

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MAY 19, 2026**

Present were: Mayor Gerry Brenton
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
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 6:07 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/001R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/002R

Moved by Councillor Myles, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 5, 2026, be adopted.”

In favour: 6 (Brenton, 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 May 11, 2026.

The committee has been busy working on several amendments to the Town's Municipal Plan and Development Regulations to accommodate additional development within town.

Mr. Andrew Warren's proposal for use of the Farmers Market has been reviewed by Council and the Committee and an agreement for use of the facility is underway. The Town is looking forward to the sale of fresh vegetables from the Farmers Market.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/003R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Edwards

"BE IT RESOLVED that under the authority of Section 16, Section 17 and Section 18 of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000, the Town Council of Marystown adopt Municipal Plan Amendment No. 3, 2025, and Development Regulations Amendment No. 3, 2025, for the purpose of making changes to the 2017-2027 Municipal Plan's Future Land Use Map from "Conservation" to "Residential" to accommodate residential development at 322-336 Creston Boulevard."

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

The Committee is working on a fifth and sixth amendment to the Town's Municipal Plan and Development Regulations. The fourth amendment, which is well underway, will accommodate short-term rentals in a residential zone. The other two amendments will accommodate tiny homes and granny flats/garden suites. It's anticipated that there will be recommendations to move forward with these amendments at the next Council meeting. Councillor Brown clarified that a granny flat is attached to an existing home while a garden suite is a detached structure on the same parcel of land as a residence and sits behind that residence. A tiny home will be constructed on its own parcel of land and the size will be at Council's discretion. Tiny homes will not be permitted for use as short-term rentals. The amendment for short-term rentals will accommodate at least two structures on one parcel of land that measure at least 50 square meters. While these three amendments will be new additions to the Municipal Plan and Development Regulations, each development will still be required to following existing requirements with regards to setbacks, access, etc.

A resident is interested in constructing a fence around his property that measures 8' tall. While it was thought that the Town's regulations limited fence height to 6', it was confirmed that there are no restrictions in the regulations on height.

Mayor Brenton declared a conflict of interest for the next recommendation as the owner of the company in question is his brother-in-law. Mayor Brenton removed himself from the Council Chambers and in the absence of Deputy Mayor Warr, Councillor Keating was appointed as Chair of the meeting.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/004R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Edwards

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to grant an extension to the timeframe on Application No. W-23-010 for White Rock Construction Ltd. to construct three triplexes measuring 81' x 33' each and one fourplex measuring 108' x 33' located at 26-32 Queen Street, subject to the previously approved conditions for a period of twenty-four months effective May 19, 2026."

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1 (Brenton)

Motion carried.

Mayor Brenton returned to the Council Chambers and presided as Chair of the meeting.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/005R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Keating

"BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Jarrod Thomas to operate Thomas Amusements at the Peninsula Mall Parking Lot at 25-57 Columbia Drive from June 15th to 21st be approved."

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/006R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Joshua Parsons to operate Marystown School of Music as a home-based music studio at 816-818 Ville Marie drive be approved, subject to site inspection and posting of a discretionary use ad.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/007R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Kyle Murphy to relocate RPM Automotive from 186-194 McGettigan Boulevard to 300-310 McGettigan Boulevard be approved, subject to Service NL, fire & life safety and site inspection.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/008R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Laurie Maillet to construct a porch measuring 10’ x 12’ on an existing dwelling at 7 Tolt Road be approved, subject to site inspection.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/009R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Andrew Hillier to construct a greenhouse measuring 12’ x 24’ at 103-111 Atlantic Street be approved, subject to site inspection.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/010R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Joanne Farrell to construct a pad measuring 20’ x 13’ and place a pre-fab accessory building onto the pad at 340 Marine Drive be approved, subject to site inspection.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/011R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Jeffrey Moulton to construct an accessory building measuring 20’ x 12’ at 185-187 Greenwood Street be approved, subject to site inspection.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor Brenton again declared a conflict of interest for the next recommendation as the owner of the company in question is his brother-in-law. Mayor Brenton removed himself from the Council Chambers and in the absence of Deputy Mayor Warr, Councillor Keating was appointed as Chair of the meeting.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/012R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from White Rock Construction Ltd. to construct three triplexes measuring 81’ x 33’ each and one fourplex measuring 108’ x 33’ at 26-32 Queen Street be approved, subject to development plans & building plans, septic system plan, Service NL, fire & life safety, NL Power consultation and site inspection.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 1 (Brenton)

Motion carried.

