

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

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

Also present: Greg Osmond, Town Manager
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 Brenton called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/002R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on February 17, 2026, be adopted.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/003R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Deputy Mayor Warr

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the special Council meeting held on February 17, 2026, be adopted.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

The minutes of the privileged Council meeting held on February 17, 2026, wherein the disclosure statements of Council and staff were reviewed, were tabled for information purposes.

4. Business Arising

There was no business to bring forward.

5. Delegations

Mayor Brenton welcomed Mr. Bernard Pike and Ms. Roma Hennebury to the Council Chambers. Mr. Pike and Ms. Hennebury were present on behalf of MADD Burin Peninsula Chapter.

Ms. Hennebury noted MADD stood for Mothers Against Drunk (Drug-Impaired) Driving and the goal of the organization is to stop impaired driving and support the victims impacted by impaired driving. Some of that support comes in the form of campaigns such as the Red Ribbon Campaign that runs from November to February and encompasses the Christmas holiday season when there is a higher risk of impaired driving. As well, representatives of MADD attend driving school to educate new drivers on the risks of impaired driving and to separate drugs and drinking from driving.

The organization is also involved in activities such as car washes, barbecues, etc. The organization hosted a mock car crash in Marystown several years ago that was attended by over 700 students and created a powerful message. The impacts of impaired driving never go away or get easier. Ms. Hennebury noted the organization is looking for new volunteers to help them spread their message.

Mr. Pike advised that for the past ten years, MADD has been heavily involved on the peninsula, within the province and across Canada. The organization has created a community garden that people can visit. There is a monument in that garden with the names of victims of impaired driving and the question often raised is: why are names still being added? Impaired driving shouldn't be occurring. Mr. Pike encouraged anyone who wants to help spread the message against impaired driving to reach out.

Councillor Brown questioned if the organization will be hosting another mock crash. Ms. Hennebury advised they did host one some time ago in Fortune and further noted these events take a lot of time and work to put off but they are interested in doing another one here.

6. Committee Reports

Planning & Economic Development Committee

Councillor Brown reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on February 23, 2026.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/004R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2025 12 02/012R made at the Regular Council Meeting of December 2, 2025 to read as follows:

Motion

MMC 2025 12 02/012R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that a previously approved application received from Sam Synard to construct a triplex (3-unit) building measuring 32’ x 66’ at 5-7 Thompson Street be amended to construct a fourplex measuring 72’ x 34’.”

Motion carried unanimously.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

At the special Council meeting of February 17, 2026, it was the consensus of Council to allow short term rentals in residential zones under certain conditions and continue with an amendment to the Town’s Municipal Plan and Development Regulations, which was previously paused. It is unknown how long it will take to complete the amendment.

Also, during the special Council meeting held on February 17, 2026, Council adopted a Tourism Accommodation Tax Bylaw. The Director of Planning & Economic Development will obtain an updated list of Airbnbs that will be forwarded to the Finance Department for review. Once implemented, the Town would charge a 4% fee on the rate of a room/accommodation.

Follow-up is being made to purchase two spare tires (winter and summer) and the equipment to change the tire for the Planning & Development Vehicle.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on February 24, 2026.

Follow-up was made with the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure regarding the clearing of the walkways on the old Canning Bridge and the bailey bridge. The Director of Planning & Economic

Development was advised that Canning Bridge was kept clear for emergency purposes and once the bailey bridge was erected, that service ceased. The Department's regional office takes direction from the St. John's office and it was suggested the Town follow up with the St. John's office. The Director of Planning & Economic Development will write a letter, under the Mayor's signature, to the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure to address safety concerns as they relate to the clearing of the walkways as well as the need for crosswalks for the bailey bridge and McGettigan Boulevard.

Correspondence has been received from the Department of Justice and Public Safety to advise that each municipality and local service district is required to have an emergency management plan in place; Fire Chief Bolt already has the Town's plan in place.

Correspondence was received from the Burin Peninsula Detachment of the RCMP providing a Quarterly Community Policing Report for the period ending December 2025. As noted, this report will be a quarterly report.

Correspondence was received from a resident with concerns regarding the Fortune Head site. The site is an internationally-known tourist site and the site of archaeology discoveries (fossils) however, it is also in the vicinity of a former landfill. Unfortunately, through erosion, the waste that was once covered is being exposed and falling over the cliff and into the ocean, creating an environmental eyesore that needs to be addressed. The resident wants the Provincial Government to step in and take control of the situation. It was noted the Provincial Government's budget will be coming down soon and it's hoped the issues will be addressed. Councillor Myles noted the Minister of Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation will be visiting the area in the spring and it's hoped she visits that particular site. While the Town has no jurisdiction in the area, the Town does support a clean-up.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/005R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to declare the month of March as Easter Seals Month.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

There were no major animal control or litter issues to bring forward. Councillor Myles noted there was an incident with an owl that is no longer an issue.

