

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

Present were: Deputy Mayor Robert Warr
Councillor Joan Brown
Councillor Andy Edwards
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

Deputy Mayor Warr called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/002R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 20, 2026, be adopted.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/003R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting (2026 Budget) held on January 28, 2026, be adopted.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, 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 reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on January 27, 2026.

Correspondence was sent to the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure for a meeting to discuss the tender call for the Ville Marie Drive overpass and new permanent bridge to replace Canning Bridge. That meeting took place on January 20, 2026, and the Town was advised that both projects would be tendered as one project by the end of January. The bailey bridge will need to be periodically closed during construction of a new permanent bridge and that closure should not exceed six weeks total. A bonus will be paid out if the project is completed before the noted deadline and penalties will be imposed if the project completion is delayed.

Correspondence was received from a resident of Atlantic Street to meet with Council as a delegate to discuss his proposal for bunkies in Mooring Cove. Council met with the resident on January 20, 2026, to discuss an amendment to the Town's Municipal Plan and Development Regulations that would allow for short-term rentals, such as bunkies, in Residential Zones. The Committee has decided to place the amendment on hold until more information is received from the Town's Planning Consultant. The Director of Planning & Economic Development has been researching how short-term rentals are handled in other communities however it's difficult to find anything comparable to the Town's proposed amendment. Follow-up will be made with the Town's Planning Consultant to advise of Council's decision to put the amendment on hold for further discussion. It's hoped a final decision on the amendment will be made soon.

Councillor Brown advised residents that the Town has both a seniors tax reduction (\$100.00) and a policy under which a resident can request a property tax reduction due to financial hardship. Rather than including the policies and applications in all tax bills, a note will be made at the bottom of each bill to advise of the availability of these reductions. The Town will be reviewing its seniors reduction to make changes for next year's budget.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/004R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from CPC Enterprises to construct an extension measuring 24’ x 44’ on an existing business at 5 Harris Drive Business Park be approved, subject to Government Services and NL Power assessment.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/005R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Tamara Taylor to operate Bayview Cottage as a short-term rental at 4 Ducey’s Lane be deferred as per the applicant.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on January 27, 2026.

The Town purchased 30 garbage bins to be installed around town to curb littering. To date, 14 of the bins have been installed. An estimate for the remaining 16 bins was tabled for budget purposes. It was noted that there are already several sign posts that exist that could be utilized; attaching the bins to an already existing post will lessen the cost. Follow-up will be made in the spring to determine where the remaining bins can be installed.

Correspondence was received from the Department of Environment and Climate Change regarding new regulatory changes that impact firefighting foams. Research and marketing are continuing to develop a safer foam that is also effective in firefighting. The Marystown Fire Department continues to follow protocols brought forth by the Department by limiting the use of foam and ensuring clean-up after each use.

The Town has been following up on the excessive use of fireworks and how to include it in the Town’s Nuisance Regulations.

As already noted, a meeting took place on January 20, 2026, with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the upcoming project for a new permanent bridge and the Ville Marie Drive Overpass.

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The Town has received a request for additional signage on Ville Marie Drive. The Committee agreed that at some point, the number of signs being erected (Don't Feed the Ducks, Children at Play, Autism and Hearing Impaired, etc.) becomes too much and the signs are just ignored by the public. Unfortunately, areas where new pavement has been installed can see an increase in speeding and there have been several complaints of near misses between vehicles and school busses. Residents are encouraged to call the RCMP and report such incidents. Several reports regarding a particular area may cause the RCMP to increase their patrols in that area.

Councillor Myles advised a meeting has been scheduled with the RCMP's new Staff Sergeant at 9:30 a.m. on February 10th. While it will be during a Committee meeting, all of Council is welcomed to attend.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department has been busy and, in addition to regular operations, received 23 calls for assistance since the last meeting.

The roof at the Fire Hall was repaired by McCarthy's Carpentry and the contractor is continuing to monitor it for leaks. A new cap was installed as part of the repairs to alleviate issues.

Workers hired under the Community Employment Enhancement Program have been assisting with general maintenance and repairs to the Fire Hall and training grounds.

