

***Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 15, 2019***

In Attendance

Mayor Gary Keating

Councillor Kathleen Griffiths

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin – joined the meeting at 8:15

Councillor Patricia Burke

Councillor Merrill Norman

Councillor Kevin McDonald

Councillor John Turner - joined the meeting at 7:10

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 05-15-19-01 Adopt Agenda

Moved by Councillor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 05-15-19-02 Adoption of Minutes – April 17, 2019

Moved by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Kevin McDonald;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of April 17, 2019, Regular Meeting, be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 05-15-19-03 Adoption of Minutes of Strategic Planning Meeting of May 9, 2019

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Strategic Planning Session of May 9, 2019, be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

Marina Project

It was agreed to meet with the Long Harbour Development Corporation to discuss work done on the Marina project.

MOTION 05-15-19-04 Marina Project

Moved by Mayor Gary Keating, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves submitting a project funding proposal to ACOA and the Provincial Government for the Marina Project.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman

MOTION CARRIED

Trail to Wet Wells Project

Contacted Craig Moore from Innovative Engineering and Project Management. Craig supplied cost estimates for this project for an ACOA proposal I was working on last year. Craig did a site inspection with ACOA and is familiar with the project and the area.

Craig will supply a cost estimate for the bridge. This can be compared with estimates from other suppliers. The trail work can be completed over time using our own forces, JCP Grants and Community Enhancement projects.

Once we have the cost estimates, Council can consider financing this project.

Town Managers Report

Community Cleanup: We had an excellent Community Cleanup. Seventeen volunteers participated. Most town roadsides were cleaned up. A full pickup load of garbage was removed from our community. A special thanks to all volunteers, and a special thanks to our staff who helped with the initiative.

Twenty-six Vale employees did a beach cleanup on Tuesday. A full pickup load of garbage was taken from the Bottom Beach. Thank you, Vale, for your community involvement. This was outstanding work. Thanks also to the staff who helped, especially our office administrator who barbequed lunch for the Vale group.

Outside Maintenance: Outside maintenance repaired a waterline break at the government wharf. Water production is averaging 25 gal per minute. Staff are continuing to locate and cap curb stops.

Annual Leave Request: Requesting 5 days of annual leave, July 15th -19th.

- Council approved the annual leave and agreed to reschedule the July meeting.

JCP Grant: Nothing yet on the JCP grant application.

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Comparison - January 1 to April 30, 2019

A budget comparison from January 1 to April 30th, 2019 was presented.

PMA Annual Convention

The Professional Municipal Administrators Convention is scheduled in St. John's from June 5th to 7th. Requesting approval for one administrator to attend.

MOTION 05-15-19-05 PMA Convention

Moved by Mayor Gary Keating, seconded by Councillor Patricia Burke;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves one administrator to attend the annual PMA Convention.

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

MOTION CARRIED

2018 Tax Recovery Plan

As per the Community Sustainability Partnership Accountability Measures document; to be eligible for funding under the Municipal Operating Grant and Provincial Gas Tax Revenue program, towns must submit a Tax Receivable Summary and a Tax Recovery Plan for prior years.

These documents are copied to all councillors for review.

The Tax Recovery Plan 2019 must be submitted along with the 2018 Tax Relievable Summary to the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs.

MOTION 05-15-19-06 Tax Recovery Plan 2019

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the 2019 Tax Recovery Plan as presented with an objective to recover at least 90% of December 31, 2018 total tax receivables before December 31, 2019.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Property Flooding at 12 Newtown Road

Letter was copied to all councillors.

Resident requests that the effluent drainage from the Water Treatment Plant be diverted or redirected away from their property. They also request a copy of the test results from the water going to the ditch.

Under item 6a you will find an email from Gordon Breen of Cahill and a copy of the laboratory test results from the water flowing from the ditch. Cahill took the water sample to the lab and explains the test results in an email from Gordon Breen. This email is also copied to all councillors.

The results show that the sludge tank is working as designed and we are operating it properly.

The pH is reasonable, solids/turbidity is low, no color. Total organic carbon is OK and apart from aluminum the metals are almost nonexistent. There is a high concentrate of aluminum in our source water. The effluent tested lower aluminum than the source. The results do not support the claim that chemicals are the cause of the downed trees. It's more likely that the saturated earth is the cause.