Mayor Brenton returned to the Council Chambers and presided as Chair of the meeting.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Myles reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on May 11, 2026.

Councillor Myles advised that a complaint has been received regarding the state of several properties on Wilcon Street. The Director of Planning & Economic Development has followed up on the properties in question and continues to monitor the situation.

A complaint has been received regarding a rodent issue in the area of Gover’s Road off Creston Boulevard; there is a similar situation on Crocker’s Point Road as well. The Director of Planning & Economic Development is following up on these items.

The Director of Planning & Economic Development is following up with an individual who is selling and changing tires and advertising through social media. This item is being monitored.

The Director of Planning & Economic Development completed an inspection and took photos of a property on Marine Drive that requires a clean-up. The property owner will be advised to clean it up.

The Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer has been involved with a situation involving a cat on Water Street West. A cat went missing from its home and is still in the general area of the home. The owners are trying to get the cat to come back inside however, the neighbour’s cat is also outside and is scaring the other cat away. The Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer was called to lend assistance wherein the neighbours were asked to keep their cat inside. The Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer will continue to follow up on this item.

There have been issues with bulk garbage being put out to the curb too early. The Animal Control – Anti-Litter Officer continues to follow up with residents about waiting until closer to collection day.

The Marystown Volunteer Fire Department has been busy with a number of calls since the last Committee meeting.

Ground preparation for the EOC generator pad at the Town Hall will be completed when the Public

Works Department is available.

McCarthy's Construction is scheduled to be back on site soon to finish the roof leak repairs at the Fire Hall.

The Fire Department has internally advertised the position of Fire Safety Officer – two applications have been received. On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Myles thanked everyone involved in the process.

Numerous FireSmart activities took place including meetings and an assessment with the Department of Forestry and the FireSmart Representative as well as an Open House. On behalf of Fire Chief Bolt, Councillor Myles thanked everyone who are already undertaking FireSmart activities and encouraged others to prepare their properties as well as this is currently fire season. Councillor Myles attended the meeting and open house which was very informative on how to prevent wildfires. The Open House had a great turnout with over 60 residents in attendance.

The Live Facebook Fundraiser for the Structure Protection Unit is scheduled to take place at the Town Hall on June 20, 2026. The event is being advertised on social media and letters have been sent to business, organizations and neighbouring municipalities. Councillor Myles thanked everyone for their support to date.

The annual spring clean-up will take place from May 23rd to June 6th with a clean-up blitz taking place on May 23rd. All community groups and organizations are welcomed to participate in the clean-up.

Tourism & Special Events Committee

Councillor Brushett reviewed the minutes of the Tourism & Special Events Committee meeting held on May 12, 2026.

The Committee discussed the upcoming Canada Day event. It's anticipated that everything will be prepared by the next meeting.

New 50/50 tickets have been printed and are available for purchase. The tickets will be sold at various locations around town and if all tickets are sold, the maximum prize payout will be \$75,000.00. Councillor Brushett thanked those who have purchased a ticket to date and supported the fundraiser.

Councillor Brushett advised the Mother's Day Brunch went over very well and thanked those who assisted in making it a success.

The next bingo is scheduled to take place on May 26th at the Club 20 parking lot. Players can start arriving at 6:00 p.m.

The Committee had some discussion on working with various individuals to host some activities at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/013R

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to submit an application to the Newfoundland and Labrador Liquor Corporation for an Annual Special Events Liquor License for the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Brushett explained that it costs \$200.00 for a liquor license for one event. The Committee is interested in hosting two or three events at the arena for which a liquor license will be required. An annual license costs \$250.00 so there will be a savings. Councillor Keating questioned if the license could be transferred to another facility. Councillor Brushett advised this particular license is for the arena only.

Recreation Committee

Mayor Brenton passed along regrets on behalf of Deputy Mayor Warr, who was out of town on Council business.

In the absence of Deputy Mayor Warr, Councillor Brown reviewed the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on May 12, 2026.

Councillor Brown reminded residents that pets are not permitted on the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex. Children are using the facility to play sports and babies are crawling in the grass. The Committee can appreciate that pets are family but due to sanitary reasons, they are not permitted at any of the Recreational Sports Facilities including all fields.

A Dog Park Committee has been formed for the Marystown Dog Park. Anyone interested in helping out can reach out directly to Ms. Bridget Hodder.

The Marystown United Minor Soccer Association has their summer program registration open. Those interested in more information should reach out to Christina Brushett, Jonathon Hickman or anyone else who is on their executive.

Mr. Justin Nolan with the Public Works Department placed some sand at the Lions Field. Councillor Brown thanked him for always being there to help the Recreation Department.

Thanks also went out to Mr. Les Holley, Mr. Albert Burke and Mr. Gord Hanrahan for their non-stop support and hard work within our Recreation Department.

The softball net installation has been delayed due to the weather; a new date is pending from Windco.

The washrooms at the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex are now open. Residents were asked to respect the washrooms so they don't have to be closed at the end of the business day.

Burin Peninsula Voice Against Violence will be hosting a character softball game in partnership with the Fundamentals Special Olympics on June 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Kinsmen Field as part of the 75th Anniversary Celebrations. Councillor Brown advised any business that has a mascot and is interested in participating to reach out to Starr Smith with BPVAV.

The highway side on Jane's Pond Walking Trail is closed until further notice due to a pothole in the pathway adjacent to the fence. The Recreation Department has received some calls about when the trail will be usable again but that date is uncertain as Council is in the process of determining if the Town is responsible for the repairs or if those who developed the trail are responsible. The Town recognizes the importance of this trail to residents.

The first rollerblading/roller-skating event at the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena is this coming Thursday, May 21st, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per child, \$3.00 per parent or \$5.00 per family. CSA approved helmets are required and parents must stay in the arena to watch their child.

Committee member Cribb has been trying to get some interest in forming a curling club in Marystown. The sport would be offered in the mornings but with this comes quite a bit of ice maintenance and training. Anyone interested in curling should reach out to Committee Member Barb Cribb.

Councillor Brown advised that membership at the YMCA is holding steady at 1,170 members.

Summer Camp Registration is going well with three student positions approved to assist with the Camp. Two staff members will be participating in the Fundamentals Olympics Softball event and dressing up as mascots.

The glass at the steam room has been repaired. Councillor Brown thanked the Public Works Department on the quick repairs made.

The Marystown YMCA is currently looking for students interested in working the front desk

CG HVAC completed regular quarterly maintenance at the YMCA last week. Councillor Brown thanked Mr. Ricky Pittman and Mr. Fred Brake with Public Works Department for repairing the pumps.

Canada Summer Jobs student positions are advertised. The Recreation Department is looking for three people: two to help out around town with all items relating to recreation and a third to provide support to the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department. Anyone interested in the position or wanting more information should reach out to the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services.

The application for JCP funding has been submitted and the Department is awaiting approval. There has been some interest from the public about forming a committee to start raising funds for an inclusive and accessible playground in the Marystown area. Councillor Brown advised that anyone interested in joining the committee can reach out to Ms. Nikita Butler.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/014R

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to award canteen services for the upper Summer Games Building at the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex to the Marystown Minor Soccer Association, pending a food inspection.”

In favour: 6 (Brenton, 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 May 11, 2026.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the Multi-Year Capital Works Program, which is no longer available to 15 municipalities that used to avail of it, including the Town of Marystown. Instead, the Town must now apply for Municipal Capital Works funding on an annual basis. The Committee needs to discuss potential projects to apply for. Councillor Keating advised Council will be meeting on May 23rd and will discuss this item as funding is approved in the fall of each year, around September month.

Applications were submitted and approved for Ville Marie Drive and Harris Drive Road Upgrades along with repairs to the roof of the Public Works Storage Facility (former Ville Marie Swimming Pool). Tenders for consulting services closed May 15th and the Town should soon be officially advised of the successful consultants. It was noted that the two road upgrades projects would be going to Meridian Engineering out of Clarenville.

Correspondence has been received from a resident of Pidgeon's Road regarding the Town's potential plans to install Town sewer for the road. Correspondence was also received from the same resident regarding the Town's waterline crossing private property with a request to have it relocated. These items will be discussed at a later date.

The Department has been very busy since the last Committee meeting and a list of activities completed was included in the Public Works Committee minutes for Council's review.