The Fire Department recently held its AGM and Elections for their Executive, Committee Chairpersons and Firefighter Liaison. Letters of congratulations for new Chairs as well as letters of thanks to past Chairs are pending.

Fire Chief Bolt met with B&M Electrical on January 23, 2026, as work has started on a new warming/cooling centre at the Salvation Army Citadel.

A review of the Marystown Emergency Management Plan has been scheduled for February 17, 2026, prior to the regular Council meeting.

The Town will be participating in the MNL's Climate Ready Program. Under this program, the Town would move on to the Climate-Informed Municipal/Regional Emergency Plan Review

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/006R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Town of Marystown, in conjunction with Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Services and Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, to participate in the MNL Climate Ready NL Program at a cost of \$50.00 including HST with the understanding that the designated participants for the Town of Marystown will be Councillor Gary Myles, Town Manager Greg Osmond and Fire Chief Justin Bolt."

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

The Provincial Government is looking for input on its 2026 budget and Fire Chief Bolt has advised the Town should submit suggestions for increased Fire Services Division funding and increased wildfire preparedness.

The Fire Department recently hosted a Mental Health First Aid Regional Training course for all first responders and their family members.

January is Cancer Firefighter Awareness Month. The members of the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department continue to remain educated and take preventative actions. On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Myles thanked the firefighters for their continued support and important service to the community.

The Committee is continuing to follow up on vet services for the peninsula. The clinic in Clarendville has been approached regarding setting up a clinic in Marystown but there hasn't been any update.

The Director of Planning & Economic Development is working with NL911 to complete mapping of the town.

Cell phone coverage is an ongoing issue on the Burin Peninsula with no improvements in sight. Follow-up will be made to make a submission to the Provincial Government regarding limited cellular service and request that improvements be included in the government's 2026 budget.

211 is Canada's primary source of information and referral for government and community-based programs and other social services. It operates 24-7 and is free and confidential. It can connect people to clinical programs and services and all calls are answered by trained and certified service navigators who are ready to listen, assess and provide service navigation and referrals.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/007R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to declare February 11, 2026, as 211 Day.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

As Councillor Brushett was not in attendance, Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on January 26, 2026.

In addition to the regular Committee members, several members from various businesses and organizations also attended the meeting to discuss the Town's 75th Anniversary Celebrations. Several ideas for events throughout the entire year were discussed and there should be no issue with hosting 75 events. Councillor Myles thanked everyone who attended the meeting to provide their input. Councillor Myles advised that anyone with an idea for an event is welcomed to bring it to the Town's attention as the Town has budgeted some funds for the celebrations.

After the general public left the meeting, the committee had its regular discussion on the anniversary celebrations and various events.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/008R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to sponsor the Valentine’s Day Persons with Disabilities Dance hosted by the Burin Peninsula Voice Against Violence in the amount of \$103.79.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/009R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to sponsor a meal for the Marystown Retirement Centre and the Marystown Kinsmen Manor for Seniors at a cost up to \$600.00.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/010R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise a Requests for Proposals for suppliers for the development of promotional items that can be offered for sale during the Town’s 75th Anniversary Celebrations.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Myles advised there will be more discussion on the Town’s 75th Anniversary in the coming weeks.

The Committee had a discussion regarding a 75th Anniversary Medal that would be a one-time medal to recognize residents who have contributed to the betterment of the town. No decision has been made on the criteria or the number of medals that will be given out. The Committee will require further discussion on how to roll it out.

Deputy Mayor Warr noted there seems to be a lot of interest from the public on the Town's 75th Anniversary and it should be a good celebration.

Recreation Committee

As Deputy Mayor Warr was chairing the meeting, Councillor Brown reported on behalf of the Recreation Committee. Councillor Brown reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on January 28, 2026.

The Dave Brenton Memorial Track and Field Complex is closed for the winter season except to walkers around the track and dog park users. Users should take caution during the winter season.

Councillor Brown congratulated Ms. Reid Tingley, granddaughter to Mr. Carl Ferrie, on being a phenomenal soccer player who has accomplished so much as a young player including playing in the 2025 FIFA U17 Women's World Cup and being a two-time ECNL All Conference Selection in the Southeast. She will be a coveted player in the upcoming recruiting window.