Cahill recalls that trimming the project scope was done during contract negotiations to get the project to fit the budget. This resulted in the elimination of the pipeline to allow sludge to flow to the ocean. This would certainly alleviate the problem. This change would also eliminate the cost of sludge removal using vac trucks and the cost of polymer.

I also spoke with Keith Bartlett, SNC Lavalin and Keith is going to price quote a site visit. He will limit the scope to coming out for a visual inspection and discussion with the Town administrator/staff to identify/prepare detailed scoping of the issue as well as an order of magnitude cost estimate for potential solutions.

Councillor Patricia Burke asked if the test results will be forwarded to Ms. King.

- Test results and email from Gordon Breen will be sent to Ms. King.

Norman's Cove-Long Cove Fire Dept. Re: Air Compressor

The Norman's Cove-Long Cove Fire Department is fundraising to purchase an air compressor to fill the SCBA tanks.

The estimated cost of the air compressor is \$40,000. The Town is working with our provincial government to secure an 80/20 cost share funding arrangement, so their share will be approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000 with installation costs.

MOTION 05-15-19-07 Donation to Norman's Cove Fire Department for Air Compressor

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves a \$2,000 donation to the Norman's Cove-Long Cove Fire Department to purchase an Air Compressor.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation

Letter thanking Council for their pass support and requesting a donation.

MOTION 05-15-19-08 Donation to Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation

Moved by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Kevin McDonald;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves a \$200.00 donation to the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Children's Wish Foundation – Run the Rock and Janeway Teleconference

Requesting support for the Children's Wish Foundations 24th Annual Run the Rock from Port Aux Basques to St. John's. Also requesting support for the Janeway Teleconference.

MOTION 05-15-19-09 Children's Wish Foundation – Run the Rock/Janeway Telethon

Moved by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Kevin McDonald;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves a \$200.00 donation to the Children's Wish Foundation and \$200.00 for the Janeway Telethon.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Organizations

Mayor Keating explained there is an organization in our community that is struggling financially. He is requesting the town assist the Parish with a donation.

MOTION 05-15-19-10 Parish Donation

Moved by Mayor Gary Keating, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves a \$10,000 donation to the Parish.

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

MOTION CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT

Medical Marijuana Production Site – 1-23 Church Road

Requesting approval to prepare an amendment to the Town's Municipal Plan and Development Regulations for area 1-23 Church Road, to accommodate a Medical Marijuana Production site.

MOTION 05-15-19-11 Approval to Prepare an Amendment to Rezone Area 1 – 23 Church Road, Long Harbour

Moved by Councillor Merrill Norman; seconded by Mayor Gary Keating;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights approves Town Planner Mary Bishop to prepare an amendment to the Town of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights Municipal Plan and Development Regulations for area 1-23 Church Road to accommodate a Medical Marijuana Production site.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Proposed Industrial Composting Facility for Long Harbour Road

The proposed Industrial Composting Facility for Long Harbour Road has been registered with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2 and Environmental Assessment Regulations 2003.

Public are invited to review the document which describes the proposal and submit comments or concerns to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment on or before May 30, 2019.

It was noted that the Town has invited residents to view a hard copy of the Environmental Assessment here at the town office.

- It was agreed to add the document to the town's Website and do a one-call to give residents instructions on how to access it.

FINANCE

Cheque List

The cheque list was presented for the period from April 18, 2019 to May 15, 2019, in the amount of \$36,664.95.

MOTION 05-15-19-12 Cheque List

Moved by Councillor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cheque log for period April 18, 2019 to May 15, 2019, in the amount of \$36,664.95, has been approved as presented.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Cash Analysis

Cash analysis was distributed to all councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association

Aquaculture has had a tremendous benefit for many rural coastal communities in this province. The McKinsey Report on Economic Growth for Newfoundland and Labrador predicts that by 2030, the aquaculture sector could be producing more than 5 times current volumes, exceeding 100,000 metric tons annually. The report also predicts that more than half of the new jobs in all high priority sectors are expected to be created outside the St. John's area. The majority of these new jobs will be in the aquaculture sector.

There are well-funded organizations such as the New Brunswick based Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) and the Salmonid Association of Eastern Newfoundland (SAEF) in St. John's that are aiming to destroy our sustainable industry. These interest groups have engaged EcoJustice, a mainland-based law firm that is trying to halt a near \$60 Million investment in Stephenville and put a halt to sea site development by forcing already permitted cage site to go through an environmental assessment process. The ASF engaged the same firm to halt \$250 million investment in Marystown. Their real goal is to put an end to aquaculture in this province.

It is time Newfoundland and Labradoreans stand up for our province. Mark Lane Executive Director of NAIA is requesting that you voice your support for our growing sustainable farming industry by writing these foreign interest groups to tell them how you and your residents feel. He asks that you copy the provincial and federal politicians as well as the local media. A copy should also be sent to NAIA for their file.

MOTION 05-15-19-13 Support Newfoundland and Labrador Aquaculture Industry Association

Moved by Mayor Gary Keating, seconded by Councillor Kevin McDonald;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights supports the Newfoundland and Labrador Aquaculture Industry.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Thank You Card – From the family of Dorothy Ann Brothers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Kevin McDonald:

Vale – Met with Vale on May 14, 2019 to discuss employment challenges, emergency response and Environmental protocol.

Fire Department – nothing to report

ERSB – As mentioned at our last meeting the Chairperson Ed Grant resigned on April 6th. Since that time Ken Kelly the Chief Administrative Office and Brad Power the Board Clerk and Outreach Coordinator have both resigned.

Audit/Finance & Economic Development – Nothing further to add

Public Works/Roads – nothing to report

Strategic Planning – Attended a strategic planning meeting May 8th, 2019

Community Affairs/Recreation – I believe our Appreciation night held on April 27th was quite well received by those who attended. Also, the Inside the Circle Concert is still a go on May 25th. The next upcoming event as of now for the Town is the Gravy Boat Tournament/Long Harbour Days on the 2nd 3rd and 4th of August

HR – As some of you may be aware myself and Bev have been quite busy over the past couple of months at beautifying the Big Head trail. Our countless hours have prompted many compliments and phone calls on the restoration and harvesting the trail so as residents can enjoy a scenic walk of this historical road. It's absolutely beautiful and I encourage our council to take a leisurely walk and I'm sure it will bring

back memories of the many times driving over this road when travelling to or from Mount Arlington Heights. We have removed a number of fallen trees that blocked the trail, widen the trail and continue to clear the alders. We decided to remove all the cut and fallen trees and alders as opposed to leaving them on the side of the trail, which we stock-piled by Rose Bruces old house. As the pile grew, we had to decide how we were going to discard or burn this brush. Burning them in this location wasn't a safe option. One day during the week of April 8th I discussed with one our Outside Maintenance personnel if there would be a problem in hauling the brush down behind the old Town office next to the Fire Hall where we stocked piled brush the year before and then burned it. Our Outside maintenance person stated that would be the best option and didn't see that being a problem and also offered that they could haul the brush down there for me. I replied that I appreciated the offer, but it wasn't necessary, and that this direction would have to be approved by the Town Manger. During that week the Outside Maintenance Personnel mentioned at one of their morning meetings stated that they were going to pick away at removing the brush and at that time the Town Manager questioned as to where this brush was located? I met the Town manager at the location and again stated that I fully intended to move this brush myself. Since this didn't require our workers actually going up on the trail the Town Manger stated that if shouldn't be a problem having the fellows remove the brush. Once again, I stated that it wasn't necessary and that if it was going to be an issue, I could do it myself. On April 13th I was going up to continue working on the trail and notice that the pile had been removed that morning. I later spoke to one of the Outside Maintenance persons and he stated that he and his boys had removed the brush Saturday morning which this also provided an opportunity for these two boys to log on to the 30 volunteer hours required as credits for school graduation. On April 13th after siting the job done I sent a text to Glen stating "Excellent Job" in addition I sent an email to the Town Manager that same day stating that Glenn did an excellent job of removing all the brush and taking it down to behind the old town office and it was very much appreciated. We continued to clean up the trail and stockpile the brush in the same location. On the weekend of April 27/28th I had two residents approach me at different times and told me that a council member stated that the Town was doing Kevin McDonald a favor by removing the brush/trees that he had cut and also by doing this it had left scratches on the Towns vehicle. On the 29th of April I attended the morning kick off meeting at the Town Office and stated that the Town does not need to do any favors for Kevin McDonald and that I will remove and transport the brush myself which I have done since. It really is quite disheartening that whatever you do in this community that someone has to discredit your efforts. Both myself and Bev do a lot for this community and don't ask for one cent, whether it be cutting the grass at the old graveyard, helping out the Seniors of our community, organizing events, providing music at the dances at no cost, picking up supplies in the city for the Town and the efforts go on. I just ask if any member of council has any issues regarding my volunteer efforts throughout the town please approach myself directly. In closing I would like to make it very clear that anything that Myself or Bev do for this community it's not to line our pockets like we've been accused of. Anything and everything that we have done and continue to do for our town and its residents is coming from a good place.