There were issues with the Town's grader and parts were ordered. The Department also had two trucks out of service at the same time and had to rent one for a while. All other equipment is repaired as necessary.

The Town used 925 tonnes of salt and 700 tonnes of sand during the 2025-2026 winter season.

The tender for bulk garbage collection closed and the results were reviewed. The Burin Peninsula Regional Service Board is determining how to proceed.

The Committee again discussed the request for a stop sign on Mount Vincent Crescent. Councillor Keating advised that Mount Vincent Crescent has always been the main thoroughfare for that area, looping around the entire subdivision. Anyone entering onto the street or exiting the street has had to stop/yield to oncoming traffic and therefore, no stop sign is required.

Councillor Keating took a moment to speak a bit about the Structure Protection Unit that the Town is interested in purchasing for the Fire Department. Everyone is well aware of the destruction that a wildfire can cause. To make the purchase a reality, the Town will be hosting a fundraiser on June 20th at the Town Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Town has received a great response from the letters that have been sent out to various businesses and organizations and it's hoped that everyone will support the purchase. Councillor Keating would like to see every household donate \$5.00 per person to make the purchase a reality. Councillor Keating, along with Councillor Edwards and Councillor Myles, will be hosting the fundraiser live on Facebook. It's hoped that with the Structure Protection Unit, the Town never has to witness a wildfire like those that occurred in other communities last year.

Finance Committee

Councillor Edwards reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on May 11, 2026.

The Town's auditors have recommended a complete review of the Town's tax receivables with respect to old accounts and accumulated interest arrears. This review has now been completed. All individual accounts were analyzed and write-off is recommended as per the Towns and Local Service Districts Act. A copy of the list was circulated to Council with recommendations for action. All accounts recommended for arrears sale have been adjusted to write off property and accumulated interest for the years 2020 and prior. All accounts listed for disconnection of service have been adjusted to write off for interest only for the years 2020 and prior. Poll tax has also been adjusted to write off accumulated interest for the years 2020 and prior. As per the Towns and Local Service Districts Act, poll tax was discontinued effective the 2025 taxation year. All poll tax accounts have been placed with Credit Recovery for collection.

While the total write-off amount is large, the majority of it relates to vacant land and estate properties that have accrued interest for years.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/015R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 148, Uncollectable Debts, of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act, approval be given to write off taxes and interest as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
Property, Water & Sewer Tax	\$86,431.29	\$234,413.99	\$320,845.28
Business Tax	\$400.00	\$674.13	\$1,074.13
Poll Tax	\$34,755.45	\$74,076.23	\$108,831.68
Total	\$1121,586.74	\$309,164.35	\$430,751.09 ”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Edwards advised that while the Town is writing off taxes prior to 2020, it is a write-off on the Town's books only. Those taxes still form a lien against any given property that should be sold.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/016R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay the March Operating Grant received from the YMCA of Newfoundland and Labrador dated March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$32,825.00.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

It was noted that the March Operating Grant for this same time last year in 2025 was \$21,902.00.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/017R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to make a donation during the Live Facebook Fundraiser for the Structure Protection Unit in the amount of \$20,000.00 from interest collected from funds in the FES Pumper Truck Account.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Discussion

Councillor explained that when the Town purchased the last Fire Truck for the Department, the Town received a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00 that accumulated interest prior to the actual purchase of a new truck. The Committee would like that interest to be donated towards the purchase of the Structure Protection Unit, which everyone was in agreement on.

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/018R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept the amended 2025-2026 Community Violence Prevention Grant as per Schedule A of the agreement to change the end date from April 30, 2026 to October 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given for Mayor Brenton to sign the amended 2025-2026 Community Violence Prevention Grant.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/019R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Change Order No. 1 received from Edwards and Associates Ltd. for the Town of Marystown Mayo’s Road/Levi’s Road Water, Sewer and Storm Upgrades Phase 1 Project No. 17-GI-24-00039 in the additional amount of \$13,441.20 including HST to provide temporary water to two additional residences (\$5,474.00 including HST) and replace badly deteriorated 450mm drainage culvert (\$7,967.20 including HST).”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/020R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the remaining interest on Account No. MUDDE002 as the principal payment plan requirements have been met.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Councillor Edwards reminded residents who may have accounts in arrears that there are options available to bring those accounts back into good standing.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/021R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay Invoice No. 30088 received from Cal LeGrow Insurance dated May 8/26 in the amount of \$956.00 HST exempt for the addition of the 2026 Chevrolet Silverado to Policy No. P04174506.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/022R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept the Town of Marystown – CECI 2026-27 – Grant Agreement between the Town of Marystown and CanExport Community Investments for Professional Services for Marketing in the amount of \$12,000.00 and Professional Fees for Government and Industry Relations Consultant in the amount of \$14,400.00 for foreign direct investment in defence and security on the Burin Peninsula in the total amount of \$26,400.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED approval be given for Mayor Brenton and the Town Manager to sign the agreement for the Town of Marystown – CECI 2026- 27 contract between the Town of Marystown and CanExport Community Investments.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Mayor Brenton noted the funding provided will be utilized for marketing materials. If there is any excess funding, follow-up will be made to determine what it can be expended on.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/023R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Myles

