

***Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 17, 2020***

In Attendance

Mayor Gary Keating

Councillor Patricia Burke

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin

Councillor Merrill Norman

Councillor Kevin McDonald

Absent: Councillor Kathleen Griffiths

Absent: Councillor John Turner

Also, in attendance: Juanita Gosse, Town Clerk/Manager

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 09-17-20-01 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, M. Norman

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 09-17-20-02 Adoption of Minutes of August 20, 2020

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented without error or omission.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 09-17-20-03 Minutes of Special Meeting held September 8, 2020

Moved by Mayor Gary Keating; seconded by Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council adopts the minutes of Special Meeting of September 8, 2020 as presented without error or omission.

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

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BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

Professional Engineering Advice – Removal of Culverts along Newtown Rd.

The residents of 12 Newtown Road requests confirmation that after the water flow is diverted, no further water and/or sludge will be diverted onto 12 Newtown Road. This will include removal of the underground culverts that are being used to keep water flowing under private driveways.

Our legal representative recommended the Town obtain a professional opinion as to the necessity to remove underground piping that is being used to keep water flowing under private driveways around 12 Newtown Road.

Engineer Jason Rideout with Innovative NL did a site visit of Newtown Road on September 9, 2020; however, I have not yet received his professional advice on the matter.

Town Managers Report

Water Treatment Plant - Direct Discharge to the Ocean: The design presented by Innovative NL, at the Special Meeting of September 8, 2020, was to send the supernatant to the ocean not the entire plant discharge. Adjustments in the design are required. There are several emails back and forth between me and the designer Jason Rideout, Wanda Butler of Innovative NL, Deneen Spracklin of Department of Environment (DOE), considering plant discharge to the ocean. The designer has contacted the Department of Fisheries to ensure DFO regulations are considered within the project. According to DOE, given the small amount of discharge to the ocean, we are not obligated to report to DFO, however, there may be other DFO regulations that need to be considered.

ATV Bridge Project: The property for the ATV Bridge has been transferred to the town from LHDC. The Easement Document is dated September 9th, 2020.

Demolish Building at 508 Main Street: Requested legal advice from Steward McKelvey on the town's obligation in this matter. Steward McKelvey has requested documents pertaining to ownership and may conduct a title search on the property.

- There was a discussion about determining clear title and the title search is the first step in the process.

DELEGATIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Special Assistance Grant Application

It was recommended by MHA Jeff Dwyer’s office that the Town apply for a Special Assistance Grant to help offset the costs to locate and repair the many waterline breaks during July and August 2020. Applying for the Special Assistance Grant will enlighten Government officials of the challenges we have with the older waterline and the cost of continuous repair.

An approximate cost of the repairs for July and August 2020 was \$14,808.38.

MOTION 09-17-20-04 Apply for Special Assistance Grant

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will apply for a Special Assistance Grant in the amount of \$14,808.00, through the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment to help offset the costs of leak detection and waterline repair in July/August of 2020.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Government of NL – Call for 2021-22 Capital Works Applications

The Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Municipalities is inviting applications for the 2021-2022 Municipal Capital Works cost-shared funding programs. In the past we have submitted two Capital Works applications: Waterline Upgrade Phase II at an estimated cost of 1.4 million and Waterline Upgrade Phase III at an approximate cost of \$400,000. The rationale behind the numbers was that if government had available funding, we had hoped to be successful for the 1.4 million which would replace all the older HDPE pipe in Mount Arlington Heights, and if funding was limited we hoped to at least be successful for the \$400,000 project.

On advice from Jeff Dwyer’s office, this year we should make application for a multi-year capital work project. Break the 1.4 million into three projects that will have an approximate cost of \$500,000 each.

MOTION 09-17-20-05 Apply for 2021-2022 Capital Works Application

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will apply for a multi-year capital works project to replace the older HDPE pipe in Mount Arlington Heights

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 09-17-20-06 - Funding Municipal Share of 2021-2022 Capital Works Project

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will fund their share of the 2021-2022 Capital Works project from their general revenue account.

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

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Pipehorne - Leak Detection Equipment

Pipehorne has supplied a price quote on an LD12 Subsurface Water Leak Detector. This instrument is used in Alaska where the minimum depth of pipe is 10 feet. The leak detector has successfully located leaks at a depth of 20 feet.

The price quote is \$3,695.00 excluding tax. Pipehorne has offered free shipping on the product. I haven't had the chance to investigate leak detection equipment with Department of Environment and would recommend we defer for additional information.

- Defer to next meeting

Letter from the Long Harbour Development Corporation – Property Transfer

Letter was copied to all councillors for review.

Mayor Keating declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

It was questioned if Councillor Kevin McDonald is in a conflict of interest as he is on the Board of Directors.