Mayor Gary Keating noted that Councillor McDonald and Bev should be thanked for doing this work. Clearing this trail will benefit all residents of Long Harbour-Mt. Arlington Heights.

Councillor Kathleen Griffiths noted that this was a great job done.

Councillor John Turner said it was good of Kevin to do this work, however, he suggested he could have done the work much faster. He is an experienced woodsman and could do this work in no time. Councillor Turner went on to say that there will always be a negative side. His discussion was then focused on the Long Harbour Development Corporation.

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin joined the meeting at 8:15.

Councillor Patricia Burke

Long Harbour Development Corporation: Councillor Burke questioned the status of the Long Harbour Development Corporation.

- Mayor Keating responded that the Board is planning to meet with Council within the next few weeks.

12 Newtown Road: Councillor Burke asked if Council will copy the lab test results on the effluent from the WTP, to the residents of 12 Newtown Road?

- The water test results and the email from Gordon Breen will be forwarded.

Councillor Burke pointed out that during the planning stage of the WTP, residents of 12 Newtown Road were visited by two engineers who spoke with them about the drain for the backwash water. The engineers were looking on their property and the resident questioned as to why they were there. Both engineers said that they were planning to put a drain from the plant to this area, but they deemed it unsuitable.

- Town Manager noted she was not aware that 12 Newtown Road was visited by engineers.

The proposed Industrial Composting Facility: Residents are asking whether Council will provide more information on the proposal. Will Council host another public meeting? Reported that residents have read the Environmental Assessment and have found errors and incorrect statements in the document. An example of which is, “the facility is 460 meters from the Argentia Access Road”.

Residents are also questioning where the proponent will get the raw material for composting.

- It was agreed to ask the proponent to identify specifically where the raw material will come from.

Councillor Burke asked what the town’s responsibility is regarding the concert event planned for the Eastern Composite Building.

- Town Manager said we are responsible for ticket sales and the bar if we can get the appropriate liquor license.

Councillor Merrill Norman:

Reported on the parking lot at the Fire Hall. Discussed the location of parking lines.

Asked about a standpipe to access water from the ocean at the wharf.

- This project was tabled in the past. Town Manager will review the notes and information for the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin: HR is going ok. Nothing else to report.

Councillor Kathleen Griffiths:

The Seniors Group is continuing. Deva Murthy is the new President. Councillor Griffiths is the vice president. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month. Everyone is welcome and are asked to bring their ideas.

- Town Manager will have the Seniors Room cleaned.

Councillor John Turner: Nothing to report

Mayor Gary Keating:

Long Harbour Development will meet next week to discuss how best to deal with the incorrect information and rumors being circulated. We will schedule a meeting with LHDC after that.

Town Manager: Read the notes from the meeting with Vale.

Council discussed ideas to help residents obtain employment on the Vale site. Safety training was discussed. Ideas were debated and deferred for additional consideration.

Mayor Keating stated that we need an Employment Committee to continue discussions with Vale about employment.

Follow-up Letter from Resident Bev Bruce: Deferred to a privileged session.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 05-15-19-14 Adjournment

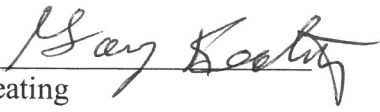
Moved by Councillor Patricia Burke, seconded by Councillor Kevin McDonald;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:53 p.m. to a privileged session.


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: June 20, 2019.



Gary Keating
Mayor



Juanita Gosse
Town Clerk/Manager