The Marystown Volunteer Department has been busy with 4 calls for emergency service since the last Committee meeting and 31 calls in total for the year to date. On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Myles thanked all emergency services and community partners as well as the general public for their assistance and support during major incidents such as the recent fire in Beau Bois. Work on the Warming/Cooling Center has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances the contractor has encountered that are not in relation to the project. It's anticipated work will start as soon as possible.

The Municipal Emergency Management Plan was reviewed with Council on February 17, 2026.

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The Town is now enrolled in the Climate Ready Program with all documentation signed. The Town is now waiting on further details with the program.

The application period is now open for those interested in participating in the 2026 Junior Firefighting Program.

On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Myles thanked the firefighters for all they do and thanked their families and employers for the support they provide.

Councillor Myles congratulated Fire Chief Bolt on being chosen at the Lions Club's Patron for their annual Winter Carnival which took place last week.

There is an ongoing issue with doctor recruitment and retention on the Burin Peninsula. Follow-up will be made to talk to Ms. Jackie Fewer with the Faculty of Medicine for a status update.

Councillor Myles advised that the idea of part-time vet services on the Burin Peninsula is still an ongoing discussion. The clinic in Clarendville has three vets who cannot be spared so the clinic is looking for a fourth vet who could set up a clinic in Marystown for 4-5 days per week. This plan is contingent in the hiring of a fourth vet. A space for a clinic has been identified.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/006R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for Fire Chief Justin Bolt and Captain Wayde Clarke to attend the Ground Cover Firefighting Train-the-Trainer Program taking place in St. John's on March 18th and 19th, with the understanding all associated travel costs will be covered by NL Fire Services Division with the exception of lost wages for Captain Clarke in the amount of \$387.04 which will be covered by the Town.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/007R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit an application to NL FireSmart for funding in the amount of \$298,257.48 under the Newfoundland and Labrador Community Wildfire Resiliency Funding Program to assist with the purchase of a Structure Protection Unit for the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/008R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to declare the month of March as Red Cross Month.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Brushett reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on February 24, 2026.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/009R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend Motion MMC 2026 02 03/008R made at the Regular Council Meeting of February 3, 2026, to read as follows:

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.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/010R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to book Gearoid McCarthy for a concert at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena on Friday, July 17, 2026, with the understanding that Mr. McCarthy will rent the facility and take 100% of the ticket sales and the Town will operate the bar and take 100% of profits.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

It was noted that this event will be hosted at no cost to the Town as Mr. McCarthy will be taking on the full responsibility of ticket sales.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/011R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit an application for a Special Events Liquor Licence for the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena to host the Gearoid McCarthy concert on Friday, July 17, 2026.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/012R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Deputy Mayor Warr

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to host a Mother’s Day Breakfast on Saturday, May 9, 2026, in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary Celebrations.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/013R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to host a Father’s Day Breakfast on Saturday, June 20, 2026, in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary Celebrations.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/014R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to allow Craft Creations to be a licensed vendor to sell promotional material on behalf of the Town for the 75th Anniversary Celebrations.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Keating questioned if there was any benefit to the Town to have a vendor selling products with the Town’s logo on them. Councillor Brushett advised the Town received a sampling of the items that would be sold at no cost to the Town. The vendor would be able to produce as much of the materials as needed using the Town’s logo – basically do all of the providing and selling. Councillor Myles advised the Committee looked into making a table available at all events that the vendor could use to sell items and also discussed purchasing some items for the Town to use as giveaways or prizes. No money would change hands between the Town and the vendor – the items are promotional items.

It was noted the 75th Anniversary lottery tickets should be available early next week.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Warr reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on February 24, 2026.

The Committee discussed catering for Volunteer Appreciation Night. With it being the Town’s 75th Anniversary, follow-up is being made to make the event more special.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/015R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Warr, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to host Volunteer Appreciation Night during Volunteer Appreciation Week April 20-24, 2026 at a maximum cost of \$2,300.00.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/016R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Warr, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to rescind the following motion made at the Regular Council Meeting on February 17, 2026:

Motion

MMC 2026 02 17/016R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Warr, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to charge a venue fee in the amount of \$200.00 per month effective February 1, 2026, to any photographer interested in providing professional photography services at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.”

Discussion

After a review of the Town’s Tax Structure and List of Permit and License Fees, Deputy Mayor Warr advised the Town has already implemented a vendor permit fee that would be applicable.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from the Coach of the U15 Female Marystown Mariners team requesting that the speakers at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena be relocated to alleviate issues with scorekeeper being able to hear the referee. This item has been addressed.

Correspondence was received from Burin Peninsula Brighter Futures requesting that the Town sponsor a free 1-hour afternoon swim at the YMCA for the Baby and Me Club. Deputy Mayor Warr advised that there are often free swims on the schedule and the most recent ones took place on February 28th during an Open House.

The Dave Brenton Memorial Track and Field Complex is closed to users other than walkers around the track and dog park users. Residents are to use caution.

The Kaetlyn Osmond Arena recently had an issue when the ammonia alarm activated which resulted in an emergency trip by Vipond to do repairs to the system. The company has since calibrated the system. The system is calibrated every year at an expense to the Town. Follow-up will be made to train a couple of Public Works employees on how to calibrate the system to reduce costs to the Town.

U11 Minor held their home tournament this past weekend and won the gold medal. U11-2 Minor brought home the bronze from Bay Roberts. Deputy Mayor Warr congratulated both teams on games well-played.

Deputy Mayor Warr noted that a couple of weeks ago, the annual Leon Slaney Hockey Tournament took place. Mr. Slaney was a valuable member of the recreation hockey league for many years and this tournament honours him. Deputy Mayor Warr thanked Leon Fiander for organizing another successful tournament.

U18-1 Minor brought home gold and a banner from Clarendville. Deputy Mayor Warr congratulated the team on a game well-played.

Deputy Mayor Warr reminded the public that the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena now accepts EMT payments.

Deputy Mayor Warr advised that the Provincials for U13 Minors and U15 Female will be hosted at home this year. U15 Female will be hosting March 27-29, 2026 and U13 Minor will be hosting April 6-8, 2026.

Nominations for Kraft Hockeyville closed on March 1st. Deputy Mayor Warr thanked everyone who participated in uploading their stories. The Town won't know if the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena has made it to the next round until March 14th when provincial and territorial winners are announced. Deputy Mayor Warr noted it would be great to win a provincial prize of \$50,000.00.

The Committee has had some discussions on subcommittees and several ideas for different subcommittees were tabled. It was noted during the meeting that the trail associations should be involved in the subcommittees given the number of outdoor activities such as sledding, snowshoeing, etc. One of the Committee members is working on a document for same.

The Committee discussed the Terms of Reference for the Recreation Committee which will be tabled for review at the next Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor Warr took a moment to recognize Mr. Gerard Baker who recently completed 48 years of service with the Town. It was suggested the Town do something to show their appreciation.

Mayor Brenton advised that with two home hockey tournaments coming up, the Department should look into bringing back some of the original hockey players and very first high school team to honour past members. Deputy Mayor Warr will follow up with the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services on this item.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Keating reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on February 25, 2026.

A petition was received from residents of Barter's Place with concerns regarding the quality of drinking water for residents in the area. The fire hydrant in this area has been flushed on several occasions. In the Spring, the Public Works Department will be installing a t-valve at the end of the line to allow proper flushing of the lines. The Committee discussed the possibility of looping the line from Hollett's Road. The Director of Operations & Public Works will be following up on this item.

Correspondence was received from a resident of Memorial Drive with concerns regarding the gravel road portion of Memorial Drive and the material the Town has placed on it. The Committee discussed the concerns and it was noted that this portion of road is not owned by the Town but the complainant, although the Town does provide snow clearing and salting services as a courtesy to allow for a turnaround for the school bus. It was the consensus of the Committee the Town will discontinue this service if the resident no longer wants the Town to maintain the road.

On February 20th, the Town's dump truck caught fire while parked behind the Town depot. The cause was a wiring issue. Information has been sent to the Town's insurance provider and the adjusters still need to assess the vehicle. In the meantime, the Department will need to look into making arrangements for a temporary vehicle for the spring.

The Public Works Department has been busy as usual – a list of tasks completed was tabled which included some work at the water treatment plant and YMCA.

The Department has been doing a great job with snow clearing and has received some good compliments. There were three snow clearing events and one salting since the last Committee meeting.

