

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 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
Petrina Power, Town Clerk

Mayor Brenton called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

Motion

MMC 2026 09 04/001S

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting be declared a special meeting.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Council discussed the possibility of engaging volunteer organizations to sell the Town's 75th Anniversary 50/50 tickets and it was agreed that Council there was no need at this point.

Council discussed a request received from the Marystown Volunteer Fire Department for the Town to provide memberships to the YMCA for the firefighters. Council agreed that the request would not be approved.

The Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services has been following up on options for a camera system at the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex following several instances of vandalism. Council agreed that the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services should go ahead and purchase a system as per emails between her and the Town Manager.

It was noted that the signage at the entrance to the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex is in need of replacement and agreed the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services should follow up on having it replaced.

Motion

MMC 2026 09 04/002S

Moved by Deputy Mayor Warr, seconded by Councillor Brown

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services to inspect the signage at the Dave Brenton Memorial Track & Field Complex to determine if it can be repaired and if not, purchase new signage with the proper quotes.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

A telephone meeting took place yesterday with Wendolyn Schlamp of the MNL to discuss the upcoming MNL Eastern/Avalon Regional Meeting taking place in Marystown next weekend. Mayor Brenton, Councillor Keating, the Town Manager and the Town Clerk were in on the call to discuss final details regarding the Town’s sponsorship. It was noted the agenda was tight but if time permits, delegates will be invited to tour the Model Ship Gallery. The Town will host a social with pizza and wings plus live entertainment.

The Town Clerk has been trying to coordinate a meeting between Council and Mr. Jason Brown, CEO of the YMCA NL. Mr. Brown advised he is available September 23rd and 24th. Council agreed to meet at 5:00 p.m. on September 23rd. The Town Clerk will send an email to Mr. Brown to confirm.

The Town Manager advised he has sent an email to Mr. Brown requesting salary information for staff at the YMCA going back to January 2026 and has further requested this information be provided by September 11th.

Mr. Don Hearn from the Municipal Assessment Agency will be in Marystown to attend the MNL Eastern/Avalon Regional Meeting to do a presentation and has reached out to determine whether Council would like to have a separate meeting with him. Council discussed the offer and determined that it was not necessary and any questions Council may have could be asked during his presentation.

Mr. Gerard Baker retired on August 28th after 48 years of service and Deputy Mayor Warr questioned whether the Town would be doing anything to recognize Mr. Baker’s service with the Town. It was noted that the Town does employee recognition during the Town’s annual Christmas social however, it was felt that something extra should be done when an employee reaches a milestone such as 48 years of service. This item will be further discussed.

Councillor Brushett questioned why the Recreation Department has not been renting out the arena prior to ice being installed. Councillor Brushett advised that two individual residents wanted to rent the arena for birthday parties and were refused by the Director of Facilities, Recreation & Community Services. Deputy Mayor Warr advised he was not aware of the situation and the Town Manager advised he would follow up. It was noted that there is difficulty in renting out the arena

during the weekend due to availability of staff. The Town Manager noted there were even issues in getting staff for the annual car show taking place at the arena on September 12th and 13th.

Councillor Keating advised the he and Deputy Mayor Warr attended the briefing on the Churchill Falls agreement from the Provincial Government and advised it was a very important and informative session. Councillor Keating advised the briefing can be downloaded. The Town Manager will follow up on downloading and distributing it.

Council met with Mr. Justin Nolan, Maintenance Operator, who has been off work. Council discussed his situation with him last week and agreed to grant a leave of absence.

Motion

MMC 2026 09 04/003S

Moved by Councillor Brushett, seconded by Deputy Mayor Warr

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to grant Mr. Justin Nolan, Maintenance Operator, a four-month leave of absence under section 22.07, General Leave, of the Collective Agreement between the Town of Marystown and CUPE 1896 effective September 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.”

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Motion carried.

Motion

MMC 2026 09 04/004S

Moved by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Brushett

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting be adjourned at 12:43 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