Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights Minutes of Regular Meeting July 20, 2017

In Attendance

Mayor Gary Keating

Councillor Felix Bailey

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillor Norma Keating

Councillor Patricia Burke

Councillor Lydia Burke

Absent: Councillor William Murphy

Also in Attendance: Town Manager, Juanita Gosse

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Keating called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 07-20-17-01 Adopt Agenda

Moved by Deputy Mayor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Patricia Burke;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION 07-20-17-02 Minutes of June 15, 2017

Moved by Councillor Norma Keating, seconded by Councillor Felix Bailey;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of June 15, 2017, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

Managers' Report – July 20, 2017

Water Treatment Plant: Plant is continuing to product excellent water. Outside staff have not reported any major issues. There have been sporadic reports received that residents are getting colored water. Maintenance Staff are planning to flush all waterlines.

Generator: There has been several requests from residents for Council to ensure running water during power outages. This can be accomplished by purchasing a generator that can run the distribution pump. I have asked Cahill to price quote a generator for this purpose.

New Municipal Complex: Newlab Engineering did an inspection of the building today with Core inspectors for mechanical and electrical. Several deficiencies were noted. Newlab will forward the list within a few days. Can-Am was in attendance for the inspection and will work to complete or repair all issued identified. Newlab Engineering will do another walkthrough when the work is complete.

Eastern Audio has ordered sound bafflers to deal with the acoustics in the auditorium. I spoke with Eastern Audio last week and it doesn't look like this work will be completed in time for Long Harbour weekend.

- General agreement to have the dance in the new Community Centre.

The Entrance to the New Municipal Complex: Transportation and Works has issued a permit to the town to extend the culvert to widen the turning radius at the entrance. This work will be done within Transportation and Works easement.

Town Truck: Town truck needs major repairs before the winter season. Gambin's Garage will submit a cost estimate for the repairs.

Students: We have four students hired, three under summer employment programs and one sponsored by the Sports and Recreation Committee.

CEEP Grant: Mailed out a public notice to identify how many residents need additional hours to qualify for EI benefits. Five residents responded. Only two qualify for the program at this time. The others would need to have at least 20 insurable hours to qualify.

If we are to move forward and apply for the grant we need to identify a project.

- It was agreed to upgrade the trail to our wetwells.

Dumpster: We have received a request from a resident to place dumpster to collect large garbage items. Price quote from Hickey's: \$650.00 for one week plus \$80.00 per ton of waste. Rental of bin beyond one week is \$100.00 per week.

- It was agreed to send a notice to residents informing them that bulk garbage can be dropped off at the Eastern Waste Management Facility in Whitbourne.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Official Opening of the New Municipal Complex

It was agreed to have the official opening of the New Municipal Complex on Sunday, August 27th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

General Election

The general election is scheduled for September 26, 2017.

Nomination Day: If only one nomination day is set, candidates must be nominated between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. If two nomination days are scheduled, candidates must be nominated between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on each day.

Nomination Day/Day's must be scheduled between August 29th and September 5th excluding September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

MOTION 07-20-17-03 Nomination Day

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Felix Bailey;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Nomination Day for the Town of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights is scheduled for Thursday, August 31, 2017. Nominations will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

Advance Poll: If Council decides to hold an advance poll, it must be held between September 12th to September 23rd. Motion to hold an advance poll must include when and where.

If two advance polls are scheduled, one must be held on September 23rd.

- It was agreed that Council will not hold an advance poll.

Gas Tax Audit

The Gas Tax Audit document was copied for all councillors.

It is the opinion of the Auditor that this financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the result of operations in respect to the receipt and disbursement of Gas Tax Funding for the year ended December 2016. It is also the opinion of the Auditor that the Town has compiled, in all material respects,

to the terms and conditions of the Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax Agreement, as prescribed under the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Administrative Agreement on the federal Gas Tax Fund 2014-2024.

MOTION 07-20-17-04 Gas Tax Financial Statement for Year Ending December 2016

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Summary of Ultimate Recipients Funding and Certification 2016 Ultimate Recipient Annual Expenditure Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2016 be adopted as presented.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

Placentia Bay Industrial Showcase

Considered Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsor Categories as well as the other sponsoring categories.

- General agreement that the town will not sponsor an event, however, will fund one delegate to attend and will place an ad in the guidebook.

MOTION 07-20-17-05 PBIS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Felix Bailey;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves placing an ad in the PBIS Guidebook and they approve for one delegate to attend the PBIS including the tour of Argentia.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT

Civic 21 Snake Hill Road - Application to repair property

General application for landscaping and repair. Amour stone was removed from the property without the permission of the property owner. The construction company that removed the stone will restore the landscape to a reasonable state.

MOTION 07-20-17-06 Development Application to Repair Landscaping

Moved by Councillor Norma Keating, seconded by Councillor Felix Bailey;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves the permit.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

Civic 42 Newtown Road - Application to build shed

Councillor Norma Keating declared a conflict of interest.

General application to build a shed. Site inspection was conducted by outside staff and no concerns were identified.

MOTION 07-20-17-07 Development Application - Shed

Moved by Councillor Patricia Burke, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves the permit.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

Civic 542 Long Harbour Access Rd – Building Extension

General application for extension of commercial building.

MOTION 07-20-17-08 Development Application – Building Extension

Moved by Councillor Lydia Burke, seconded by Councillor Felix Bailey;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves the permit.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

FINANCE

Cheque Log

The cheque log was presented for payments issued from June 15, 2017 – July 19, 2017, in the amount of \$130,712.48

MOTION 07-20-17-09 Cheque Log

Moved by Councillor Norma Keating; seconded by Councillor Felix Bailey;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cheque log be approved as presented.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

Cash Analysis

Cash analysis was distributed to all councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

Statistics Canada

Document was copied for all councillors and states that a review was conducted of the 2016 Census counts for the Town of Long Harbour Mount Arlington Heights. The investigation confirmed that population counts were incorrect. The new population count is 250 as opposed to the stated 185.

St. Francis Xavier Parish:

Council Norma Keating declared a conflict of interest and left the council chambers.

Letter outlined the committees plan to have stamped concrete walkways constructed at the parish cemetery. The parish is requesting Council donate to help offset the cost of this project.

MOTION 07-20-17-10 Donation to the St. Francis Xavier Parish

Moved by Councillor Lydia Burke; seconded by Councillor Patricia Burke;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will donate \$4,000.00 to assist the Parish in purchasing stamped concrete in the cemetery.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

Email from Resident from Newtown Road regarding the Ball Tournament:

Resident is concerned about vehicles parked at the top of the hill on Newtown Road overlooking the field. She is also concerned about vehicle speeding on this road during Long Harbour weekend. There are more children in the area during this weekend and she is concerned for their safety. She suggests the area at the top of the hill be rocked off so vehicles can't park there, and a speedbump be installed at the bottom of the hill to ensure slow speeds.

It was agreed to rope off the area at the top of the hill so vehicles cannot park there. As well, organizers will monitor speeds throughout the weekend.

Invitation from MHA Mark Browne:

MHA Mark Browne extends an invitation to the Mayor, Councillors and Staff to attend an announcement regarding the Greig NL Salmon – Farm Project.

The announcement will take place on Wednesday, July 26th at the St. Gabriel's Hall in Marystown. Premier Dwight Ball, Minister Judy Foote, Provincial Ministers, local MHA's, as well as representatives from Grieg Group and Ocean Choice will be present.

Council is asked to RVSP by the close of business on Monday, July 24th.

MOTION 07-20-17-11 Approval to attend the Announcement in Marystown

Moved by Councillor Lydia Burke; seconded by Councillor Felix Bailey;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves sending a delegation to Marystown for the announcement.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Patricia Burke:

- Reported attending an informal meeting about the concert. First practice is scheduled for next Tuesday.
- Tickets are being printed for the quilt.
- Next week the committee will work on the layout of the publication.
- Spoke about the walking trail. It needs to be widened. Suggested Council hire additional employees to work on the trail.

MOTION 07-20-17-12 Hire Employees to Work on the Walking Trail

Moved by Councillor Lydia Burke; seconded by Councillor Felix Bailey;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves hiring three employees to work on the Maturin Pond Walking Trail.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Patricia Burke also asked about placing dumpsters for large garbage items.

MOTION 07-20-17-13 Dumpsters

Moved by Councillor Norma Keating; seconded by Councillor Patricia Burke;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves placing two dumpsters for residents to drop off large garbage items. The dumpsters are to be placed immediately so that they are removed before Long Harbour weekend.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Felix Bailey: Reported that drivers exiting the Vale site are not stopping at the stop sign. He has witnessed several drivers driving through the stop sign without stopping.

- General agreement to report this to Vale management

Reported that residents are asking for a boat launch up in the cove. Councillor Bailey supplied two price quotes for repairs to the boat launch.

- 1. Bay by Bay quoted \$18,750.00 plus HST. Concrete would be purchased separately. Approximate cost of concrete is \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00.
- 2. Josh Reid quoted \$15,800.00 plus HST. Again, concrete would be purchased at a separate price.

Mayor Keating pointed out that the Long Harbour Development Corporation has been working on obtaining funding for a marina. Funding for the boat launch may be incorporated into this project. This should be discussed before any further action is taken.

- It was agreed that Councillor Bailey will meet with LHDC in the coming weeks to talk about project details and funding opportunities.
- It was also agreed that Councillor Bailey will ask Bay by Bay and Josh Reid to submit their price quotes in writing outlining the specific work details.

Councillor Bailey also reported a need for brush cutting up in the cove.

- This work will be forwarded to our outside maintenance staff.

Councillor Norma Keating: Working with office staff on Long Harbour Days. Planning is going well.

Councillor Lydia Burke: Also working on Long Harbour Days.

Requested budget for the Come Home Year event.

It was agreed to allow the new Council to set the budget for the Come Home Year event.

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald: Reported on the previous Fire Department meeting.

- Firefighters are continuing to question the ability to use the fire hydrants to fight a fire. Further discussion on this issue is necessary.

- The Fire Department will discontinue their monthly meetings for the summer.
- Canada Day fireworks were excellent. The firefighters did a wonderful job.

Reported on the Tax Agreement negotiations with Vale. Participated in the first round of negotiations, July 6th. The town made presentation to Vale outlining our expectations. We are currently waiting for Vale's response.

Gary Keating: Reported that there are several deep potholes on the access road and a couple on Main Road around big head.

- It was agreed to use coldpatch to fill these potholes.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 07-20-17-14 Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Lydia Burke; seconded by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, F. Bailey, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

Date of the Next Meeting: August 17, 2017

Gary Keating

Mayor

Juanita Gosse Town Manager