

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 13, 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
Randy Brockerville, Director of Operations & Public Works
Debbie Fitzpatrick, Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services
Ray Nolan, Director of Planning & Economic Development
Petrina Power, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Brenton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/001R

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 01 13/002R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Warr, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 16, 2025, be adopted.”

In favour: 7 (Brenton, 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 reviewed the minutes of the Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held on January 6, 2026.

An email has been received from Grieg Seafood to advise that the sale of Grieg Seafood operations in Finnmark and Canada to Cermaq Group has been finalized effective December 29, 2025. The Town Manager will schedule a meeting between the Town and Cermaq Group.

Councillor Brown brought forward a summary of the 2025 Building Permits as follows:

- New Businesses – 15
- New Residence Construction – 10
- General Repairs Residence – 77
- General Repairs Commercial – 3
- Demo – 2
- Occupancy Permit – 7
- Permits from Applications – 31
- Excavation Permits – 22
- Vendor Permit – 2

Council had some discussion on the seniors' discount which is currently based on age instead of income. Council will be looking at making changes to the discount for the next budget. Councillor Brown noted she is aware that there are some seniors not aware of the discount or the Town's Property Tax Reduction Due to Financial Hardship Policy wherein a property owner below a certain income threshold could get a 10% discount if not availing of the seniors' discount. Information on the policies will be included in this year's tax billings to get the information out to those who need it.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/003R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Ashton Hillier for a Crown Grant at 21 Main Road, Jean de Baie for the purpose of a residence be approved, subject to Crown Lands.”

In favour: 7 (Brenton, Warr, Brown, Brushett, 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 6, 2026.

An email was received from Fire Chief Bolt regarding a request for the Town to co-host the 2026 Fire & Emergency Training School from May 23rd to 29th, 2026. Fire Chief Bolt has responded to Fire Emergency Services and confirmed that the event will take place in Marystown this year.

The Director of Planning & Economic Development has been following up with the owner of property at 96 Marine Drive regarding complaints on the condition of the property. The property was inspected and deemed unsafe. The Director of Planning & Economic Development spoke with the property owner and advised that the property must be secured as it is a safety hazard. The Director of Planning & Economic Development will continue to monitor the situation and will engage the Public Works Department to secure the door to the dwelling to prevent entry.

An email was received from the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador regarding the Wildfire Community Preparedness Day Award with application deadline of January 31, 2026. Fire Chief Bolt has submitted an application funding, which will be used to sponsor a clean-up day and allow the Fire Smart Coordinator from the Department of Forestry to visit the area and complete an information session.

A message has been received through the Town's Facebook page regarding numerous ducks in the area of Greg Rogers' apartments. Councillor Myles noted signage has been erected to advise residents not to feed the ducks but it doesn't seem to be working. A message has been posted on Facebook to again ask residents not to feed the ducks, noting that doing so actually harms the ducks as they won't fend for themselves. There is enough food in the wild for them and feeding them leads to the ducks leaving the pond area where they can be hit by a vehicle. Feeding them also attracts rodents and creates a mess in residential areas.

A complaint has been received regarding the excessive use of fireworks. The complaint was not meant to take away any resident's enjoyment of fireworks during events but to limit their usage. The Committee will need to review this item further as the Town's Nuisance Regulations don't refer much to fireworks.

A complaint has been received regarding hens in the Dowden Place area which is causing a rodent issue. The Town's regulations limit residential hobby farms to twelve hens and no roosters; the coop on Dowden Place includes two roosters. The Director of Planning & Economic Development is following up on this issue and the property owner is being cooperative.

Follow-up is continuing on a meeting with the RCMP's new Staff Sergeant. Several issues need to be discussed including drugs, break and entry, speeding, etc. Councillor Myles noted the Town has upgraded some streets with new pavement but new pavement does not equal speeding.

The Fire Department has been very busy with twelve calls for service since the last Committee meeting. Yesterday's high winds kept the Department very busy with twelve calls for just that one day which resulted in firefighters responding to calls all day and night with downed trees on power lines resulting in fires and other issues. Councillor Myles thanked all members for their hard work and dedication to their Department and the Town.

It's hoped that work on the Warming/Cooling Centre at the Salvation Army will begin soon as there was a delay in the delivery of a needed switch.

Fire Chief Bolt will be reaching out to Council soon regarding scheduling a review of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan.

The new roof cap has been installed at the Fire Hall. Some final items remain before the roof is declared completed but the contractor is working to ensure the leak issue is rectified.

Councillor Myles advised the Town was unsuccessful in obtaining provincial funding in 2025 for a new vehicle and equipment for the Fire Department however, the 2026 applications are ready for submission. The applications will be for the replacement of a pumper truck and a new SCBA compressor and fill station. These applications are submitted on a yearly basis to ensure the Town is in the queue for funding.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/004R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit an application for funding under the Fire Protection Vehicle Program for a new Pumper 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 01 13/005R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit an application for funding in the amount of \$82,076.68 under the Firefighting Equipment Program for a new SCBA Compressor and Fill Station for the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

The boundary for the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department is in the vicinity of the Red Harbour Bridge however; a physical landmark has not been put in place with NL911. A meeting took place with the Baine Harbour Fire Department and the Director of NL911 and it has been determined that the Red Harbour Bridge will be the landmark for the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department when receiving emergency calls for the area. Fire Chief Bolt will submit the proper request to NL911 to have this noted.

The Director of Planning & Economic Development spoke with Mr. Lloyd Fudge with Newfoundland Power regarding training seminars available for the Fire Department and the Public

Works Department. Fire Chief Bolt has advised that many of the fire department members have completed the course already.

Councillor Myles advised that the Town has been approved to receive a hotspot on the Burin Peninsula Highway; it was noted that locating it south of the Red Harbour Bridge would be ideal.

Councillor Myles noted the Fire Department provided the Town with a new Canadian flag for the Town Hall Grounds. MP Rowe's Office in Marystown is scheduled to be open soon and additional flags will be available after which the flag will be returned to the Fire Department.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Brushett reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on January 6, 2026.

Councillor Brushett advised the Committee discussed several items including the Model Ship Gallery and the Town's 75th Anniversary.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/006R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Councillor Edwards

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit an application to Government Services for a lottery licence to host a 50/50 ticket draw for the 75th Anniversary of the Incorporation of Marystown."

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/007R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Deputy Mayor Warr

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit an application to Government Services for a lottery licence for the Town to host Outdoor Bingos on the following dates:

- May 26, 2026
- June 30, 2026
- July 28, 2026
- August 25, 2026
- September 29, 2026"

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/008R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to create and use a new logo for the Town’s 75th Anniversary Celebrations throughout 2026.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Brushett advised a post was put on Facebook to encourage anyone interested in hosting an event to celebrate the Town’s 75th Anniversary to get in touch with herself or Ms. Lori Hunt. There will be a meeting on January 21st; everyone is welcomed to attend.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/009R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Marystown Model Ship Gallery to operate seven days a week, including statutory holidays, during the summer season on a go forward basis with the understanding that there will be reduced staffing on some days to accommodate days off for the employees.”

Discussion

Councillor Edwards understood the reason for the change in operations, noting there were several times last year when tour groups were in town and the gallery was closed. Councillor Keating questioned if anyone consulted with the staff before making the change. Councillor Myles noted when the change was discussed, it was with a positive future for the gallery in mind and to improve on the number of visitors by staying open on holidays and weekends. If it doesn’t make any difference, operations can revert back. Mayor Brenton noted the Town has advertised two Requests for Proposals that should include recommendations for improvements to the gallery. Councillor Edwards noted the gallery is closed approximately eight months of the years and the Town is essentially spending \$48,000.00 to store ships. The Town wants to get what it can from the four months that the gallery is open by keeping it open every day.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor Brenton made a few comments on the Town’s 75th Anniversary. The Town was incorporated on December 18, 1951 and this year is a special anniversary that Councillor Brushett, Deputy Mayor Warr and the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services will be working on. A schedule of 75

events is in the works; one event has already taken place – the Mummer’s Parade. The Town would like all interested residents and community groups to join in and help to make this year big. Celebrations will take place in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena, which took place in December 2025. Deputy Mayor Warr agreed 75 years was a great milestone.

Recreation Committee

Deputy Mayor Warr reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on January 6, 2026.