The Kaetlyn Osmond Arena has once again been nominated and Councillor Brown reminded everyone to get their stories posted to the Kraft Hockeyville website before the March 1st deadline. If anyone needs assistance, they can reach out to the Director of Facilities, Recreation & community Services.

The U18 Female 1 & 2 hosted their home tournament this past weekend. The U18F-1 team won gold on home ice and the U18F-2 team won bronze on home ice. Councillor Brown congratulated both teams on games well played.

The U15 Female team travelled to Clarendville this past weekend and won gold against Paradise-1. There was no score during the entire game, which resulted in it going into overtime and then into a shootout before Marystown won the game. Councillor Brown congratulated the team on bringing home gold and a banner.

Councillor Brown congratulated the U11-2 Female team on bringing home silver. The girls played with true heart and determination throughout the weekend that included an incredible win knocking out the tournament's top-ranked team.

Councillor Brown noted female hockey is very strong on the Burin Peninsula and continuing to grow with each season.

The U18-1 team travelled to Placentia this past weekend. It was a weekend of great hockey with two wins and two losses. Councillor Brown congratulated the team on their wins.

On Wednesday, February 11, 2026, Shinny Hockey will be cancelled for this day only due to the hockey school's utilization of ice time.

This upcoming weekend, Marystown will be hosting the U15AAA Hockey Tournament, which is a great opportunity for some of the Marystown Mariners to play on home ice for their friends and family to watch. Councillor Brown wished the team luck.

Another AAA Hockey Tournament will take place February 13-15, 2026, but this time, it's the U16 Boys. Some of the Marystown Mariners will be playing and everyone is encouraged to get out and show them support.

Councillor Brown reminder everyone that the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena is trying to transition away from cash and has implemented the use of EMT for payments for ice rentals. Councillor Brown advised of the email to utilize and the details to include when booking rentals.

CG HVAC will be in Marystown tomorrow to begin addressing some of the issues that are ongoing at the YMCA. The Town is waiting on another part to arrive and it should be here by the end of this week, after which it will be installed under Town forces. Councillor Brown advised that sometimes there are issues with items not being in stock or even available at all and as a result, alternate solutions have to be found which is why it seems like it's a long time before something gets repaired.

The YMCA offers many sessions to the public such as:

- Ythrive
- Hope for Dementia
- Swimming lessons
- Cycle Fit
- First Aid
- Bronze Cross

The YMCA is celebrating its 10th anniversary this month – Councillor Brown advised residents to keep watch for a schedule of events to celebrate this milestone. This will be posted on the YMCA website and shared on the Town of Marystown's Recreation Facebook Page.

An additional evening has been added to the schedule for the child-minding room – it is now open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. To utilize this room, the child must be a member of the facility and the parent can buy a day pass.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/011R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the 2026 Membership Renewal for Recreation NL in the amount of \$250.00.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/012R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to engage the services of Vipond to complete repairs to the sprinkler leak at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena at a cost not to exceed \$4,933.50 including HST.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/013R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise a Request for Proposals to engage an Age-Friendly Consultant to develop an Age-Friendly Assessment and Action Plan for the Town of Marystown, with funds to come from the Age-Friendly NL Communities Program – Stream 1.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/014R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise the development of a boardwalk at Rattlin’ Brook Falls in the Newfoundland and Labrador Gazette at a cost of \$35.80 including HST for the purpose of obtaining a lease to occupy, with the understanding the funding for the project will come from Active NL.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on January 28, 2026.

As stated earlier, Mayor Brenton and the Town Manager attended a meeting in St. John’s with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on January 20, 2026. Councillor Edwards will be bringing forward a report on that meeting later.

The Public Works Department has been busy with several tasks completed since the last meeting, including snow clearing, the installation of stop sign boxes at the intersection of Ville Marie Drive and Creston Causeway as well as another at the intersection of Bayview Street and Argyle Street, repairs at the YMCA, pothole repairs and stop sign installation on Levi’s Road.

Correspondence has been received from a resident of Greenwood Street regarding surface water entering his basement from the road. The Director of Operations & Public Works has spoken to the resident on how to prevent water issues.