MOTION 09-17-20-07 – Conflict of Interest – K. McDonald

Moved by Councillor Merrill Norman; seconded by Deputy Mayor Gambin.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights does not consider Kevin McDonald in a conflict of interest and approves him to speak and vote on issues regarding the Long Harbour Development Corporation.

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

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In consideration of a property easement agreement executed between the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights and the Long Harbour Development Corporation, on the 9th day of September, LHDC is seeking forgiveness of a loan of \$30,000. This loan was approved by Council, December 5, 2019.

The resolution made on December 5, 2019 was reviewed. The resolution stipulated that the loan be based on the Long Harbour Development Corporation restructuring their board to a voted entity.

MOTION 09-17-20-08 - Loan to LHDC

Moved by Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin; seconded by Councillor Merrill Norman.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will not forgive the \$30,000 loan to Long Harbour Development Corporation in consideration of the easement of property transferred on September 9, 2020.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
Councillors: P. Burke, M. Norman
Contrary Minded: K. McDonald

MOTION CARRIED

Letter from Long Harbour Development Corporation – Tax Relief for 2020

Letter was copied to all councillors to review.

The Long Harbour Development Corporation is the registered owner of several parcels of property in the town. These properties are non-revenue generating or are being maintained by the Corporation in support of the community. The Board of Directors is seeking tax relief for the 2020 tax year including all property and water tax.

MOTION 09-17-20-09 - Tax Write off

Moved by Councillor Patricia Burke; seconded by Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will not write off \$5,304.15 representing the full amount of 2020 property tax and water tax outstanding for the Long Harbour Development Corporation.

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

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Email from Sibleys Cove Boaters Association

The Sibley's Cove Boaters Association has received a quote to complete the slipway by the Government wharf from Fortis Concrete Inc. Fortis quoted \$21,746.50 to complete the work on the wharf. The association is requesting Council consider sponsoring the association this amount. The work would make the slipway safe to launch watercraft. The association predicts the work to complete within the next couple of weeks.

MOTION 09-17-20-10 - Sponsor the Sibleys Cove Boaters Association

Moved by Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin; seconded by Councillor Merrill Norman.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will sponsor the Sibleys Cove Boaters Association \$21,746.50 to be used to complete the concrete on the slipway at the Government wharf.

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

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FINANCE

Cheque and Visa List

The cheque list was presented for the period from August 21, 2020 to September 17, 2020 in the amount of \$41,237.87.

MOTION 09-17-20-11 Cheque List

Moved by Councillor Patricia Burke; seconded by Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cheque log for period of August 21, 2020 to September 17, 2020, in the amount of \$41,237.87 is approved for payment.

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

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Cash Analysis

Cash analysis was copied to all councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

NOTICE OF MOTION - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Kevin McDonald:

Vale – Community Liaison Meeting Sept 10, 2020 at 4 p.m., was held virtually and went quite well. There are presently 9 staff and 22 contractors that are residents of Long Harbour. They spoke about the production and the ongoing work replacing the tanks.

Fire Department – Nothing to report.

ERSB – We have a Governance meeting scheduled for Sept 23 and our monthly meeting on Sept 30th.

HR – Nothing further to report (Isadore usually reports on this)

Audit/Finance & Economic Development – Sibleys Cove Boaters association is continuing their efforts to improve watercraft launching for the LHMAH area. They should receive notice this week as to when the work can be completed.

Public Works/Roads – Nothing to report

Strategic Planning – Nothing further to report

Community Affairs/Recreation – The girls are hoping to get the Zumba classes up and running sometime in the early part of October, they are just working on ensuring they are in compliance with the COVID-19 requirements.

Councillor Patricia Burke: The sewing group donated 38 quilts to the Cancer Clinic. Photos were taken of the quilts for the 2021 calendar.

Considering attending the MNL Convention. Will let the Town Manager know so registration can be paid.

Councillor Merrill Norman: Nothing to report.

Councillor Kathleen Griffiths: Absent

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin: Vale meeting was informative. Talked about posting jobs. Vale is experiencing some employee turnover.

Councillor John Turner: Absent

Mayor Gary Keating:

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING – October 22, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

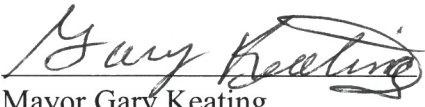
MOTION 09-17-20-12 Adjournment

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

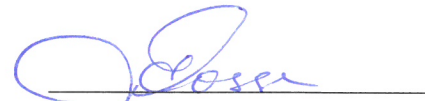
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned to a privileged session at 8:10 p.m.

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

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Mayor Gary Keating
Mayor



Juanita Gosse
Town Clerk/Manager