Councillor Keating advised the Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board will be looking at going to tender for bulk garbage collection with potentially reduced frequency of collection.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/017R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept the tender bid for the sale of the 2007 Canadian Trailer (Float)(25-tonne) from Nikita Saunders in the amount of \$1,868.75 including HST.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

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MMC 2026 03 03/018R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to go to tender for the purchase of a new pick-up truck for the Public Works Department as budgeted.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 25, 2026.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Warr

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify the payment of Invoice No. SI-00740667 received from Rogers Electric Motor Services (1989) Ltd. dated February 4/26 in the amount of \$769.35 including HST for the purchase of a motor for the rooftop unit at the Marystown YMCA.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify the payment of Invoice No. 6636971 received from Wolsey Canada Inc. dated January 22/26 in the amount of \$412.59 including HST for materials for the Marystown YMCA.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify the payment of the annual membership fees for three users for all Newfoundland Labrador in the annual amount of \$538.20 including HST.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/022R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. INV-48024-J1X1K4 received from Federation of Canadian Municipalities dated November 10/25 in the amount of \$2,034.10 including HST for 2026-2027 Membership fees with funds to come from the 2026 budget.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award the Streetscape and Connectivity Study for the Town of Marystown to Tract Consulting at a cost of \$67,488.16 including HST with the understanding that approval is received from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/024R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award the Strategic Review of the Marystown Model Ship Gallery Study for the Town of Marystown to Tract Consulting at a cost of \$28,560.25 including HST with the understanding that approval is received from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/025R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to provide financial assistance in the amount of \$300.00 to the Marystown Central High School Robotics Club to support three students from Marystown who will be attending the Canada Cup Robotics taking place June 13-16, in St. Catherine’s, Ontario.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Deputy Mayor Warr

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to enter into an amended Municipal Infrastructure Funding Agreement as received from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure dated February 17, 2026, for the reallocation of cost shared funds within the 2020-2023 Multi-Year Capital Works Program allocations as per the revised Schedule 'A' received from the Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given for Mayor Brenton and the Town Manager to sign the amended Municipal Infrastructure Agreement on behalf of the Town of Marystown.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/027R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to enter into an amended Municipal Infrastructure Funding Agreement as received from the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure dated February 17, 2026, for the reallocation of cost shared funds within the 2023-2026 Multi-Year Capital Works Program allocations as per the revised Schedule 'A' received from the Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given for Mayor Brenton and the Town Manager to sign the amended Municipal Infrastructure Agreement on behalf of the Town of Marystown.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/028R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust eleven months of 2026 Water & Sewer Taxes for Account No. MARYS008 for PAR ID. 999069 in the amount of \$638.00 as a tenant ceased operations January 31, 2026.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/029R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust eleven months of 2026 Business Taxes for Account No. WAREH001 in the amount of \$2,568.04 as the business ceased operations January 31, 2026.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/030R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to purchase 3,000 75th Anniversary lapel pins from 4Imprint Canada at a cost of \$1,518.00 including HST.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/031R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of February 25, 2026, in the amount of \$494,023.98.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/032R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to rescind the following motion made at the Regular Council Meeting held on March 18, 2025:

Motion

MMC 2025 03 18/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Hodder

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend the classification of Lot No. 16A in the Marine Industrial Park to reflect industrial use for tax purposes.”

Motion carried unanimously.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/033R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that, as per Section 39 of the Towns and Local Service District Act, approval be given to amend the Council meeting schedule and reschedule the regular Council meeting from March 17, 2026, to March 24, 2026.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/034R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise a Request for Proposals for Cleaning Services at the Town Hall.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Edwards declared a conflict of interest for the next recommendation as he is the owner of the account in question. Councillor Edwards removed himself from the Council table to sit in the public area. Councillor Keating took over as Co-Chair of the Committee.

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust 2025 Water Tax for Account No. EDWAA005 in the amount of \$204.00.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1 (Edwards)

Motion carried.

Councillor Edwards returned to the Council table and presided as Chair of the Committee.

Councillor Edwards had two additional recommendations to bring forward that Council discussed earlier in the evening.

Councillor Edwards noted there are many dwellings in Marystown that have additional units on the properties for which water and sewer taxes have not been charged. The Town is becoming aware of these additional units and the lack of taxation.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/036R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to immediately issue invoices for water and sewer taxes to any property owner known to have additional units within their dwellings or on the property that have access to water and sewer services but are not presently being charged.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Edwards advised there is an issue with several properties not being charged the proper amount of property taxes due to the fact they are new constructions that have not yet been picked up by the Municipal Assessment Agency. In the past, the Town depended on the owners of those new constructions to pick up their occupancy permit after which a request for an assessment would be sent to the MAA. The Town has discovered that some residents are occupying their new constructions without picking up an occupancy permit and as such, the new constructions are not being assessed for taxes. The Town will no longer rely on occupancy permits to levy taxes.