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Accounts Payable Listing No. 8-1 as of May 7, 2026, in the amount of \$294,061.63.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/024R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Town Manager to attend the PMA Regional Meeting taking place on June 4, 2026, in St. John’s, NL, in his capacity as Eastern Regional Director, with the understanding all expenses will be covered by the PMA.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/025R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to ratify Mayor Brenton and the Town Manager’s attendance at meetings with Equinor in St. John’s, NL, on May 11, 2026.”

Motion carried unanimously.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/026R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay an honourarium request to the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$960.00 for their May Social.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to bring forward.

8. Approvals to Purchase**Motion**

MMC 2026 05 19/027R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Fire Department to purchase beef from Sobeys for the Provincial Fire School Appreciation event on Saturday, May 23rd, at a cost of \$3,500.00 including HST, with the understanding funds will be reimbursed up to \$3,500.00 by fire Services Division.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/028R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department to purchase a wiring harness for the CAT grader from Toromont Cat at a cost of \$2,980.96 including HST.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 05 19/029R

Moved by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation Department to purchase five water refill stations for the Dave Brenton Memorial Track and Field complex (upper field, lower field, Lion’s Field, Kinsmen Field and Summer Games Building) from Peninsula Castle at a cost of \$12,075.00 including HST, with funds to come from the 2025-2026 Community Waste Diversion Fund.”

In favour: 6 (Brenton, 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 Keating advised that while he was in Gander for the MNL Symposium, he did some networking with other members of Council and advised that some Towns have gone out for proposals for insurance services and have saved money. Councillor Keating noted the Town should advertise a Request for Proposals prior to expiry of the current policy in February 2027 to determine if there are any savings to be realized.

Economic Development Report

Mayor Brenton stepped out of the position of Chair of the meeting in order to give a report on economic development activities to date. Councillor Keating was appointed as Chair of the meeting.

The Economic Development Committee met on May 13/26 and Mr. Barry Sheppard of Barry Sheppard Management Consulting joined the meeting virtually to provide an overview of the work that has been completed to date on the Marystown Marine Park Study of Supply and Service Opportunities.

BSMC has been identifying and reviewing opportunities for economic development in the Mortier Bay/Marystown/Burin Peninsula area. To date, they have researched opportunities in a variety of sectors including shipbuilding, manufacturing related to the Equinor and other oil developments, supply base opportunities related to the Equinor project, aquaculture development, defence spending, naval supply services and naval repair and decommissioning.

Mr. Sheppard stressed the importance of looking at lost opportunities as well as prospective opportunities so that the Committee could learn from the projects that were missed in order to be better prepared to access future opportunities. Mr. Sheppard has had lengthy discussions with business and industry leaders about potential developments in the Marystown area. Telephone discussions were held with Mr. Paul Antle of Marbase, Captain Sid Hynes of Oceanex and officials from Cermaq, Kiewit and several other businesspeople looking at industrial developments in the area.

Discussions will continue with other prospective business leaders and entrepreneurs to help develop a plan for the further development of the area. Mr. Sheppard is also doing an analysis of developments in other provinces and with other municipalities in Atlantic Canada. Mr. Sheppard's work should be finalized by late summer.

After Mr. Sheppard left the meeting, the Committee discussed the approval of funding in the amount of \$26,400.00 on a cost-shared basis under the Federal Government CanExport funding program with \$11,000.00 coming from Jobs, Growth & Rural Development (Provincial) and \$6,600.00 from the Town.

There has been major Defence spending to date in Halifax and other parts of Atlantic Canada. St John's has also experienced significant growth but these areas are quickly running out of space for further development and this presents an opportunity for Marystown, Mortier Bay and the whole Burin Peninsula.

Mayor Brenton and the Town Manager has had a multitude of meetings and correspondence with government and industry personnel in the effort to promote Marystown as an area for upcoming developments. These meetings include:

- Virtual and in-person meetings with Kiewit Offshore Services CEO, Chad Johnson, and others from Kiewit
- Meetings with Equinor staff with the Bay du Nord project and correspondence with Equinor Canada President, Tore Løseth
- Meetings with Minister Joanne Thompson's staff
- Meetings with MP Jonathan Rowe and Shadow Minister for National Defence, James Bezan
- Meetings with Premier Tony Wakeham; Minister Lloyd Parrott, Mines & Energy; and Minister Barry Petten, Transportation & Infrastructure
- Meetings with consultants representing Ottawa-based consortium looking at Defence related projects in Mortier Bay
- Meetings with Cermaq officials to discuss their future plans in Marystown
- Correspondence and phone calls with representatives from several ship building companies looking for opportunities in the area

- Virtual meetings with representatives from a firm looking at developing Arctic-based logistics operation based in Mortier Bay

Despite the Committee's success in having meaningful discussions with most of the potential industrial leaders that are considering developments in the Marystown area, the Town has been unsuccessful in securing a meeting with Mr. Paul Antle, to discuss the future of the former Marbase facility, despite several attempts to contact him.

Motion

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Moved by Mayor Brenton, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to write a letter to Mr. Paul Antle and his partners to request a meeting to discuss current operations and future plans for the former Marbase/shipyard facility and offer the full support of Council in moving forward with any future opportunities that may help boost the economy of the region.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

The Committee agreed that more time needs to be spent discussing tourism and other important sectors in the region. The Committee is working hard to attract business to the area and it's hoped there will be something positive by the end of the year.

Mayor Brenton concluded his report and presided again as Chair of the meeting.

Councillor Keating noted the Recreation Committee is setting up sub-committees and one of those will focus on trails. With his involvement in the Walk of Hope Trail, Councillor Keating advised he would be interested in serving on this sub-committee.

Councillor Myles took a moment to remind everyone of two upcoming fundraisers. The first one is the annual Radiothon hosted by the Burin Peninsula Health Care Foundation which will take place on May 27th from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Councillor Myles noted this will be a great afternoon of fundraising and is hopeful that based on past success, residents from around the peninsula will continue to pledge and make this year's Radiothon another success.

The second fundraiser is for a new Structure Protection Unit for the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department that will take place on June 20th. Councillor Myles advised that when a representative from FireSmart was in Marystown, he sat down with him as well as Fire Chief Bolt and one firefighter to have a discussion on wildfires and the Structure Protection Unit. On the road, this unit costs about \$320,000.00 including training. Councillor Myles advised he thought an SPU would be used to protect one structure but it can protect a neighbourhood of fifty homes, which is very significant. An SPU could have prevented so much destruction in other parts of the province affected by past wildfires. Councillor Myles advised the Fire Department will be celebrating its 60th anniversary next year and it would be great to present them with a new SPU to mark the occasion. Councillor Myles encouraged all residents to come together on June 20th and make their pledge

towards the purchase of an SPU. The Fire Department has a number of videos on SPUs in action, which will be great to see.

Councillor Myles congratulated Mr. Andrew Warren on submitting a successful proposal on the use of the Farmers Market, noting the final details of the agreement between the Town and Mr. Warren need to be worked out.

Councillor Keating thanked Councillor Myles for the information he brought forward regarding the fundraiser for a Structure Protection Unit, noting information is being put together for a presentation before the fundraiser takes place.

Mayor Brenton advised there is equipment mobilizing on Marine Drive in preparation of paving. Mayor Brenton asked that anyone who intends to have water and sewer installed advise the Town now to avoid tearing up new pavement. It was noted six kilometers of Marine Drive will be paved.

As a final note, Mayor Brenton wanted to address rumours that he may be stepping down from Council, noting they were untrue and he has every intention of fulfilling his term on Council.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will take place June 2, 2026.

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Gerry Brenton
Mayor

Petrina Power
Town Clerk