There is some funding left in the Town’s Multi-Year Capital Works Programs as a result of some projects being completed under budget. These projects need to be closed off in the system and all

remaining funds reallocated to unallocated. Those unallocated funds can then be allocated to new projects, if approved by the department of Municipal and Community Affairs. The Town will need estimates for potential projects in order to submit applications for funding.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/015R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to engage the services of Edwards & Associates Ltd. to complete cost estimates for the following:

- Ville Marie Drive Creston North Phase 1
- Harris Drive Road Upgrades
- Replacement of Roof – Old Ville Marie Swimming Pool”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

It was noted that an engineer had been hired to do an assessment of the old Ville Marie Swimming Pool. That assessment will be passed on to Edwards & Associates Ltd. to assist them in doing an estimate.

Councillor Keating advised the water treatment plant is operating well and flows are good.

The Public Works Department has been very busy ensuring all equipment is kept in good shape and repairs are made quickly when issues arise.

The Public Work Department has been extremely busy with snow clearing operations as follows:

- January 11, 2026 – salting
- January 12, 2026 – snow clearing
- January 18, 2026 – snow clearing
- January 19, 2026 – snow clearing
- January 21, 2026 – snow clearing
- January 22, 2026 – morning and evening – snow clearing
- January 24, 2026 – snow clearing
- January 25, 2026 – snow clearing
- January 27, 2026 – afternoon and evening – snow clearing
- January 28, 2026 – snow clearing

This has resulted in a lot of salt and sand being utilized however, the Town’s supply is still good.

Waste management fees will increase \$15.00 per household from \$185.00 to \$200.00. Councillor Keating advised that the cost of waste management is absorbed into the Town’s budget for now however, it’s something the Town may need to look at for future budgets.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/016R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to readvertise a tender for the sale of the Town’s 2007 Canadian trailer (25 tonne).”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 26, 2026.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 104173 received from Ace Locksmithing Ltd. dated December 31/25 in the amount of \$368.00 including HST for maintenance on the main entrance door lock at the Town Hall.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. CINV3734168 received from BDO Canada LLP dated December 31/25 in the amount of \$2,214.90 including HST for professional services in relation to the 2025 Municipal Audit for the Town of Marystown.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 2733 received from the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce dated January 1/26 in the amount of \$238.50 including HST for 2026 Annual Membership Fees.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 2026-24 received from Heritage Run Tourism Association Inc. dated January 5/26 in the amount of \$2,081.60 including HST for the 2026 Tourism per Capita Levy based on the 2021 Census Record.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 15080 received from Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador dated January 15/26 in the amount of \$402.01 including HST for the 2026 Membership Renewal.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/022R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust half the interest on Account No. BURKE002 as the resident met the requirements of the principal payment plan.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust half the interest on Account No. CLEAD001 as the resident met the requirements of the principal payment plan.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/024R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust half the interest on Account No. FOOTW006 as the resident met the requirements of the principal payment plan.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/025R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust half the interest on Account No. GOVEC004 as the resident met the requirements of the principal payment plan.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Keating declared a conflict of interest for the next recommendation as he is related to the person noted in the motion. Councillor Keating removed himself from the Chambers table to sit in the public area.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2025 12 16/023R made at the Regular Council Meeting held on December 16, 2025 to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2025 12 16/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reimburse the cost of a generator that was borrowed from Mr. Brian Keating, and inadvertently misplaced, in the amount of \$2,500.00 including HST.”

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

In favour: 4 (Warr, Brown, Edwards and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1 (Keating)

Motion carried.

Councillor Keating left the public area and took his place back at the Chambers table.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/027R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Town Manager, the Town Clerk and the Director of Finance & Administration to attend the Annual PMA Convention and Trade Show taking place April 14-16, 2026 in Gander, NL, with the understanding the Town Manager will attend in his capacity as Eastern Director of the PMA Board and associated travel costs will be the responsibility of the PMA.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/028R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify refinancing the following loans at the Bank of Montreal to a fixed term rate at 3.91% for 5 years:

- Loan # 6998-524 – Public Works Backhoe
- Loan # 6998-866– MYCW 2012-2014
- Loan # 6998-911 – CWWF Greenwood Street/Creston Boulevard
- Loan # 6998-954 – Recreation Complex”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/029R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of January 28, 2026, in the amount of \$231,174.90.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/030R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify Mayor Brenton and the Town Manager’s attendance at meetings in St. John’s with Minister Parrott and other Provincial and Federal staff to discuss economic development in the Marystown area as well as the upcoming tender for the new permanent bridge and the Ville Marie Drive overpass projects which took place on January 20-21, 2026.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/031R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reduce funding for the following 2020-2023 Multi-Year Capitals Works Projects to the amount spent and close the projects, with remaining funds in the total amount of \$134,377.00 including HST to be reallocated to unallocated:

- Town of Marystown Tolt Road Water & Sewer Upgrades Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00048 to the amount spent of \$284,562.00 with remaining funds in the amount of \$73,826.00
- Town of Marystown Creston Boulevard Road Upgrades Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00054 to the amount spent of \$308,888.00 with remaining funds in the amount of \$3,587.00
- Town of Marystown Dober’s Road Road Upgrades Project No. 17-MYCW-22-00056 to the amount spent of \$134,284.00 with remaining funds in the amount of \$1,329.00
- Town of Marystown Marystown Town Garage Roof Upgrades and Restorations Project No. 17-MYCW-24-00092 to the amount spent of \$100,401.00 with remaining funds in the amount of \$55,635.00”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/032R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to reduce funding for the following 2023-2026 Multi-Year Capitals Works Projects to the amount spent and close the projects, with remaining funds in the total amount of \$234,836.00 including HST to be reallocated to unallocated:

- Town of Marystown Ducey’s Lane Water and Sewer Upgrades Project No. 17-MYCW-24-00052 to the amount spent of \$519,095.00 with remaining funds in the amount of \$170,185.00
- Town of Marystown Creston Boulevard Road Upgrades Phase 1 Project No. 17-MYCW-24-00056 to the amount spent of \$191,573.00 with remaining funds in the amount of \$2,638.00
- Town of Marystown Creston Boulevard Road Upgrades Phase 2 Project No. 17-MYCW-24-00057 to the amount spent of \$215,314.00 with remaining funds in the amount of \$62,013.00”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Edwards next provided an update on the meetings with Ministers in St. John’s held on January 19-21, 2026, which Mayor Brenton and the Town Manager attended. MHA Jeff Dwyer attended the meetings with Minister Petton and Minister Parrott.

A meeting took place with Honourable Barry Petten, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure, and his staff to discuss the following issues:

New Permanent Bridge and Ville Marie Drive Overpass – The demolition of Canning Bridge, the replacement of Canning Bridge, the demolition of the overpass and its replacement will be tendered as one project that will go out in a few months. Construction will be completed over one season. To minimize the amount of time that the bridge will be closed, a rewards/penalty system will be implemented for the contractors. The bridge will close periodically for no more than six weeks in total.

Waterline Installation on Overpass – A request for the Town's waterline to be installed across the overpass to allow for continuous water flows and omit the dead ends on each side of the overpass was rejected. The engineers could not include it into the project design due to a lack of space to adequately cover the waterline without having to raise the level of the road up several feet.

24-hour Snow Clearing on the Burin Peninsula - Minister Petten explained that previously there were 14 routes in the province that had 24-hour snow clearing until 2016. The intention of the Department was to return providing 24-hour snow clearing to those 14 routes. The Burin Peninsula highway was not previous included in those routes. Efforts are being made to improve snow clearing on the Burin Peninsula by working towards maintaining a full complement of staff and ensuring that all equipment is in good working order.

Road work priorities in Marystown - Concerns were raised about the state of Marine Drive and the road going to Burin (Black Brook area). Minister Petten's staff advised that both are on a priority list as the road work projects are being selected for the upcoming season.

A meeting was held with Honourable Lloyd Parrott, Minister of Energy and Mines, and his Executive Assistant, Jeremy Howell. The discussion centered around Economic Development in Marystown with most of the conversation on plans to redevelop ship building as a major industry and include such facilities as the Cow Head Facility and Marbase. Marystown is looking for major development in the shipbuilding and defence spending sectors. Minister Parrott offered the support of his Department and stated that development in Marystown is often mentioned around the Cabinet table along with the Bull Arm Facility and other areas. The need for the Department's support to promote the efforts of Marystown to secure shipbuilding and Defence sector spending for Mortier Bay and Marystown was stressed. Minister Parrott provided the names of several companies that were looking to secure shipbuilding and Defence sector projects in Newfoundland.

Office of Minister Joanne Thompson, Minister of Fisheries - Previous attempts to secure a meeting through emails and phone calls with the Honourable Joanne Thompson, Minister of Fisheries, had been unsuccessful so a short meeting was held with staff at her office.

Meeting with Consultant for Ottawa based Development Group - Following the meeting with Minister Parrott, attempts were made to reach out to the contacts that he provided. One of those contacts was a consultant who is working for an Ottawa-based group that is interested in pursuing Defence sector opportunities in Newfoundland. Arrangements were made to meet with this consultant and to discuss plans for the development of Defence sector projects in Marystown. This group is proposing to get involved in a variety of Defence sector activities including Navy shipbuilding, submarine maintenance and more. While there was no chance to discuss plans any further with this group, copies of the Town's proposed plans for development were forwarded.

Councillor Edwards next gave a report on an Economic Development Committee meeting that took place with ACOA on January 29, 2026.

Can Export Application - The program provides financial assistance for projects seeking Foreign Direct Investment. The proposed project will involve developing a strategic plan to help the Town identify foreign investments for Defense and aerospace related projects in Marystown. To make it more regional, the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will be included as a partner in the initiative. Another component of the project will be to hire consultants to help to identify and talk with key political and business leaders who can help the Town move closer to securing defence projects in Mortier Bay. Another component of the project will be to develop a marketing plan to promote the projects internationally. The total cost of the project is expected to be around \$78,000 with approximately 50% available from the Can Export program, a possible 25% from the Department of Jobs and Growth programs and 25% from the Town of Marystown and other sources.

Tourism Studies (Model Ship/Connectivity Study) - The deadline for submission of proposals is January 30, 2026. Several consultants have called with general questions about the call for proposals. Once proposals are received and a consultant is chosen, then an application should be submitted to ACOA for funding. It was noted that the Town can build an additional 10% into the project to cover some of the administrative costs associated with the project.

Application for Arena Engineering Work - The Town can apply to ACOA to help cover up to 75% of the cost of preparing engineering drawings for the proposed expansion to the arena. The Town has received some information from ACOA to assist with the preparation of an application for financial assistance.

General Discussions - Completing studies for proposed projects will help with getting funding to move the projects forward. ACOA and other government agencies are better able to fund projects when the plans have been developed or recommended by an experienced consulting firm that has completed a thorough analysis and sought input from the community and/or experts in the field.

An update was provided to ACOA regarding the meetings with Ministers Barry Petten and Lloyd Parrott. Both Ministers were helpful and seemed interested in helping Marystown to achieve its goals. It was agreed that efforts would continue to seek assistance from the provincial government to move the Town's agenda forward with regards to shipbuilding and Defence sector opportunities.

A more focused effort must be made with the provincial government along with reaching out to Federal MPs and Cabinet Ministers in Ottawa. Mayor Brenton has reached out to MP Jonathan Rowe and regarding a meeting with Federal Minister of National Defence, David McGuinty.

It was agreed that all members should try to reach out to any Members of Parliament and provincial cabinet ministers to seek their assistance in getting the government on side to attract development to Marystown in the shipbuilding and Defence sector projects.

7. Correspondence

- Email from Legendary Coasts of Eastern Newfoundland dated January 19/26 re: Vacant Positions with Board of Directors – deadline for nominations is January 22/26.