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to request a supplementary assessment from the Municipal Assessment Agency for any building that is substantially completed regardless of whether it has been occupied; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given to immediately request supplementary assessments from the Municipal Assessment Agency where it has been discovered that there has been a substantial change to a property following major improvements that were not assessed by the MAA.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

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8. Approvals to Purchase

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Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to purchase twenty-seven replacement SCBA cylinders from Brogan Fire and Safety at a cost of \$68,310.00 including HST.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/039R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase tires for the flyer, dump truck and sterling from OMB Parts & Industrial Ltd. at a cost of \$7,744.21 including HST.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 03 03/040R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase materials from EMCO for a valve installation on Queen Street at a cost of \$36,757.33 including HST.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Councillor Brown questioned the cost of the 50/50 tickets that will be sold for the Town's 75th Anniversary. Councillor Brushett advised the tickets will be \$10.00 each and \$15,000.00 tickets will be printed. If all of the tickets are sold for a total of \$150,000.00, the winner will walk away with \$75,000.00.

Deputy Mayor Warr tabled a few items he omitted from his Recreation Committee Report.

Membership is staying up since the New Year with 1,133 memberships to date. The YMCA hosted a 10th Anniversary Open House on February 28th, 2026, which included all day events such as free swims, fitness classes, bouncy castles, cake and more. Deputy Mayor Warr attended the Open House and noted that by 2:30 p.m., the building was full.

The YMCA will host an 8-week Wellness Series starting today, March 3, 2026. There will be presentations made every Tuesday during the 8-week period. This program is for 50+ and is open to members and non-members. A grant was received to host a year-long Horizons for Seniors Program which will start up in the coming weeks.

Smallwood Crescent Community Centre reached out to the YMCA regarding the availability of space for their programs as space is very limited in their facility. A meeting will take place between the YMCA and Smallwood Crescent Community Centre to discuss available space. During the meeting, it was questioned if there were many gym time slots at the YMCA available for rent as all gyms in the area are booked to capacity. It was confirmed that there was.

Deputy Mayor Warr advised that the Town and YMCA had a Financial Advisory Committee meeting on February 26, 2026. Deputy Mayor Warr advised that if there are any ideas or issues with the facility, they can be brought forward to the Committee level and passed on during the advisory meetings. During the meeting on February 26, 2026, it was questioned why the YMCA's claim for an operating grant was \$10,000.00 more in January 2026 compared to January 2025. It was noted that last year, the YMCA received a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 around January 2025 that they didn't get this year so that, plus rising costs, accounted for the difference in the claim.

On behalf of some residents who had inquired, Deputy Mayor Warr questioned if the replacement of Canning Bridge had gone to tender yet. Mayor Brenton advised it hasn't and there will be a report at the next meeting.

Councillor Keating advised it's important that Council keep on top of doctor retention and recruitment. At a Council meeting, a motion was made to write a letter to NL Health Services for a meeting to discuss Council's concerns. Councillor Keating advised he has been speaking with people in St. John's who will advise of job fairs or potential recruits.

Councillor Keating noted a meeting was held with Mr. Brian Coleman, Housing Capacity Building Officer with the Municipality of NL, yesterday evening regarding housing. The Town may need to do some studies first but Mr. Coleman is available to assist with housing needs. Councillor Keating referred back to a study completed a few years ago on Reddy Subdivision and additional land the Town has in the area that needs to be developed. The Town also has additional land on Greenwood Street West that could be developed. Councillor Keating suggested the two areas be advertised again to request proposals on developing them. Councillor Keating noted there is still the former

CHCM land which is Crown Land. Unfortunately, the Lands division noted the Town would have to pay \$40,000.00 per lot when the Town expressed interest in it. Coupled with supplying services to each lot, the land is very expensive. That land aside, Councillor Keating advised that if the Town has land that can be developed, it should be offered up for development.

Councillor Keating noted that several times, Municipalities NL has brought up the fact that municipalities should be permitted to develop Crown Land that is within municipal boundaries. This item should be on the agenda for any meetings that Council has in St. John's.

Before adjourning the meeting, Mayor Brenton noted Council listened to the announcement on Bay du Nord prior to tonight's meeting. It was a good news day for the province however, it's uncertain where the peninsula will fit into it.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place March 24, 2026.

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Gerry Brenton
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk