost as both orders were placed together using one purchase order.”

Motion carried unanimously.

## **9. Regulations**

There were no regulations to bring forward.

## **10. Other Business**

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised a decision was made by the NL Eastern School District Board of Trustees to cancel the French Immersion Program for this year due to low enrollment, despite the expectation that interest and enrollment may increase next year. Deputy Mayor Walsh referenced a news article that stated there weren't enough bilingual people in rural Newfoundland to fill bilingual positions. The decision to cancel the program is counterproductive and will result in bilingual jobs being taken out of rural Newfoundland. Many parents are frustrated. Newfoundland

is part of a bilingual country and French needs to be offered to our students. Council and residents should not give up on this issue and should work towards having the program reinstated next year.

Deputy Mayor Walsh has been working on the Street Light Project for Black Brook. What should have been an easy project for the Town has become a bit of a process. Emails have been sent to minister Elvis Loveless, Department of Transportation & Infrastructure, and other Department Heads for the area regarding the need for the lighting for safety purposes. The Peninsula's two MHA's are also working on helping the Town as they understand the issue in Black Brook. The Town needs the Department to come on board with installing the streetlights 8 meters from the center line, rather than 13.5 meters as required by the Department. With the days getting shorter, this project needs to start soon.

Councillor Keating welcomed Mr. Robert Warr back to the position of Director of Recreation & Community Services, noting he was a great asset to the Town.

Speaking on the French immersion Program, Councillor Keating advised that Council met with MP Churence Rogers last week and discussed the situation with him. Councillor Keating's own son was one of the first students to enroll in the program when it was first introduced and it has benefited him greatly. Councillor Keating noted letters should be sent to the Federal Minister of Official Languages to advise the peninsula needs the program.

Referencing to the need for streetlights in Black Brook for safety purposes, Councillor Nolan advised that requests have gone in to the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure for brush cutting in the area. Some brush butting has started along with ditching. As it is a well-travelled road, Councillor Nolan hopes the Black Brook area will continue to be addressed by the Department in terms of safety.

Councillor Edwards congratulated the Come Home Year 2022 Committee on this year's celebrations and recognized the great job done by everyone.

Councillor Edwards noted the French immersion Program is important to attracting new residents to the area. Doctors and other professionals will look into what a community has to offer when making their decision to relocate and quality education is high on the list of needs. Cancelling the program has a big all-around effect. Even if the program is reinstated next year, there is a gap created by this year's cancellation. Deputy Mayor Walsh noted two professional families have already made the decision not to move to the area because the program was cancelled.

Councillor Myles stated the cancellation of the French Immersion Program is a very serious issue and goes to the core of helping to develop the area to attract professionals and their families. It's important to have that choice to learn French and become fluent in the language. Eliminating the program when the town is on the edge of expansion does not make sense.

Councillor Myles noted the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure is always referencing safety yet it is the Department itself that is standing in the way of the Town installing streetlights in the Black Brook area for safety purposes. There have been a number of moose accidents in the area and the Department's current installation requirements are very concerning and frustrating.

Councillor Hodder agreed the Black Brook area needs these streetlights and further agreed the French Immersion Program is needed.

Councillor Hodder thanked all volunteers and committee members for their dedication to making this year's Come Home Year 2022 Celebrations so successful, noting the celebrations were all about community involvement and community spirit.

Mayor Keating advised the issues surrounding health care on the Burin Peninsula have not gone away – in fact, they are worse. A rally has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, to protest against any cuts to our health care. Many of the services available and the associated equipment are a result of fundraising efforts by the residents of the Burin Peninsula and now the Provincial Government wants to take away some of those services. It is up to the residents to fight any action taken against our health care. The rally has been scheduled prior to the opening of the House of Assembly; Mayor Keating encouraged everyone to attend.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/042R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to write letters to the various levels of government opposing the decision to remove the French Immersion Program from the Marystown School System.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Notices of Motion**

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

**12. Adjournment**

It was noted the next meeting will take place on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion**

MMC 2022 09 06/043R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

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Brian Keating  
Mayor

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Petrina Power  
Town Clerk