

*Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights
Minutes of Regular Meeting Via Teleconference
February 18, 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 thanked everyone for joining the teleconference. This is a new way of doing Council business but the only way to do it safely at this time.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 02-18-21-01 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, M. Norman

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 02-18-21-02 Adoption of Minutes of January 26, 2021

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of January 26, 2021 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

MOTION 02-18-21-03 Adoption of Notes to the Special Meeting of February 1, 2021

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the notes of the Special meeting held February 1, 2021, 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

By-Election

According to the rules of procedure, if Council wishes to re-address the motion made at the January 26th meeting to hold a by-election, a notice of motion to reconsider must be made, seconded, and carried by the majority of Council. If the notice of motion to reconsider is carried, the main question shall be then read and shall be open for debate the same as the original motion.

MOTION 02-18-21-04 Notice of Motion to Reconsider Motion 01-26-21-07 By-election

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights shall reconsider Motion 01-26-21-07 which states 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

Council reconsidered calling a by-election during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was noted that our province is at alert level 5 which is a shut down for all non-essentials. The COVID-19 we are seeing across the province is the more contagious variant. To ensure public safety the provincial government just cancelled the traditional poll voting for their election.

It was noted that if the number of people infected with COVID-19 were to decrease, and the province were to open, Council could again schedule a by-election before the general election in the fall.

MOTION 02-18-21-05 Motion to Rescind Motion 01-26-21-07

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights shall rescind Motion 01-26-21-07 which states 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

Generator for Water Treatment Plant

Quote obtained from Bayview Electrical Ltd.

- Supply and install 100KW Diesel generator c/w set controller
- Supply and install an automatic transfer switch with digital controller
- Uninterrupted power supply package for generator control system
- Engineered concrete generator base
- Weather/sound enclosure for 1700 liter fuel tank package
- System commissioning and operators training
- Shop drawings with operators and maintenance manual
- PLC upgrade Hardwired signals only as PLC does not have modbus communication capabilities.
- 5-year warranty

Total: **\$119,700.00 plus HST.**

- It was agreed the Town Manager will obtain additional quotes. Defer to next meeting.

Email from resident of 346 Main Street

Email thanks Council for their quick response to their water issue. Also thanks the excavating company and our outside staff for their work on the project.

Invoice for Water Service Connection at 346 Main Street

Resident of 346 Main Street submitted an invoice from Josh Piercey Excavating dated February 4, 2021, for water service connection in the amount of \$2,070.00.

MOTION 01-18-21-06 Invoice for Water Service Connection

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will pay the invoice from Josh Piercey Excavating in the amount of \$2,070.00 for water service connection at 346 Main Street.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGERS REPORT

COVID- 19: Due to alert level 5, the town office is closed to the public and additional measures are put in place to protect our staff. Our fitness centre is closed and we have suspended community centre rentals.

A resident called today expressing concerns about people coming in to work at Vale.

- It was agreed to send Vale protocol to resident and to request Vale forward a COVID-19 update to the town.

Vehicle and Equipment Depot - Checking to ensure ownership of the municipal depot property.

Redirect Water from Newtown Road: Nothing new to report at this time.

Dilapidated Building at 508 Main Street: H&R's estimate to remove the debris from the site after a controlled burn is \$10,000.00.

- It was noted that the Fire Department has not made an official request to participate in a controlled burn.

DELEGATIONS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Duane Baker Services – Water Treatment Plant

Duane Baker Services was in the plant on January 28 and 29, 2021 to evaluate and ensure the water treatment plant is operating at optimum performance. His report is based on this visit and lists several observations and recommendations. The report was discussed with the outside staff.

Duane Baker Services – Proposal for Sludge Removal

Duane Baker Services will provide a geotube on a trailer. Our staff will pump the sludge from the sludge tanks into a geotube. The geotube will allow the sludge to dewater. Once the geotube is full, Duane Baker Services will dispose of it and replace it with an empty geotube allowing the process to begin again.

Year 1 Cost: \$5,000.00 setup fee plus \$1,350.00 per month. – Total including HST - \$24,380.00

Year 2 Cost: \$1,250.00 per month – Total including HST - \$17,250.00

A demobilization fee of \$5,000.00 charged upon termination of the contract.

- It was agreed the Town Manager will contact other municipalities using this technique to ensure it is working for them.

MOTION 01-18-21-07 Sludge Removal

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights approves the sludge removal proposal submitted by Duane Baker Services under a two-year contract with an immediate opt out clause if we obtain government approval to dispose of the sludge to the ocean.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Promotional Swage

50 ball hats, solid color with town logo - \$9.16 each or 72 hats, solid color with town logo - \$8.18 each

MOTION 01-18-21-08 Promotional Swage

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will order 50 ball hats at the quoted price and jackets for councillors and staff.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Policy Update - Harassment Prevention Plan – Deferred to next meeting.

Legion – Veterans Service Recognitions Book

The Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Command is pleased to be printing the 21st Anniversary Edition of their Veterans Service Recognition Book. Cost to place an ad in the book is attached.

MOTION 01-18-21-09 Veterans Service Recognitions Book

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will purchase a business card ad for \$210.00

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

MOTION CARRIED

Vale – Community Centre Rental

The rental fee for the Community Centre is \$300.00 per day for 5+ hours. Vale will rent the Community Centre for 10 consecutive days and are requesting flexibility in the current rental rate.

- It was noted that this rental is postponed due to the province COVID-19 level 5 alert.

MOTION 01-18-21-10 Community Centre Rental

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will offer the community centre to Vale for \$250.00 per day.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin

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

MOTION CARRIED

Human Resources

MOTION 01-18-21-11 Release, Discharge, Settlement Agreement by way of Early Retirement

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will enter into a Release, Discharge, Settlement agreement with employee Barry Murphy.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin

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

MOTION CARRIED

2020 Gas Tax Audit

The Gas Tax Audit for 2020 was presented for approval.

MOTION 01-18-21-12 2020 Gas Tax Audit

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights approves the 2020 Gas Tax Audit as submitted.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin

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

MOTION CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT

FINANCE

Cheque and Visa List

The cheque list was presented for the period from January 27, 2021 to February 18, 2021, in the amount of \$117,673.18. The Visa Statement was also presented for period ending February 15, 2021 in the amount of \$2,477.64.

MOTION 02-18-21-13 Cheque List

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cheque log for period January 27th to February 18, 2021 in the amount of \$ 117,673.18 and the Visa Statements for February in the amount of \$2,477.64 be approved for payment.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin
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Cash Analysis

Cash analysis was copied to all councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

NOTICE OF MOTION - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Kevin McDonald:

Vale –The next Community Liaison Meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021

Fire Department – Nothing to report

ERSB - Attended the monthly Governance meeting on Feb 16th . Eastern Waste Management will postpone the collecting recyclables for the time being. I will attend the Directors meeting on Feb 24th .

HR – We have had a number of meetings since our last council meeting but nothing further to discuss at this public meeting.

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

Public Works/Roads – Nothing to report.

Strategic Planning – Nothing further to report

Community Affairs/Recreation – Zumba/Walk at home classes and bingo have been cancelled since the announcement of the COVID-19 Alert 5 last week.

Councillor Patricia Burke:

Attended the online session Health Accord by Dr. Pat Parfrey and Sister Elizabeth Davies on February 18, 2021.

This session was to encourage leaders/councillors across Newfoundland and Labrador to inform them of where their thinking, (Parfrey's and Davis's) is at this time.

They gave the following reasons for why our Health Model needs rearrangement:

Facts: Newfoundland and Labrador has:

- The worst life expectancy
- Highest death rate
- Worst health performance in Canada
- Lowest percentage of children
- Highest percentage of seniors
- Highest per capita spending

They are using these facts to create a 10-year Health Accord Plan.

Year 1 – create the Plan

Year 2-6 – implement the Plan

Year 6-10 –evaluate the plan

The six factors determined in the Health Accord are:

1. Social determinants
2. Community Care
3. Hospital Services
4. Aging Population
5. Quality Health Care
6. Digital Technology

Dr. Parfary and Sister Elizabeth have set the following timetable:

- November 20 – March 21, 2021, set directions
- April 21 – August 21, 2021, report
- September 21 – December 21, 2021, draft report
- Final Report

There were 70 members of municipal councils online today. Town Hall Meetings across Canada will be available online beginning Monday, February 22. They hope to have attentive audiences.

Factors of the Health Accord:

1. **Social Determinants:** This includes economic, social, and environmental factors such as poverty, homelessness, unemployment, addictions, mental health, and cost of living. Note: The physical mental and social well being in our province is the worst in Canada.
2. **Community Care:** There is a need for timely access of continuous care centered in the community.
3. **Hospital Services:** All practitioners must be able to fully utilize their skills.
4. **Aging Population:** Seniors need to be able to age in place. They should be enabled and empowered to transition with dignity and autonomy.
5. **Quality Health Care:** Accountability, oversight, beneficial innovation. Quality and not politically based even though the two are entwined. We must strengthen the democratic commitment no matter what government reigns. Have Health Accord on all your Council meeting agendas. Implement all 6 factors into your Town Plan. Be thoughtful to consider what is best for your community.
6. **Digital Technology:** Access to information and choice is important. Broadband technology across Canada is 70% effective.

Allan Pickersgill from Salvage reported that Broadband was only 50% usable because of topography in his area; 63% drops and is weak. He said, "Broadband looks good, but it is akin to walking over hot coals and broken glass".

Doctor shortage in the province was discussed. There are 777 family practitioners in Newfoundland and Labrador and a large percentage of our population is without a family doctor. Remuneration discrepancy between general practitioners and specialists was noted. The rate of doctor turnover was attributed to long working hours alone in small communities. Rural community life not the ideal for family life. Patient having a different doctor every time they visit was another complaint.

Councillor Merrill Norman: Nothing to report at this time

Councillor Kathleen Griffiths: Nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin: Nothing to report.

Mayor Gary Keating: The HR Committee have been busy dealing with HR issues. There is one other report to come in and we should have that next week.

Mayor Keating thanked everyone for attending.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING – March 18, 2021

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 02-18-21-14 Adjournment

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

In Favor: Mayor Gary Keating

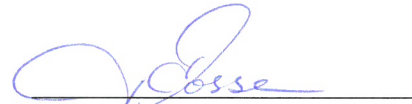
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Mayor Gary Keating
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Juanita Gosse
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