Councillor Keating noted there wasn't much notice from the date of this email to when nominations close and asked the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services if she could follow up to determine if it was too late to be nominated for a position.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/033R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to expend \$2,600.00 including HST for an in-house program to be funded through honourarium.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/034R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brenton

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the OHS Committee to expend \$2,249.10 including HST for two OHS Chairpersons to attend the annual NLOHSA Conference taking place April 29th to May 1st, 2026, in Gander.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/035R

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 for Bayview Street North from Wolseley at a cost of \$5,680.70 including HST.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Councillor Keating suggested a letter be written to NL Health Services to request a meeting to discuss issues of concern, especially with regards to doctor recruitment.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/036R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to write a letter to the Burin Peninsula Health Care Centre to request a meeting to discuss some of Council’s concerns, primarily doctor recruitment.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Keating advised he recently completed the conflict of interest module of mandatory training and noted that when it comes to a Councillor being in a conflict of interest, the Councillor is not required to leave the room under the new Towns and Local Service District Act; under the former Municipalities Act, a Councillor had to leave the room. Councillor Keating advised he doesn’t agree with the change because even those someone in conflict is prohibited from participating in the discussion and vote, he/she is still in the room. Councillor Keating felt this should be discussed further with some follow-up with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs regarding whether a policy could be implemented to require leaving the room.

With the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena nominated for Kraft Hockeyville again and the arena celebrating its 50th anniversary, Councillor Keating advised he would like to find out how many sponsored jerseys have been produced over the years for the purpose of creating a display at the arena. Councillor Keating suggested a post could be put on Facebook to put the call out for jerseys and hopefully, the Town could collect a jersey for every team to put on display. Councillor Myles noted there is the option of uploading rally pictures to the Kraft Hockeyville website and a picture of the display would be a great picture to upload. The Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services will follow up. Councillor Brown suggested if the owners of the jerseys don’t want to loan them out, they could take a picture wearing them to send to the Town.

Councillor Brown advised there have been issues with motorists running the red light at the bailey bridge and it’s been happening quite a bit. There is a moment of two when the light is red on both ends of the bridge to ensure enough time for the last car to exit the bridge before the light turns green again for the opposite side. Unfortunately, some motorists are impatient.

There have also been issues with motorists speeding, notably on Ville Marie Drive. Councillor Brown asked that all motorists slow down and obey speed signage.

There have been some concerns regarding large trucks on the bailey bridge. There are no restrictions in place regarding size or weight.

Councillor Brown advised she would still like to see an additional stop sign installed in the Reddy Subdivision area to prevent a future accident on Mount Vincent Crescent.

Councillor Edwards advised he was out of town last week and thanked Councillor Keating for stepping in and tabling the 2026 budget in his absence, noting it was the first budget he wasn't physically present for since his terms on Council. Councillor Edwards attended the budget meeting via telephone. Councillor Edwards advised the Director of Finance & Administration does the bulk of work necessary prior to adopting the budget. Councillor Edwards thanked the Director of Finance & Administration as well as all Councillors and staff for their input into the budget. There was a small increase of \$5.00 per month for water taxes which is the first increase in years. Councillor Edwards thanked the taxpayers for doing their part to ensure their taxes are paid so services can be provided.

Councillor Myles advised he received some calls regarding the pedestrian walkway on the bailey bridge and noted the walkway and access to it is not being cleared by the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure. Follow-up will be made with the Department to determine why it is not being done. Councillor Keating advised he sees a lot of people still walking across Canning bridge instead of using the pedestrian walkway on the bailey bridge but having said that, there is no reason why the walkway would not be kept clear.

Deputy Mayor Warr thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during recent snow storms. The last storm brought a lot of snow in a very short time and the workers did a great job on clearing the roads for which a lot of positive residential feedback is received.

Deputy Mayor Warr congratulated Ms. Jenna Hanrahan, the daughter of Rose and Conrad Hanrahan. Ms. Hanrahan is pursuing a chemistry degree (PhD) at Memorial University on NL and her research is focused on Huntington's Disease. She was recently selected for Brain Canada's 2025 Rising Star Trainee Award for pushing the boundaries of neuroscience research in Canada. Ms. Hanrahan received the Dr. Hubert van Tol Travel Fellowship and is the only recipient from Newfoundland and Labrador. Deputy Mayor took a moment to recognize Ms. Hanrahan and encouraged her to keep up the good work.

Deputy Mayor Warr encouraged residents from Marystown and around the peninsula to get their stories in to the Kraft Hockeyville site to ensure Marystown wins the top prize of \$250,000.00 for arena upgrades.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place February 17, 2026.

Motion

MMC 2026 02 03/037R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.”

In favour: 5 (Warr, Brown, Edwards, Keating and Myles)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Rob Warr
Deputy Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk