

*Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights*  
*Minutes of Regular Meeting*  
*January 26, 2021*

**In Attendance**

Mayor Gary Keating

Councillor Patricia Burke

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin

Councillor Kathleen Griffiths

Councillor Kevin McDonald

Councillor Merrill Norman

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION 01-26-21-01 Adopt Agenda**

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

**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, M. Norman

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION 01-26-21-02 Adoption of Minutes of December 10, 2020**

Moved by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths; seconded by Councillor Merrill Norman.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of November 19, 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, K. Griffiths, M. Norman

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

### **Price Quote on Leak Detection Equipment**

EMCO provided prices on leak detection equipment. As you can see the first quote on the Echologics Leakfinder System is \$39,753.37, the other is on the Fisher Leak Detector and a Vivax Line Tracer for \$9,745.10, HST included. Darren Patey with Government of NL Water Resources recommended the Fisher Leak Detector and Vivax Line Tracer.

### **MOTION 01-26-21-03 Purchase Leak Detection Equipment**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will purchase the Fisher Leak Detector and the Vivax Line Tracer at a total cost of \$9,745.10.

**In Favor:** Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin

Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Direct Discharge to the Ocean**

Cahill collected samples of our backwash water and the results were forwarded to Deneen Spracklin at Department of Environment. Deneen's response was that the sample did not include a test for total suspended solids, TSS.

Cahill collected another three samples for TSS analysis, and again the results were forwarded to Deneen for review. Deneen reported that the first sample at 422 mg/L was above the limit for Total Suspended Solids, which is 350 mg/L. She provided a list of the other parameters included under Schedule B with associated limits for each. This document was copied to all councillors.

I have asked Deneen if all other parameters under Schedule B were met and am waiting for a response.

Deneen also recommended we test the backwash water for chlorine. We took three samples, and each showed very little trace of chlorine. According to our handheld chlorometer, chlorine residual was 0.18 at the beginning of the backwash cycle, 0.16 at mid-point of the cycle and 0.16 at the end of the cycle.

Wood Environment also tested our backwash water for Schedule B requirements as outlined in their scope of work for environmental analysis at 12 Newtown Road. Wood took backwash water samples yesterday, so I expect the results later next week.

## MANAGERS REPORT

**Information on Generator for Water Treatment Plant** – Cahill has reached out to three suppliers to provide price quotes on a 100-kw generator and installation package including:

- Supply and installation of 100 kw stand-by diesel generator c/w generator set controller
- Supply and installation of automatic transfer switch c/w digital controller
- Uninterrupted power supply package for generator control system
- Weather/Sound enclosure and 48-hour subbase fuel tank package
- Engineered concrete generator base
- System commissioning and operator training
- Revised water treatment plant shop drawing package and operation, installation, and maintenance manual
- 5-year basic limited warranty

Clarification/Assumptions/Exclusions:

- Completion of system install will require a plant outage to complete electrical connection
- Fuel during commissioning provided
- Communication between generator and PLC via hardwired signals. PLC does not currently have modbus communications capabilities

Package price is \$97,556.63 plus HST

- It was agreed to seek additional information from Cahill. It was also agreed to obtain price quotes from other sources such as Kubota and Harvey's.

**Vehicle and Equipment Depot** – This item was deferred from last meeting.

- Nothing new to report on this item.

**Damaged Fire Hydrant** – Town has received a cheque in payment for the damaged fire hydrant.

**Redirect Water from Newtown Road:** This project is complete, and I have contacted Wood Environment to begin the environmental analysis of the ditch and 12 Newtown Road. Wood has collected the backwash water samples to check against Schedule B requirements as outlined in their scope of work.

**Canada Summer Jobs** – Applied for two summer students under the Canada Summer Jobs Program. The deadline to apply is January 29, 2021.

**Dilapidated Building at 508 Main Street:** I have been asked by a member of the fire department if they can conduct a controlled burn of the dilapidated building at 508 Main Street. I contacted the owners, and they have no issue with a controlled burn. Their only concern was ownership, as they are in dispute with the Crown over the property.

Some time ago, Council wrote the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources regarding the dilapidated building at 508 Main Street and they have assured us, in their response received July 7, 2020, that they have no interest in the building.

- It was agreed that having the debris removed from the site after the controlled burn will have an associated cost. We will obtain price quotes for this work before deciding.

**Speed Sign:** We have received the speed sign and we now need to choose a location for installation.

- It was agreed to install the speed sign in the area of the Lookout Site.

**Curb-stop Locations:** Outside staff are working on locating all curb-stops and documenting two points of reference for each. This will make our efforts to find curb-stops a much more efficient process.

**Water Treatment Plant:** I have Duane Baker scheduled for Thursday and Friday to ensure we are operating at the plant at its best and to investigate the increased cost of sludge removal. Duane plans to submit a quote for sludge removal. He feels his company can remove the sludge at a discounted cost.

**DELEGATIONS** – None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COVID-19 Stimulus Program**

The Town is approved for a COVID-19 Stimulus Program in the amount the of \$83,669.19. Project total less the HST rebate is \$78,842.12. The province share is \$70,957.91 and the municipal share is \$7,884.21.

### **MOTION 01-26-21-04 Accept COVID-19 Stimulus Program**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights accepts the offer of funding for Project Number 17-CSP-21-129 from the COVID-19 Stimulus Program for \$70,957.91. The start date of the project is April 12, 2021.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Repair Fire Hydrant**

There is a fire hydrant near the exit from Church Road that requires repairs. CBS Plumbing and Heating Ltd. inspected the hydrant and estimated the cost to repair at \$2,920.15.



**MOTION 01-26-21-05 Repair Fire Hydrant**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will retain CBS Plumbing and Heating to repair the Fire Hydrant at the exit of Church Road, at the quoted price.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Letter from Residents of 350 Main Street**

Letter from Randy Norman and Deva Murthy notifies Council of a critical drop in the water levels in their well since the installation of the diversion pipeline from the water treatment plant through the property adjacent to their neighbor, (Roy Murphy’s).

The water level in the well has been monitored consistently for many years and the level was five to six feet with little fluctuation. The water level was normal during the first week of December. They noticed air getting into their lines in late December and when they measured the water height on January 5<sup>th</sup> it was only 18 inches. Both households on the well began conserving water immediately. The water level was closely monitored since and fluctuates between 18 and 30 inches.

With both households continuing to conserve water and continuing to monitor the water level closely, they felt the Town Council should be notified as soon as possible that their households may not have an adequate supply of water going forward.

The letter was copied to their neighbor, Roy Murphy, at 346 Main Street, who shares the well. Roy has submitted a copy of an email response to Randy and Deva, supporting their letter to Council. This email is attached for review.

- The matter was discussed. The resident will continue to monitor the level of water in the well. As the resident is not seeking an action from Council at this time, Council will take no further action at this time.

**DEVELOPMENT**

**FINANCE**

**Cheque and Visa List**

The cheque list was presented for the period from December 11, 2020 to January 26, 2021 in the amount of \$208,711.39. This amount includes payment of the capital work project at Newtown Road. Two Visa

statements are presented: one for date ending December 20, 2021 in the amount of \$1,345.28 and the other for date ending January 15, 2021 in the amount of \$479.41.

**MOTION 01-26-21-06 Cheque List**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the cheque log for period of December 11, 2020 to January 21, 2021 in the amount of \$208,711.39 and the Visa Statements for December and January having a total of \$1,824.69 be approved for payment.

**In Favor:** Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin

Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Cash Analysis**

Cash analysis was copied to all councillors.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Letter from Resident – Re: Snow Clearing**

Letter from Dorothy and Harold Keating was copied to all councillors for review.

Letter asks that the town outside staff, specifically the plow operators, refrain from dumping snow on their property. Letter says the town tore off a portion of their lawn.

I asked the outside staff about this and they were indeed using the Keating property to pile snow. They will, in future, plow the snow down the lane away from the Keating property. This should resolve the issue. As for the damage, our outside staff do not remember damaging the lawn. I have asked that more detail be provided regarding the damage.

**From the Office of the Prime Minister**

Letter acknowledges receipt of our letter dated June 19, 2020, regarding support for municipalities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The letter was carefully reviewed and forwarded to Deputy Prime Minister Freeland for her information and consideration.

**Government of Newfoundland and Labrador – Re: Municipal Capital Works 2020-21**

The Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights Municipal Capital Works application AP-MCW-21028 for waterline replacement has been received and is currently under review.

The anticipated announcement of the approved projects is early summer 2021.

**NOTICE OF MOTION** - None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councillor Kevin McDonald:**

**Vale** – Nothing to report since the last meeting. The next Community Liaison Meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021

**Fire Department** – Further training and tweaking should be done on Who's Responding.

**ERSB** - Attended the monthly Governance meeting on Jan 19 and will attend the Directors meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**HR** – Nothing further to report at this public meeting.

**Audit/Finance & Economic Development** – Nothing further to report.

**Public Works/Roads** – The shoulders on the Main Road are still quite hazardous in a number of places.

**Strategic Planning** – Nothing further to report

**Community Affairs/Recreation** – Zumba/Walk at home classes have restarted with about 14 regulars attending and all the guidelines for COVID-19 are being followed. Regular Sunday night bingo has started as well.

**Councillor Patricia Burke:**

Christmas Gift were delivered to our seniors and shut-in's. Asked why our calendars were late coming out.

- The calendars were late coming out because office staff had to wait to verify the garbage collection schedule and the bulk garbage collection schedule.
- It was suggested we add this to our next Newsletter.

Councillor Burke also suggested we add a request for items for our shadow boxes in our next Newsletter.

**Councillor Merrill Norman:** Nothing to report.

**Councillor Kathleen Griffiths:**

There is a Government initiative to provide good internet service for all residents of the province. Suggested we lobby for an upgrade to our service.

- This should be an issue of discussion with your provincial election candidates.
- It was noted that Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador and the Canadian Federation of Municipalities are lobbying for upgraded internet service.

Councillor Griffiths also questioned if all the land on route 202, the Long Harbour access road, within our boundaries, is assessed and invoiced for property tax.

- Town Manager assured that all properties on the Long Harbour access road within the town's boundaries are assessed and taxed. It was also noted that the Municipal Assessment Role is a public document and open for viewing if there is a specific property in question.

**Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin:**

Reported that residents are asking if Council will have a By-election to fill the seat of former councillor John Turner.

**MOTION 01-26-21-07 By-election**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will hold a By-election before the next general election to fill the vacant seat on Council.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor Gary Keating:** Nothing to report.

**DATE FOR NEXT MEETING** – February 18, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

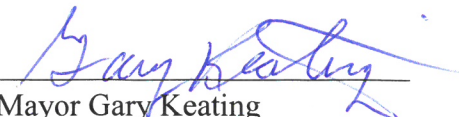
**MOTION 01-26-21-08 Adjournment**

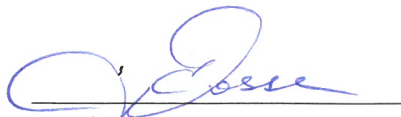
Moved by Councillor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned to a privileged session at 8:23 p.m.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

  
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Town Clerk/Manager