Deputy Mayor Warr thanked everyone who has chosen to volunteer with the Recreation Committee.

The Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex is closed for the winter season but the track is still being used by walkers. Deputy Mayor Warr reminded users that there are no bathroom facilities and to use caution when walking the track.

As noted earlier, the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena recently turned 50 in December past. The Department is proud of this milestone and will be planning an event.

The CO alarm activated at the arena on Monday due to the Zamboni giving off too many fumes. The Zamboni has been repaired by the Town Mechanic and additional parts will be ordered to have on hand in case the issue arises again.

The U15 Girls and U18-1 Boys teams travelled to Twillingate and Lewisporte this past weekend. Both teams brought back silver medals. Deputy Mayor Warr congratulated both teams.

Residents were reminded that the arena is now accepting payments by EMT for all ice rentals.

Nominations are once again open for Kraft Hockeyville and the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena has been nominated. The grand prize is \$250,000.00 and the winning arena will play host to an NHL hockey game. This year, there will be provincial winners as well. Residents are asked to submit their stories as they did last year and this time, instead of coming close to winning, Marystown could win. Residents can call the Town office and speak with the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services on how to submit their story to the website.

Deputy Mayor Warr reminded residents of the new phone number for the arena.

Shutters and Such has installed the buttons for new door openers at the arena but there are a few issues that need to be worked out. Residents are to advise staff if they have any issues with the buttons.

The arena sustained some damage from Monday’s strong winds wherein some of the fascia needs to be repaired.

A long-term member of the Committee has stepped aside. Deputy Mayor Warr thanked Ms. Sandra Shallow for her commitment and expertise while on the Recreation Committee for the past eight years.

Registration is now open for the Marystown Minor Soccer Association’s Fall and Winter Academies. Residents are to reach out to the Association for more information.

The YMCA is actively looking to fill some vacant positions. More information is available by reaching out to the YMCA.

Deputy Mayor Warr advised the Town is following up on addressing some issues at the YMCA.

The CEEP Program has started and will continue until March 6th. Workers are currently assisting with upgrades, repairs and maintenance at the Fire Hall and maintenance inside the bullpen.

The YMCA remains busy and membership is strong, especially with regards to swimming lessons. New slots have opened up for private swimming lessons. Emergency First Aid is ongoing for the month of January. The Bronze Cross Program is ongoing, which puts participants one step closer to becoming a lifeguard. As well, the Small Steps for Big Change Program (diabetics prevention program) is ongoing.

The information line is up and running at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena. Programs at the arena are well utilized.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/010R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Warr, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Town to go to tender for repairs to cracks on the track at the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex, with the understanding the Town will follow up on procuring its own equipment for making such repairs.”

In favour: 7 (Brenton, Warr, Brown, Brushett, 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 7, 2026.

The Town Manager was asked to write a letter to the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure to request a meeting before the tender for the overpass on Ville Marie Drive is awarded to ensure it won't be closed down for any length of time. In addition, it was noted that it would be ideal if the Town's waterline could be installed across the overpass to ensure continuous circulation of water. Currently, the Town's waterline dead-ends on both sides of the overpass. Mayor Brenton advised there is a meeting scheduled in St. John's with Government officials and some members of Council and that item will be discussed.

The Public Works was kept busy with a long list of activities, many of them being water leak repairs.

There was some discussion on the Town's capital works projects. No new funding has been approved yet under the Multi-Year Capital Works Program. The Mayo's Road/Levi's Road Water, Sewer and Storm Upgrades Project are scheduled to start this spring. The Town is waiting on Provincial Government approval of the Farrell's Road Water and Sewer Upgrades Project.

The water treatment plant is operating well; line cleaning was done at the plant to improve operations.

All equipment is in good working order and the outside workers are working in shifts. They were very busy before, during and after the Christmas season with snow clearing having taken place as follows:

- December 13, 2025 – morning
- December 15, 2025 – morning
- December 23, 2025 – morning
- Christmas Day, December 25, 2025 – morning and evening
- December 27, 2025 – morning
- December 28, 2025 – morning
- January 5, 2026 – morning

The Department has utilized a lot of salt but still has a good supply on hand.

The annual fee for waste management will be going up by \$15.00 to \$200.00. That increases the Town's cost by approximately \$36,000.00.

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 Operator 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.

A number of calls and complaints have been received regarding the air conditioning unit at the YMCA. The Public Works Department is working on having it repaired.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 6, 2026.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/012R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 1494 received from Legendary Coasts of Eastern Newfoundland dated December 1/25 in the amount of \$175.00 including HST for 2026 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 01 13/013R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 2949 received from Higher Talent dated December 12/25 in the amount of \$414.00 including HST for professional HR services provided by Mr. Mark Gill.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/014R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice NO. 26266 received from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador dated December 16/25 for 2026 MNL Membership Fees in the amount of \$8,001.93 including HST and 2026 PMA Membership Fees in the amount of \$892.60 including HST totaling \$8,894.53 including HST 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 01 13/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the November Operating Grant received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador dated November 30, 2025 in the amount of \$35,471.00.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Edward noted that the operating grant for November 2024 was \$37,241.00.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/016R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 27197 received from Cal LeGrow dated January 2/26 in the amount of \$988.00 HST exempt for the renewal of Travel Accident Policy No. 8624844-61 effective January 1, 2026, 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 01 13/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 105508 received from Edwards and Associates Ltd. dated January 6/26 in the amount of \$862.50 including HST for the Land Gazette subscription renewal for January 1 to December 31, 2026, 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 01 13/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify an adjustment on Account No. BRAKS004 in the amount of \$900.00 plus interest as a request was submitted in 2024 to combine two adjacent properties on Ville Marie Drive however, Municipal Assessment Agency was delayed in processing the reassessment.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the interest on Account No. 44965001 in the amount of \$46.68 as a payment was made on September 11, 2025 however notification was not received until October, 2025.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED ratification of a donation in the amount of \$250.00 to Stagehead Restaurant for the 6th Annual free Christmas Day Dinner.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Edwards commended the owner and staff of the Stagehead Restaurant for another free Christmas Day Dinner. Councillor Keating advised that he and Mayor Brenton presented the cheque and the dinner fed about 100 residents including 20 delivered dinners. It was great to see so many people enjoying Christmas Day together and even greater to see staff at the restaurant willing to give up their own Christmas Day to ensure others had a special meal.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that, further to Motion MMC 2025 11 18/003R made at the Regular Council Meeting held November 18, 2025 wherein approval was given to allocate \$2,000.00 to the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of keeping the Fire Hall staffed with a stand-by crew during the water shutdown that was required to tie in the chlorination building with the water treatment plant, Council ratify extending stand-by coverage at the Fire Hall by an additional 6 hours at \$25.00 per hour for each of 6 firefighters for an additional cost of \$900.00.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

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Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/022R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED that, further to Motion MMC 2025 12 02/025R wherein approval was given to fill the position of Outreach Worker, the Committee is recommending approval be given to pay Starr Smith, Supervisor to the Outreach Worker, as a rate of \$28.00 per hour for three hours per week until March 31, 2026, with the understanding funds will come from a 2025-2026 Community Violence Prevention Grant.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Warr declared a conflict of interest for the next recommendation as he is one of the individuals noted in the motion. Deputy Mayor Warr removed himself from the Council Chambers.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor

“BE IT RESOLVED ratification of the reimbursement of expenses to the following individuals for the Recreation Committee Soup and Sandwich Luncheon:

- Debbie Fitzpatrick - \$29.96
- Barb Cribb - \$50.89
- Robert Warr - \$106.03”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1 (Warr)

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/024R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the balance of the following loans with the Bank of Montreal as follows:

- Loan No. 1026-6998-938 in the amount of \$2,481.20
- Loan No. 1026-6998-946 in the amount of \$3,541.79
- Loan No. 1026-6998-882 in the amount of \$46,786.56”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Edwards noted the loans in question are small loans that consume staff time and effort to pay each month. The Town is in a good financial position to be able to pay them off.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/025R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to approval be given to pay the 2026 Assessment Service Fee as received from Municipal Assessment Agency in the amount of \$77,220.00 based on 2,740 parcels and 230 tenants at \$26.00 each, with the understanding that the fee will be levied in quarterly invoices in the amount of \$19,305.00 each with the first invoice being levied on January 2, 2026, 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.

Councillor Myles noted the Municipal Assessment Agency is the body that assesses each individual property and determines its value. The Town’s property taxes are based on that assessment. Anyone who feels their assessment is too high can appeal it. While there is a chance it may be assessed lower, there is also the chance the assessed value could increase upon review.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of January 6, 2026, in the amount of \$189,463.24.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/027R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept the proposal from Rod’s Repair for IT Support Services for the Town of Marystown.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/028R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify ratification of the attendance of the Town Manager at the PMA Board of Directors meeting that took place on December 9, 2025, in St. John’s, NL, with the understanding the PMA was responsible for all travel and accommodation expenses.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 01 13/029R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to approval be given to pre-authorize payment of the following routine monthly invoices for the 2026 operating year, subject to review by the Finance Committee prior to the issuance of payments:

- Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer – Contract
- Audio Systems Group – Alarm System Monitoring – Water Treatment Plant
- AutoCAD – Program for Public Works Department
- Bell Aliant – Phone Bills – Landlines, Faxes and Internet
- Bell Aliant - Cell Phones
- BioMaxx Wastewater Solutions – Flow Meters
- Brenntag Canada Inc. – Water Treatment Plant
- Burin Peninsula Waste Management Board – Waste Disposal Collection
- CIBC Mellon – Pension
- CG HVAC Services Ltd. – Town Hall
- Eastlink - Internet
- GM Malls LP – Rent and Electrical Billings for Museum Mall Space
- Johnson Controls/Tyco Integrated Fire & Security – Town Hall Alarm System
- MasterCard
- NL Power – Power Bills
- North Sun Energy Limited Partnership – Gas Cards
- Orkin Canada Corp. – Rodent Control
- Payroll Deductions
- Pitney Works – Postage
- Pitney Bowes – Postage Meter
- TRIO – Group Insurance
- Waterwerks – Website Maintenance and CMS Support
- Western Petroleum – Furnace Oil – Town Garage
- Western Petroleum – Low Sulfur Fuel – Town Garage
- Wiscombe’s Cleaning – Cleaning
- Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission
- Univar Canada Ltd. – Water Treatment Plant”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor Brenton noted the Town’s budget is soon due. Councillor Edwards advised both Council and staff have reviewed the draft budget. It’s been a lot of work and it looks like a good budget but it needs to be finalized and brought down before the end of the month.

7. Correspondence

- Email from Director of Finance & Administration dated January 7/26 re: YMCA Cost Summary re: summary provided as per Finance Committee discussion. Total cost for 2025 is \$680,298.00 and YMCA averaging \$56,691.00 per month.

Councillor Keating noted the YMCA is getting expensive to operate. Councillor Edwards noted there are additional expenses that go above and beyond the regular monthly costs such as equipment breakdowns. Mayor Brenton advised that Deputy Mayor Warr has requested a meeting with the YMCA to come out and meet with Council and staff. The Director of Finance & Administration will do an in-depth report on the finances. While it's a big addition to the Town, the Recreation Complex does come at a big cost.

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 Myles referenced the Town's 75th Anniversary and advised that the call for residents and community groups to participate in planning events will be promoted through VOCM. The Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services will be sending in an application for a 50/50 draw very soon and the new logo will be featured on the tickets. The draw will take place on December 18th and if all tickets are sold, the maximum prize payout will be \$75,000.00. Tickets will be available as soon as they are printed.

Councillor Brown expressed concern with speeding on Ville Marie Drive after receiving several calls. Councillor Brown reminded residents that children are often within close proximity to the roads and further reminded them to watch their speeds, noting new pavement around town is not an invitation to speed.

Mayor Brenton advised that MHA Jeff Dwyer initiated a meeting that will take place on January 20th with Minister Lloyd Parrott, Department of Energy and Mines, and Minister Barry Petten, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure, to discuss several issues including the overpass on Ville Marie Drive, new permanent bridge, economic development opportunities, Marine Drive and other issues. Follow-up will be made to confirm who will be attending the meeting from the Town's side.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place January 20, 2026.

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 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