

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2026**

Present were: Deputy Mayor Robert Warr
Councillor Joan Brown
Councillor Georgina Brushett
Councillor Andy Edwards
Councillor Keith Keating
Councillor Gary Myles

Also present: 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

Deputy Mayor Warr called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2026 01 20/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

In favour: 6 (Warr, Brown, Brushett, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion

MMC 2026 01 20/002R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Warr, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 13, 2026, be adopted.”

In favour: 6 (Warr, Brown, Brushett, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

4. Business Arising

There was no business to bring forward.

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations.

6. Committee Reports

Planning & Economic Development Committee

Councillor Brown advised the Planning & Economic Development Committee has not met since the last regular Council meeting of January 13, 2026.

There were no applications for development or recommendations to bring forward.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Myles advised the Protection to Persons & Property Committee has not met since the last regular Council meeting of January 13, 2026.

Councillor Myles noted there was not much to report. Councillor Myles was speaking with the Director of Planning & Economic Development regarding ongoing arrangements for a meeting with the RCMP. A number of issues need to be discussed. Council will be advised once a meeting is scheduled.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Brushett advised the Tourism & Special Events Committee has not met since the last regular Council meeting of January 13, 2026.

There will be a Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. and all community groups and businesses are invited to attend the meeting to help plan 75 events for to celebrate the Town's 75th anniversary of incorporation.

One event has already taken place; Councillor Brushett thanked the MARTA Group and St. Gabriel's Hall for hosting the Town's first annual Mummers Parade. The second event will be a Pancake Breakfast. The Committee will partner with St. Gabriel's Hall to offer the breakfast at 9:00 a.m. on February 7th in support of the local food banks. Councillor Brushett encouraged Council to participate.

Recreation Committee

As Deputy Mayor Warr was chairing the meeting, Councillor Brown reported on behalf of the Recreation Committee. The Committee hasn't met since the last regular Council meeting of January 13, 2026; however, Councillor Brown had a few items to bring forward.

The Dave Brenton Memorial Track and Field Complex is closed for the winter season other than to residents walking around the track and dog park users. Residents should use caution when availing of the facilities during the winter.

The Marystown Central Highschool Clippers, boys team, hosted their home tournament this past weekend. Although no medals were won, some great hockey was played. It was a hard-fought battle

between MCHS and Clarendville that went into overtime and then into a shootout with Clarendville moving to the Gold Medal game. Councillor Brown congratulated the teams that participated and thanked everyone who came out and supported the tournament.

Councillor Brown reminded users of the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena that EMT payments for ice rentals are being implemented to avoid dealing with cash. Residents were reminded of the email to use and the details required when booking ice time.

The Zamboni broke down last week. Thanks to a fast analysis by the Town Mechanic and support from other mechanics, quick delivery of the part and a fast installation, the Zamboni was ready for the Clippers Tournament this past weekend. Councillor Brown gave a huge shout out/thank you to the Town Mechanic and his resources and to Arena staff worker Jackie for bringing the part out from St. John's. Councillor Brown also thanked the Town of Fortune's Arena Operator for working with the Town by tentatively booking off ice time to accommodate the tournament in case the parts didn't arrive on time. This was very much appreciated by the recreation team and it was great to see two Towns working together for the greater good of the people.

Kraft Hockeyville is back again and the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena is once again nominated. It's hope that this is the year the arena will win the top cash prize of \$250,000.00. There will be provincial winners this year. Residents were encouraged to submit their stories as they did last year. The Kaetlyn Osmond Arena came close to winning last year and it's hope that this year, the arena will be successful. Residents were advised to call the town office and speak to the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services for assistance on how to submit their stories.

Councillor Brown reminded residents of the new phone number for the arena.

The Marystown Minor Soccer Association is still accepting registration for their Fall and Winter United Academy. Those interested should reach out to the association for more information.

Workers under the CEEP program are assisting the Fire Department with upgrades, repairs and maintenance as well as maintenance inside the bullpen. The program will end March 6th.

Councillor Brown provided a brief report on the YMCA.

Membership at the YMCA remains strong. The Bronze Cross program is ongoing, a Cycle Fit Instructor Course is scheduled to start on February 7th and Standard First Aid Courses will take place March 7th and 8th. Swim lessons are busy. The YMCA is continuing to offer the Thrive and Small Steps for Big Changes programs and Newcomer Services is offering a Conservation Café and Family Friend program.

Deputy Mayor Warr wanted to take a moment to again recognize the Town of Fortune Arena and their willingness to come on board for the tournament this past weekend if the Zamboni couldn't be made operational. It's important for Towns to have relationships with other Towns and lend assistance where possible.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating advised the Public Works Committee has not met since the last regular Council meeting of January 13, 2026.

While there hasn't been much activity with regards to snow clearing, the Department has been busy with salting. The Department has also been busy dealing with issues at the YMCA and the Arena (Zamboni). The Department is in the final preparations for the budget and will be meeting on it tomorrow with the rest of Council and staff.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 20/003R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to host Municipalities NL's Eastern/Avalon Regional meetings taking place in September 2026.”

In favour: 6 (Warr, Brown, Brushett, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Two motions were made that need to be corrected. The first was made on December 2, 2025, to advertise for a fulltime, permanent Maintenance Operator for the Public Works Department and the second was made on January 13, 2026, to hire someone for that position, however, the position was recorded as a Maintenance Person instead of a Maintenance Operator.

The position was advertised as a fulltime, temporary Maintenance Person for an initial term of 12 weeks with the potential to transition to permanent Maintenance Operator, which is correct.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 20/004R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2025 12 02/019R made at the regular Council meeting of December 2, 2025, to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2025 12 02/019R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise a fulltime, temporary Maintenance Person for the Public Works Department for an initial term of 12 weeks with the potential to transition to a fulltime, permanent Maintenance Operator.”

Motion carried unanimously.

In favour: 6 (Warr, Brown, Brushett, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 20/005R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2026 01 13/011R made at the regular Council meeting of January 13, 2026, to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/011R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to hire Mr. Clesson Fiander for the position of fulltime, temporary Maintenance Person for the Public Works Department effective January 19, 2026, for an initial term of 12 weeks with the potential to transition to fulltime, permanent Maintenance Operator.”

In favour: 7 (Brenton, Warr, Brown, Brushett, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

In favour: 6 (Warr, Brown, Brushett, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Keating took a moment to comment on the Kraft Hockeyville competition. Councillor Keating suggested each Councillor take on a project to ensure Marystown wins the grand prize. Councillor Keating advised he would like to approach the over 80 residents who still play hockey to ensure they get their stories submitted. By taking on individual projects, it will ensure everyone is involved in making Marystown the winner.

Deputy Mayor Warr agreed this would be a good way to promote Marystown and noted there is a Hockey Hall of Fame through which players over 80 can be inducted. Councillor Keating advised he heard about the Hockey Hall of Fame earlier on the Open Line program and sent out some emails on it.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards advised the Finance Committee has not met since the last regular Council meeting of January 13, 2026.

Councillor Edwards advised that a motion was made for the automatics and buttons for the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena in the amount of \$10,695.00 including HST but the minutes recorded the wrong amount as \$6,957.50. This needs to be corrected in order to pay the invoice.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 20/006R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2025 11 04/067R made at the regular Council meeting of November 4, 2025, to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2025 11 04/067R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Warr

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to engage Shutters and Such for the supply and installation of Horton automatics & buttons on the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena doors (2 at main entrance and 1 at the back door facing the mall) at a cost of \$10,695.00 including HST, materials and labour, with the understanding funds will come from an Active NL Grant for 2025.”

Motion carried unanimously.

In favour: 6 (Warr, Brown, Brushett, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Edwards noted that while the Town’s Recreation facilities are utilized by residents from all over the peninsula, the financial burden rests with the Town. As such, he encouraged residents to take a few minutes to put their stories about the arena on the Kraft Hockeyville website. Doing so could benefit hundreds of children and adults from around the peninsula who use the arena. Last year, the arena made it to the second round.

Councillor Brown suggested the schools encourage the kids to write their stories for submission.

The Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services advised that in addition to the \$250,000.00 grand prize, this year there will also be provincial/territorial winners and that prize amounts to \$50,000.00. Deputy Mayor Warr noted \$250,000.00 for arena upgrades would go a long way. In addition to the cash prize, the arena would host an NHL game that could bring in more revenue. All residents were asked to take a few moments to write a story on their arena experiences and upload it to the website so Marystown could bring home the cash and game.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

8. Approvals to Purchase

There were no approvals to purchase to bring forward.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Councillor Keating suggested someone follow up with Ms. Kaetlyn Osmond to see if she would do a submission on the Kraft Hockeyville website in support of the arena. Deputy Mayor Warr agreed this was a great idea and advised he would follow up.

Councillor Brown noted that local resident Johnaton Poulain has shared numerous pictures of Marystown through Facebook and on NTV and recommended the Tourism & Special Events Committee reach out to him regarding the use of some of his pictures for the Town's 75th Anniversary. Deputy Mayor Warr agreed with this idea.

Councillor Edwards quickly recounted an old arena story and noted follow-up should be made with Mr. Russ Murphy who used to announce at some of the games to see if he would do a submission for the arena through the Kraft Hockeyville site. Councillor Brown also recommended reaching out to family and friends who no longer live in the area but have their own stories from years ago.

Councillor Myles noted the nostalgia relating to the arena is overwhelming and will tie in to the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting tomorrow that the public has been invited to attend. There are a lot of things the Town could do for events and a number of ideas have already been mentioned including the Over 80 Hockey Hall of Fame. Councillor Myles noted this would be a great year to recognize some of the Town's greatest athletes and suggested the Town could set up some sort of award/medal program for those who have excelled in various areas beyond sports, including volunteerism, business, politics, etc. This would be a one-time program for the anniversary rather than annual. Councillor Myles will be bringing this idea forward to tomorrow night's meeting and looks forward to a huge turnout with lots of ideas.

Councillor Brushett advised that Johnaton Poulain shared some pictures online regarding the history of Marystown, which was great to see. The Town needs to recognize its history and how far we've come as a community.

Deputy Mayor Warr advised there is some work ongoing with the lights at the bailey bridge. Councillor Edwards noted some motorists are not following the solar traffic lights and as a result, the lights on the lines are being installed on poles so they can be used once again. Deputy Mayor Warr reminded all motorists to follow the rules of the road, be courteous and drive safe.

Deputy Mayor Warr advised the public that Mayor Brenton and the Town Manager were both absent from tonight's meeting as they were attending meetings with government officials in St. John's regarding some economic development issues and it's hoped that meeting will have some positive results for the peninsula.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place February 3, 2026.

Councillor Myles advised Council will be meeting again next week to bring down the budget on January 27/26. The Town clerk noted this will be a special Council meeting for the purpose of the budget only, not a regular meeting. Deputy Mayor Warr thanked everyone for their work on the budget to date.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 20/007R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.”

In favour: 6 (Warr, Brown, Brushett, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Rob Warr
Deputy Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk