

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2025**

Present were: Mayor Brian Keating
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh
Councillor Andy Edwards
Councillor Bridget Hodder
Councillor Keith Keating
Councillor Gary Myles

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Keating called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/002R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 8, 2025, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the meeting with Minister Loveless and Minister Pike held on July 2, 2025 were tabled for information purposes.

4. Business Arising

There was no business to bring forward.

5. Delegations

Mayor Keating welcomed Mr. Mike Fitzpatrick to the meeting. Mr. Fitzpatrick was present to talk about flooding and ditching on Greenwood Street West.

Mr. Fitzpatrick circulated a drawing to Council showing the area of Greenwood Street West where his mother's house is located and noted there are ditches in the area that are not collecting water and that water is being diverted towards his mother's area. The newer section of the street where new lots are being developed is higher than the older section of the road and water from that area is also being diverted to the older section where his mother lives. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted this water needs to be redirected past these older homes to alleviate issues with flooding.

The Town recently installed a culvert at a lower level that is anticipated to resolve the issue with flooding. However, Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that with the dry weather, there's no way to know if the culvert has resolved the problem. And with the new homes going up in the area, he questioned where the water will go.

Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that when the new lots were sold, they were sold individually but as lots within a subdivision. Yet, the subdivision regulations didn't apply. Mr. Fitzpatrick felt they should have applied and asked Council and staff to go through those regulations to see what should have been done to mitigate flooding. Mr. Fitzpatrick advised he will be seeking further advice if the issue is not resolved.

Mr. Fitzpatrick referred to an email wherein it was stated the Town dug out another ditch behind his mother's house to alleviate water issues but noted the issue was not a Town issue. Mr. Fitzpatrick questioned where the other ditch was that the Town had dug because the only ditch that was there was the one his mother had put in.

Mayor Keating thanked Mr. Fitzpatrick for his comments and noted the Town will be looking at the situation again and get back to him.

6. Committee Reports

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on July 15, 2025.

Councillor Hodder advised that the outdoor bingo held on July 29th was another success. The funds generated from the outdoor bingos help to fund events that are free to the public such as the recent magic show. Councillor Hodder noted these funds will also ensure there are no cover charges for any events during the Shining Seas Summer Festival, including the band and dance on August 16th.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/003R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2025 06 17/018R made at the regular Council meeting of June 17, 2025, to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2025 06 17/018R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to book a band for Newfie Night taking place August 16, 2025, as part of the Shining Seas Summer Festival at a cost of \$3,000.00 including HST plus the cost of two hotel rooms for the band.”

Motion carried unanimously.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hodder thanked all of the vendors and volunteers who helped make Marystown Day a huge success. Councillor Hodder encouraged vendors to participate in the Shining Seas Summer Festival by calling the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services.

Councillor Hodder gave a huge shoutout to Margaret Drake and Tara Emberley for their work on Scavenger Hunt and the Teddy Bear Picnic. Both events were well-attended and it was great to see the kids running around asking questions and learning about the Town as they gathered facts for the scavenger hunt. It’s hoped these events will continue during future festivals.

Councillor Hodder noted all events for the Shining Seas Summer Festival are online. Anyone interested in participating in the flea market should contact the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Hodder reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on July 16, 2025.

A resident has requested that a sign be installed on Forest Road to indicate there is an autistic child in the area. That sign has been ordered and will be installed once received.

The Public Works Department has been busy with regular operations including line painting at various locations, crosswalks, asphalt repairs, road shouldering and more. The Town received lots of great comments on the crosswalk installed near St. Gabriel’s Hall to honour veterans and Councillor Hodder commended the outside workers for that.

Councillor Hodder provided an update on various capital works projects. The Glendon Brook Bridge project and both Phase I and Phase II of Creston Boulevard have been completed. Ducey’s Lane is nearing completion. The slab was poured for the new chlorination building and the exterior of the building is nearing completion. The necessary easements have been put in place for the

Levi's Road/Mayo's Road project and a permit to proceed has been received. This is the first of two phases for these two roads. Drawings for the water and sewer and wall design for Farrell's Road have been received for review.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/004R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify going to tender for the following projects:

- Creston Boulevard Road Upgrades Phase III, Project No.153-2025-8569
- Harris Drive Road Upgrade, Project No. 153-2025-8568

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/005R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify going to tender for the Mayo's Road/Levi's Road Water, Sewer and Storm Sewer Project Phase I Project, Project No. 17-GI-24-00039.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/006R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that, further to Motion MMC 2025 05 06/020R approved at the regular Council meeting held on May 6, 2025, and subject to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Community Engagement, approval be given to reduce funding for the Eugene Hodder's Road Sewer Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-24-00053, to the amount spent, or \$6,616.07 including HST, and close the project, with remaining funds in the amount of \$271,841.93 including HST to be reallocated as follows:

- Creston Boulevard Road Upgrades Phase I Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-24-00056 - \$5,818.49 including HST
- Creston Boulevard Road Upgrades Phase II Project, Project No. 17-MYCW-24-00057 - \$136,768.15 including HST
- Remainder of funding in the amount of \$129,255.29 including HST to be unallocated”

Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed the Creston Boulevard and Harris Drive projects earlier this evening. Mayor Keating noted there is one phase left to Creston Boulevard and that entire road will be newly paved. There is an area of Harris Drive near Mr. Alonzo Cusick's residence that is in need of paving.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/007R

Moved by Councillor Hodder, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award the following contracts to Nortech Construction Co. Ltd.:

- Harris Drive Upgrades Project, Project No. 153-2025-8568 - \$247,012.87 including HST
- Creston Boulevard Road Upgrades Project, Project No. 153-2025-8569 - \$557,126.13 including HST

for a total of \$804,139.00, with the understanding the funding will come from Gas Tax.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Hodder advised that the solenoids for the water treatment plant are on site and awaiting installation. The new UPS for the plant comes with a 150-amp breaker and the plant is currently at 125-amps so follow-up will be made in the future to change out the breaker at the plant, which will require a shutdown of the plant at some point. There have been some spikes in flows that can be attributed to the hot weather. There has been some discussion about restricting water usage. Mayor Keating did ask residents to be cognizant of their water usage.

A new hydraulic pump was ordered for Unit 35 (loader).

Alarms are still being received on Unit 61 (loader). There is a possibility that the Town will have a representative from Toromont Cat complete another scan on the equipment.

There were no issues to report with waste management. The waste disposal site received a 5-star rating for operations at the site.

Some complaints have been received regarding some businesses not keeping their garbage bins cleaned out. As this is the tourism season, all businesses were reminded to keep their bins emptied.

A septic tank and water meter have been installed at the Grieg Seafood site.

The Public Works Department will make it a priority to have fencing installed for the Greenwood Street playground.

The Department has received a quote for the purchase of a code reader for CAT equipment given the Department has five pieces of CAT equipment. This item will be addressed during 2026 budget discussions.

Councillor Hodder advised that if anyone has any issues with overgrown alders that are causing a safety issue for drivers, etc., they should contact the Town.

On behalf of the Town, Mayor Keating sent prayers to the communities that are battling wildfires, with the hope that the fires will end soon.

Planning & Economic Development Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Economic Development Committee held on July 15, 2025.

Councillor Myles advised that Canadian Tire is changing hands and a letter was issued to the new operators to confirm that the proposed sale of non-restricted firearms at the store complies with local zoning and by-laws.

The Town received a letter from Canada Fluorspar Inc. to advise that the barge docked at the Marbase site would be removed between July 8th and 18th however, Councillor Myles noted the barge is still there.

The Committee discussed a Contractor – Good Standing Policy however, it will require further review and discussion.

The Director of Planning & Economic Development attended the MNL's Tomorrow's Summit Forum regarding housing.

The Director of Planning & Economic Development brought forward pictures of some of the Town of Clarendville's wayfinding signage to discuss with the Committee. The Town is interested in doing similar signage. The Director of Planning & Economic Development is following up on this item as well as quotes for new maps.

A draft of the Town's new app was reviewed and discussed with the developer, which should be ready to launch soon.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/008R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Scott Smith for Crown Land on Garnish Pond Road for the purpose of a cottage be approved, subject to Crown Lands.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/009R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Grieg Seafood Newfoundland to do renovations to the vaccination machine room at Lot No. 13, Kaetlyn Osmond Drive, be approved, subject to Service NL, Fire and Life Safety and site inspection.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/010R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Five Star Permits c/o David Atkinson to install exterior signs on the Dairy Queen building at 146 McGettigan Boulevard be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/011R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from NL Housing Corporation to construct an accessory building measuring 20’ x 24’ for the purpose of a maintenance workplace at 60 Atlantic Crescent be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/012R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Kwik Sign c/o Laurie Miller to install five wall-mounted exterior signs on the front and left sides of the KFC building at 64-72 McGettigan Boulevard be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/013R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Curbex to install a road sign on the KFC property at 64-72 McGettigan Boulevard be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/014R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Ian Bliss to operate Northern Shield Resources Inc. at 201-203 McGettigan Boulevard be approved, subject to Service NL and Fire & Life Safety.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/015R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Michael Molloy to construct a new privacy fence measuring approximately 39’ at 20 Markland Road be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/016R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Merrill Clarke to construct an accessory building measuring 26’ x 26’ at 95 Creston Boulevard be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/017R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Rodney Power to remove an existing accessory building and replace it with a new accessory building measuring 16’ x 26’ at 52 Marine Drive be approved.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating declared a conflict of interest for the next application as he is one of the applicants in question. Mayor Keating removed himself from the Council Chambers and Deputy Mayor Walsh presided as Chair of the meeting.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/018R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Brian Keating and Krista Walsh to construct an accessory building measuring 45’ x 45’ at Told Road be approved.”

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

Mayor Keating returned to the Council Chambers and resumed the position of Chair of the meeting.

Due to work commitments, Councillor Hodder left the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on July 15, 2025.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/019R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to write a letter to the English School District to bring forward concerns regarding the recent reduction in student assistant hours at Sacred Heart Academy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Several calls have been received regarding roaming cats and traps have been set. A total of 15 cats were trapped in the Wilson Street area and that situation seems to be under control.

A complaint was received regarding a cat attacking a resident while she was walking her dog. The Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer followed up on the complaint, getting the RCMP involved as well. This issue has been dealt with.

There have been complaints of rodents in the Atlantic Crescent area, likely attributed to the ongoing use of wooden bins. Councillor Myles asked that residents stop using wooden bins to control rodent issues.

The Marystown volunteer Fire Department has been busy with calls for service, training, maintenance, inspections, community involvement, groundskeeping and more. The Department received 13 calls for service since the last Committee meeting.

The new Unit No. 1 (Fire Chief’s vehicle) is expected to arrive later this month.

A quote has been received from a contractor to address issues with leaks in the Fire Hall’s new roof. A second quote is pending. Quotes are being accepted until the end of the week after which they will be reviewed.

The OH&S Committee met for their regular quarterly meeting.

The Junior Firefighting program will start up again on September 10th with 14 youth. On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Myles thanked the Town and all sponsors for their continued support of the program.

The Department has submitted a request for approval to expend funds for the mobile generator hookup at the Salvation Army related to the Warming and Cooling Center under the Emergency Management Plan. This item has been deferred as funding has been approved under a program to accommodate the hookup.

The Fire and Life Safety circular created and distributed recently has been a worthwhile process given the conversations, follow-ups and inspections to ensure Fire and Life Safety compliance around town.

On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Myles reminded residents to check online fire ratings every day and advised that a fire ban is in place until sometime in September.

The Town's new litter bins are pending installation at various locations around town. The Town will be looking for sponsors for the bins.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Walsh reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on July 15, 2025.

Deputy Mayor Walsh noted there have been issues with dogs on the sports fields and owners not picking up after them. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that dogs are not allowed on the fields and signage to that effect will be installed. The Town has a dog park that dog owners can use instead of the fields.

Membership is still good at the YMCA, which has been busy all summer. Programs such as the summer camp are well underway. The YMCA has its new sign up. The positive ticketing program started on July 14th and the YMCA donated 11 helmets to the program.

The outdoor facilities have seen some busy use to date. Enrolment in the various sports programs is high. Deputy Mayor Walsh commended the outside staff for the great job they are doing with the upkeep of the fields.

Locations for the solar lights for the Janes Pond Walking Trail have been marked out and are pending installation. The Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services will follow up on payment of the invoice for the lights.

The outdoor facilities have been the target of vandalism. Last year, the bathrooms at the Track & Field Complex were vandalized and had to close. Repairs have since been made and security cameras have been installed. Deputy Mayor Walsh noted a lot of municipalities are fencing in and locking up their facilities at night to prevent vandalism. Anyone caught on the properties after they've been locked down can be charged with trespassing. Deputy Mayor Walsh suggested the Town do the same and plan for it in a future budget.

The committee discussed the need for a chalk line machine for the ball diamond as well as the lights and decorations used for various events.

The town has received some funding for accessibility purposes as well as funding for upgrades to the Rattlin' Brook Trail, which is great news.

As noted earlier by Councillor Hodder, yesterday was Marystown Day and it was a great success. Deputy Mayor Walsh thanked the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services as well as the Tourism & Special Events Committee and volunteers for their assistance. The events went over well however, fireworks could not proceed due to the fire ban that is in place.

Marystown hosted an NL Soccer Association tournament this past weekend, which the Town hasn't done in over 30 years. Approximately 1,000 – 1,100 people participated. The tournament was great and everyone loved the Town's facilities. Business was up at most places and restaurants ran out of food. The Town needs to work on similar future events. All in all, it was a great weekend.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on July 16, 2025.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/020R

Rescinded at the regular Council meeting of September 2, 2025

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

~~“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the Statement of Account for File No. 2025282 received from Appleby Picco Law dated June 26/25 in the amount of \$627.65 including HST for professional services for the sale of a parcel of land located on Brenton Place.”~~

~~Motion carried unanimously.~~

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the Statement of Account for File No. 2024553 received from Appleby Picco Law dated July 9/25 in the amount of \$2,234.25 including HST for professional services with respect to easements for the Levi’s Road/Mayo’s Road Project.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/022R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 20812 received from Cal LeGrow Insurance dated April 2/25 in the amount of \$1,522.00 RST included for the renewal of the Volunteer Firefighters Accident Policy No. BW240671 effective April 1, 2025 to April 1, 2026.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the May Monthly claim received from YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador dated May 31, 2025, in the amount of \$25,672.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/024R

Rescinded at the regular Council
meeting of December 16, 2025

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

~~“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to write a letter to Transport Canada to give notice that in accordance with the Cancellation Clause 57 of the lease agreement between the Town of Marystown and Transport Canada, the Town will be terminating Lease No. M2328210 for the annual cost to occupy space to use and maintain a concrete boat trailer launch measuring six meters wide by 39 meters long in the port of Marystown.”~~

~~Motion carried unanimously.~~

It was noted that the lease is for the slipway at the government wharf, which has always been open to the public. Transport Canada also uses the slipway even though the Town was paying for the lease. While the Town is terminating that lease, the slipway should still be in place for residents to use unless Transport Canada closes it off.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/025R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2025/05/06/018R made at the Regular Council Meeting held on May 6, 2025 as follows:

Motion

MMC 2025 05 06/018R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to purchase thirty outdoor litter bins from Brentquip Solutions Limited at a cost of \$402.49 including HST per bin for a total cost of \$12,074.70, with the understanding that funds will come from the sale of Town equipment and with the further understanding that an opportunity will be available for local businesses and organizations to sponsor the litter bins with their logo displayed at a cost of \$100.00 per bin.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to ratify expenses in relation to the Marystown Day festivities as follows:

- NL Amusements: Laser Tag, Water Guns, Mini-Gold - \$1,658.00 including HST
- Free Community BBQ - \$352.00 with funds to come from the FCC Community Funding Grant
- Breakfast at the Merge that took place August 4, 2025, in the amount of \$500.00 made payable to the Marystown Kinettes as they hosted the event and sponsored by the Town of Marystown with funds to come from the FCC Community Funding Grant
- Jelly Bean Entertainment: Four bouncy castles including four generators - \$2,404.71 including HST
- Chris Farrell Entertainment – Musical entertainment for a period of two hours - \$150.00 including HST
- Various prizes for the games - \$440.35 including HST
- Multi-Cultural Event – with funds to come from a grant under the Cultural Events Fund through the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation with the understanding that payments will not be released until the Town is provided with receipts for the items purchased, to be disbursed as follows:
 - Ria Aguilaro - \$550.26
 - Ana Alea - \$102.15
 - Prisila Toar - \$137.48”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/027R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify the hiring of Mr. Richard Drake as a Museum Support Worker at the Marystown Model Ship Gallery for a period of ten weeks at twenty hours per week effective Tuesday, July 29, 2025, with the understanding that 50% of wages will be covered under the Purchase Support Program through the Burin Marystown Training and Employment Board.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/028R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 2024 and 2025 business taxes for Account No. CANAD014 in the amounts of \$648.99 and \$670.50 plus interest.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/029R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify renewal of Loan No. 1026 6998 567 with the Bank of Montreal for Project No. 17-MYCW-18-00124 – Fire Station for a period of two years at a fixed rate of 3.73%.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/030R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of July 11, 2025, in the amount of \$221,839.76.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/031R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to make a donation to the Marystown Lions Club in the amount of \$5,000.00 as per the Donation, Grant & Sponsorship Policy.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/032R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to approval be given to set the following pay rates for the 2025 Municipal Election:

- Returning Officer/Alternate Returning Officer - \$325.00 per day (Nomination Day, Advance Poll and Election Day)
- Deputy Returning Officer - \$300.00 + \$50.00 for training
- Poll Clerk - \$275.00 + \$50.00 for training
- Poll Supervisor/Door Guard - \$275.00
- Polling Stations - \$500.00 each”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/033R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to enter into a Community Partnership Program Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Marystown and the Salvation Army Marystown – Faith and Hope Corps to establish a Cooling/Warming Centre; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given for Mayor Keating and the Town Manager to sign the MOU.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/034R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED that, further to Motion MMC 2025 05 20/026R made at the regular Council meeting of May 20, 2025, wherein approval was given to hire Mr. Art Walsh at the Marystown Model Ship Gallery for a period of 10 weeks at 20 hours per week, approval be given to extend Mr. Walsh’s employment by an additional 3 weeks for a total of 13 weeks employment.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/035R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to allocate funding in the amount of \$750.00 to the Burin Peninsula Minor Softball Association to assist with the purchase of two portable scoreboards, with the understanding the funds will come from monies remaining in a Participation Grant and the remaining balance of the purchase will be funded by the Association.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating declared a conflict of interest for the next item as it related to him. Mayor Keating removed himself from the Council Chambers and Deputy Mayor Walsh presided as Chair of the meeting.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/036R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to approve a request for a leave of absence from Mayor Keating effective August 9, 2025, in order to run as a candidate in the Provincial election, with the understanding that remuneration will cease at that time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given to appoint Deputy Mayor Walsh as A/Mayor and Councillor Keating as A/Deputy Mayor effective August 9, 2025.”

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

Mayor Keating returned to the Council Chambers and resumed the position of Chair of the meeting.

7. Correspondence

- Email from Canada Fluorspar Inc. dated July 28/25 re: barge to be removed from Marbase on August 5th – By August 8th at the latest.

The Town Manager advised council of the new dates for the removal of the barge.

8. Approvals to Purchase**Motion**

MMC 2025 08 05/037R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to register 30 firefighters and partners to attend the annual NL Association of Fire Services Convention in Marystown from September 12th to 14th at a cost of \$11,220.55 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/038R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reimburse the Fire Department for a clothing order purchase by the firefighters from their honourarium as recorded on the annual honourarium submission at a cost of \$3,547.75 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/039R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Department to purchase a manifold assembly exhaust right and a manifold assembly exhaust left from Marystown Ford Sales Limited at a cost of \$2,928.94 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/040R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase water and sewer materials from Wolseley at a cost of \$3,188.92 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/041R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to purchase 120 ton of softball sand for both the Kinsmen Field and Lion’s Field from Hickey’s Contracting at a cost of \$6,900.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/042R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to engage CG HVAC Services to perform HVAC maintenance at the YMCA and order a spare filter to have on hand at a cost of \$6,923.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2025 08 05/043R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Walsh

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to engage Jelly Bean Entertainment for the rental of 5 bouncy castles with generators for 3 hours, 2 hours of popcorn and snow cones and 2 hours of reptile display with generators for Family Day on August 17, 2025, during the Shining Seas Summer Festival at a cost of \$5,162.02 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Edwards declared a conflict of interest for the next recommendation as he is employed by the vendor in question. Councillor Edwards removed himself from the Council Chambers and Councillor Keating acted as Co-Chair of the Finance Committee.

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to purchase materials for the Walk of Hope walking trail at a cost of \$3,225.16 including HST.”

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

Councillor Edwards returned to the Council Chambers and ended his report.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Deputy Mayor Walsh questioned if there was any update on a new section of sidewalk on McGettigan Boulevard that had shifted. It was noted that repairs were done by hydraulically lifting the section and shifting it back into place.

Councillor Keating expressed concern regarding the number of wildfires raging in the province. The province has had 192 fires (to date this year), including fires currently burning, while there are 750 fires currently burning across Canada. Councillor Keating expressed his heartfelt angst for everyone affected by the wildfires. Councillor Keating noted that in 1960, there was a big fire in Garnish and another in Terrenceville in 1964. Councillor Keating questioned what residents would do if there was a fire closer to home. While Marystown has one of the best Fire Departments in the province, they have no means to access the woods if a fire were to start in the area. Councillor Keating noted a committee needs to be set up to begin some fundraising for an Argo for the Department. Councillor Keating, along with Councillor Myles and Fire Chief Bolt, will follow up. Councillor Keating noted the budget will need to be reviewed and follow-up will be made with the MHA as well. Fire Chief Bolt has received a quote for an Argo, which will need to be outfitted with firefighting equipment. Councillor Keating encouraged anyone interested in helping out to get involved.

Mayor Keating agreed that the wildfires were heartbreaking and devastating and it's something that could easily happen here.

Mayor Keating announced that tonight was his last public meeting with Council as he would be taking a leave of absence to run as MHA for the Placentia West-Bellevue District. Mayor Keating advised he enjoyed working with Council and appreciated the opportunity to represent the residents and businesses of Marystown. While they didn't always agree on some items, Council made the best decisions for the good of the town. Mistakes were made and lessons learned and it was a job he loved. Mayor Keating noted Marystown had a great Council and staff along with

great residents and he thanked everyone for the past four years, noting he sees good things ahead for Marystown.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Keating
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk