

***Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 21, 2019***

In Attendance

Mayor Gary Keating

Councillor Kathleen Griffiths

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin

Councillor Patricia Burke

Councillor Merrill Norman

Councillor Kevin McDonald

Councillor John Turner

Also, in attendance: Juanita Gosse, Town Clerk/ Manager. Residents in attendance Linda Murphy and Barry Murphy.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 03-21-19-01 Adopt Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Merrill Norman;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, J. Turner, M. Norman

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 03-21-19-02 Adoption of Minutes – February 21, 2019

Moved by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths, seconded by Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of February 21, 2019, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, J. Turner, M. Norman

MOTION CARRIED

Town Managers Report

There's been no response from Pennecon regarding renting office space.

Letter was sent to the Department of Environment and copied to Vale regarding the reported leak in the tailings pond.

- It was agreed to request a meeting with Vale to discuss this matter.

Inside the Circle: LHDC is working on an event called Inside the Circle. Inside the Circle is a concert that takes place in a commercial building. In this case, the concert will take place in the Eastern Composite Building. The transformation of the building from a commercial space to a concert venue is filmed as part of the event. The event will be hosted by Amy House and there will be a great lineup of performers: Carolina East, Mark Bragg, Jenina MacGillivray, and Rosemary Lawton. The main performer is Rum Ragged. There will be two chefs that will offer a food plate as part of the event. Tickets are \$30.00 each. All monies raised through ticket sales will go directly to our community centre. Our only contribution will be ticket sales.

Eastern Composite has asked to borrow some chairs for the event. We also have the option to run a cash bar. If so, we will apply for the special event liquor license. All money raised from the bar will also go to our community centre. Our goal is to raise funds to add back drapes and upgrade our sound equipment.

This event is sponsored in part by CBC, Film Development Canada, Eastern Composite Services and both levels of government, provincial and federal. Monetary contributions from sponsors will go directly to the Food Sharing Association.

Before proceeding, I am requesting council's approval to apply for a special event license and approval to loan out the chairs.

MOTION 03-21-19-03 Inside the Circle

Moved by Councillor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves the application for the special event license for Inside the Circle and approves loaning out the community center chairs for the event.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, J. Turner, M. Norman

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Summer Students: We have one summer student position approved under the Green Job Initiative. We may get another approved depending on available funding.

Water Treatment Plant: Cahill has provided a water sample test result of water going to the ditch. The test result showed no contamination and very little chemicals in the supernatant.

Councillor Burke said she understood from our last meeting that the water affecting 12 Newtown Road would be tested for contamination. She also understood that our outside staff would monitor the site. She asked if there was going to be a written response to the owners of 12 Newtown Road.

Town Manager reported that the backwash seepage to the ditch is adding to the normal runoff collected by the ditch. She spoke with Cahill about redirecting the water and they said that the best route would be to have it go to the ocean. There would be an upfront cost, however, there would be ongoing savings moving forward because there would be no need to add polymer or to have sludge removed. Spoke about this briefly with Department of Environment and they will check environmental regulations.

- Town Manager will continue to work on this issue and present a full report to council.

Outside staff found a significant waterline break earlier this week. The break was reported to be in the mini home subdivision, so Magtek was called. (Magtek does the maintenance work for owner of the mini home subdivision). It was later established that the waterline break was in the waterline of the neighboring property. We were losing 25-30 gpm through this leak.

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

Vale Tax Agreement

The Tax Agreement was copied to all councillors for review. The section of severability in schedule "C" was questioned.

- Town Manager to schedule a conference call, Monday evening at 7:30, with Susan Norman, legal representative for the town, to clarify the severability clause in schedule "C", page 8 of the contract.

2018 Strategic Plan

Several meetings were held on the document and strategic objectives were listed with timelines for completion.

- It was agreed that further meetings are required to establish additional objectives.

Code of Public Conduct at Council Meetings

The code of conduct was copied to all councillors for review. This form would be copied and given to anyone attending a Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Estimate to Repair the Backhoe

Received a price quote from Magtek on repairing the backhoe.

Harvey's would not supply a quote without seeing the backhoe. They have submitted a cost estimate for travel expense for a representative to travel to Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights.

Clean & Safe Drinking Water Workshop

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment will be hosting the 2019 Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop, March 26 to 28, at the Quality Hotel in Gander & Suites, Gander. There is no registration fee for the workshop and municipalities can claim up to \$400.00 to offset travel expenses.

MOTION 03-21-19-07 Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop

Moved by Councillor Patricia Burke, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT one of our outside maintenance staff is approved to attend the workshop.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman, J. Turner

MOTION CARRIED

Creating a Respectful Workplace

Seminar is scheduled on April 10, 2019, at the Placentia Bay Cultural Arts Centre. This seminar is highly effective and interactive that provides the information and supports needed to create and maintain a respectful and inclusive work environment. Registration for this seminar is free.

MOTION 03-21-19-08 Creating a Respectful Workplace

Moved by Councillor Patricia Burke, seconded by Councillor Merrill Norman;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approves sending as many as possible, councillors and staff, to this workshop.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman, J. Turner

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution for Scotia Visa Business Card

The resolution approving our Scotiabank Visa Business Card has expired. Scotiabank requires an updated resolution.

MOTION 03-21-19-09 Scotia Visa Business Card

Moved by Councillor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Kathleen;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approve the resolution as supplied by the bank in acceptance of our Scotia Visa Business Card.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman, J. Turner

MOTION CARRIED

Easter Seals

Easter Seals engage, inspire, and empower by providing life-changing programs and services for persons with disabilities. They are seeking a donation.

MOTION 03-21-19-10 Easter Seals

Moved by Councillor Patricia Burke, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves a \$100.00 donation to Easter Seals.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman, J. Turner

MOTION CARRIED

2018 Gas Tax Audit

The 2018 Gas Tax Audit was copied for all councillors to review.

A review of the document found no errors or omissions.

MOTION 03-21-19-11 2018 Gas Tax Audit

Moved by Councillor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor John Turner;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves the 2018 Gas Tax Audit as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman, J. Turner

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DEVELOPMENT

NL Industrial Composting

Letter from Maureen Murphy was copied to all councillors.

Maureen thanked Council for providing the residents with an opportunity to have a voice regarding the proposed industrial/commercial composting facility and voiced her concerns about the proposed development.

Her letter was copied to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

An email from Linda Murphy was copied to all councillors.

Linda thanked the councillors who attended the public meeting. She requested clarification on whether the proponent is required to submit an Environmental Impact Statement or and Environmental Assessment.

- The proponent is required to submit an Environmental Assessment to the Department of Environment and this Environmental Assessment would have to be released as part of provincial approval.

Currently, the developer is seeking approval in principal. This approval would be subject to the release of the Environmental Assessment by the provincial government, subject to property conveyance to the developer, a signed development agreement, and several other requirements as per the town's development regulations.

It was noted that the Environmental Assessment was forwarded to Council for review.

Councillor Burke spoke on the Environmental Assessment. She said it contained many errors and incorrect statements.

MOTION 03-21-19-12 Resubmit the Environmental Assessment

Moved by Councillor Patricia Burke, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights will request the proponent resubmit the Environmental Assessment with corrections.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman, J. Turner

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FINANCE

Cheque List

The cheque list was presented for the period from February 22, 2019 to March 21, 2019, in the amount of \$41,918.03.

MOTION 03-21-19-12 Cheque List

Moved by Councillor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cheque log for period February 22, 2019 to March 21, 2019, in the amount of \$41,918.03 has been approved as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman, J. Turner

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Cash Analysis Cash analysis was distributed to all councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from Food Sharing Association

Food Sharing Association thanked Council for their donation.

Department of Municipal Affairs- Long Service Award

The Department of Municipal Affairs are congratulating Mayor Gary Keating on 35 years of municipal service. The Town received a grant of \$500 in recognition of Mayor Keating's long service. The purpose of the funding is to host a celebration in his honor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Kevin McDonald:

Vale – Haven't received any update on the alleged leak. We will address this again once we meet with the IR and HR committee.

Fire Department – A training school package for 2019 was sent to the Fire Department advising them of the courses and dates which includes Fire Emergency Training held in Clarendville in May along with a number of seminars and other training throughout the year. There is no registration charge for attending these courses.

ERSB – Attended a Governance meeting today March 21st at which time Ed Grant addressed the ERSB Governance board regarding his resignation from the Chair of the Board and we have nominated the Vice Chair Harold Mallowney to act as Chair until this position is officially filled. Our next monthly meeting will be next Wednesday evening the 27th.

HR – We still need to meet regarding our discussion at the privilege meeting.

Audit/Finance & Economic Development – Nothing further to add

Public Works/Roads – As per the Managers report there were several significant leaks fixed/repaired recently

Strategic Planning – Nothing further to report

Community Affairs/Recreation – We had a good turnout for St. Paddys dance even with the inclement weather we had. There will be an open mic night on April 6th with all proceeds going towards the Cemetery fund for the completion of the walkways. The appreciation night is to be held Saturday April 27th.

Councillor Patricia Burke:

Councillor Burke reported on the Environmental Assessment submitted by NL Industrial Composting Ltd. She reported several errors and incorrect statements within the document.

Number 9 on page 55 under Public Information; it stated that the Deputy Mayor visited similar sites in Nova Scotia. This statement is incorrect. The Deputy Mayor telephoned and spoke with a facility manager in Nova Scotia.

The report on the Town Hall meeting dated February 26, 2019. The EA states the project was well received. Councillor Burke feels this statement is incorrect. She feels the project information was well received, however; residents wanted additional information on the project.

Councillor Burke reported on the public meeting of March 13, 2019 – the meeting was well attended, (62 people). The poll taken at the end identified that 27 residents were undecided, 20 opposed the development and 9 supported it. This meeting was not a “private” meeting but was an open invitation to the residents of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights and whosoever wished to attend to give voice to their opinions regarding the proposed industrial composting facility in our town.

Councillor Burke questioned the Town Manager about the manner in which the reminder one-call for the residents public meeting was handled.

- Town Manager voiced her concern about discussing town staff in a public meeting. She will follow up on the question, however, had no information to share at this time.

Councillor Burke reported that the residents of 12 Newtown Rd have requested information regarding the steps the town is taking to investigate the erosion to their property. They are also requesting environmental test results.

Councillor Burke attended the Eastern Health Placentia Area-Cape Shore public meeting about health and health-care services in our community. It was established that the area requires the services of a dialysis machine, x-ray machine, and additional laboratory services.

Councillor Merrill Norman:

Things are going well at the Fire Hall. Attendance to Fire School will depend on firefighters having available time to participate.

It was brought to our attention that the Cascade System at Norman’s Cove is no longer operable. Our Fire Department used this system for refilling air tanks, and this was very convenient.

We have submitted a letter to MHA Mark Browne supporting Norman’s Cove in their initiative to have the system repaired or replaced.

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin:

Human Resources: Things are going well.

Water: There is a meeting in the morning about curb stops.

Councillor Kathleen Griffiths: Nothing to report

Councillor John Turner:

Questioned if Council could place a floating dock at the government wharf.

- It was established that council would not get the required permission from DFO/Small Crafts Harbours, as it would create additional liability for them.

Mayor Gary Keating:

Capital Works: Waiting for the budget to come down to see if we get funding approved for capital works.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 03-21-19-13 Adjournment

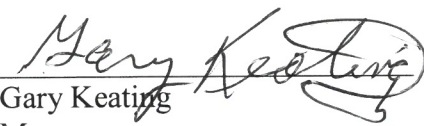
Moved by Councillor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Merrill Norman;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

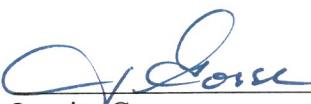
In Favor: Mayor Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman, J. Turner

MOTION CARRIED

Date of the Next Meeting: April 18, 2019



Gary Keating
Mayor



Juanita Gosse
Town Clerk/Manager