

***Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
August 19, 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 Gary Keating called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION 08-19-21-01 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 08-19-21-02 Adoption of Minutes of July 19, 2021**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of July 29, 2021, Regular Meeting be adopted without errors or omissions.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION 08-19-21-03 Adoption of Minutes of Special Meeting held August 4, 2021**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of the Special Meeting held August 4, 2021, be adopted without errors or omissions.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES**

**MANAGERS REPORT**

**Water Systems:** Outside maintenance staff installed a gate-valve on the watermain on Main Street in the vicinity of Gambin's Lane. This will allow staff to narrow down the location of the waterline break in this area. Leak detection after the installation verified that we are losing 10 -15 gallons around the Big Head. Staff will install another gate valve somewhere around the Big Head to split this area to further narrow down the location of the break.

Outside staff also repaired a watermain break on Gambin's Lane. This saved 8-10 gallons per minute.

**Flowmeter:** I was asked by Councillor Griffiths to include this issue for discussion.  
Price quote for flowmeter - \$7,000- \$8,000 including installation.

- Council discussed the purchase, however, did not approve it.

**ACOA Community Revitalization Funding Opportunity:** I am very pleased to report that an email from MP Ken McDonald confirmed that the town has been approved for funding under the ACOA Community Revitalization program. Approval was given for the full amount of the application, \$83,669.00.

**12 Newtown Road:** Nothing new to report. Waiting for the results of the soil tests.

**Capital Works** – On August 4, 2021, after our Special Meeting, I sent an email to MHA Jeff Dwyer requesting a meeting to discuss Capital Works funding. Received a response that MHA Dwyer has acknowledged our request and is considering a good time to meet with council.

**Fitness Centre:** Residents are wondering when the fitness center will reopen. We could open to residents of Long Harbour and Vale EMT's only, under appointment times. This will allow for cleaning and will ensure there are not too many at the gym at any given time.

- Council discussed the matter. They considered the small space, the air quality, and risks involved given the reports of a highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 in Newfoundland.
- Council will not open the fitness centre at this time. They will consider again in the fall.

**General Election:** Nomination Day is advertised under Form MEF-01 and can be posted, at the earliest, August 21<sup>st</sup>. It must be posted in two places in town and can be advertised in a newspaper/newsletter or sent out as a householder.

**DELEGATIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Analysis – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Budget Analysis was presented to council. No issues were noted.

**Ultimate Recipient Gas Tax Amendment:** The document was copied to all councillors.

In the recent 2021 Federal Budget, an amendment was made to the Gas Tax allocations. The agreement outlines the allocations for 2019-2024. This agreement letter rescinds and replaces the original letter sent in June of 2019. The Distribution of Gas Tax with Base Allocation + Per Capita is as follows:

2019-2020 - \$41,214.00  
2020-2021 - \$18,380.00  
2021-2022 - \$37,597.00  
2022-2023 - \$19,216.00  
2023-2024 – 20,052.00

The allocations must be accepted via a motion of Council and the letter of agreement must be signed by the mayor.

**RESOLUTION 08-19-21-04 - Gas Tax**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Ultimate Recipient of Gas Tax, the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights, accepts the Gas Tax funding allocations as outlined in the agreement letter of August 6, 2021.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Alzheimer Society Coffee Break**

The Alzheimer Society is seeking a donation or asking Council to host a Coffee Break. Coffee Break is an annual fundraiser for the Alzheimer Society, where friends, co-workers, and customers get to together to make their caffeine count. Purchase a cup of coffee/tea by making a donation.

**MOTION 08-19-21-05 Alzheimer Society – Coffee Break**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will host a Coffee Break sometime in September and Council will match the donations resulting from this event.

**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 July 30, 2021, to August 19, 2021, in the amount of \$54,874.65. Also presented for approval was the visa statement for August in the amount of \$1,376.86.

**MOTION 08-19-21-06 Cheque List**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the cheque list for the period of July 30, 2021, to August 19, 2021, in the amount of \$54,874.65 be approved for payment as well as the visa statement for August in the amount of \$1,376.86.

**In Favor:** Mayor Gary Keating  
Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin  
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**MOTION CARRIED**

**Cash Analysis**

Cash analysis was copied to all councillors.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador – 2021 Convention and Trade Show**

The Board of Directors are pleased to advise that the 2021 Annual Conference, Trade Show and Annual General Meeting will be an in-person event in the beautiful City of Corner Brook. The event will be held from Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Corner Brook Civic Centre. Due to COVID-19 Public Health guidelines, registration for the in-person event is restricted. They hope to

accommodate two in-person registrations from each municipality. A virtual registration option will be available for councillors or individuals who are unable to attend in-person.

### **MOTION 08-19-21-07 MNL 2021 Annual Convention and Trade Show**

Moved by Councillor Kathleen Griffiths; seconded by Councillor Kevin McDonald

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves funding travel and accommodations for two councillors to attend the 2021 Convention and Trade Show in Corner Brook.

**In Favor:** Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Premier's Forum – Call for Nominations**

The 2021 Premier's Forum on Local Government will be held on the morning of Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, at the Corner Brook Civic Centre.

Nominations are being accepted from all municipalities for candidates to represent your region. There is a limit of one nomination per municipality. Attached is the Nomination Form that must be signed by your Mayor/Deputy Mayor and your Municipal Administrator approving you as your Municipalities nominee. Nominees are encouraged to also submit with their nomination a brief bio, (120 words or less) about yourself. All bios will be posted on the MNL website for all municipalities to review when making their final decision on candidates. Nominations will be accepted up to the close of business on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A list of candidates will be compiled and sent to each municipality, by region, on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and councils will be asked to select four (4) regional representatives from the list of nominees from your region. A motion selecting your four candidates must be received by the close of business on Friday, October 1, 2021.

All elected regional candidates will be announced on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **Government of NL – Information Circular – Consultant Procurement Policy**

The Division of Municipal Infrastructure has updated their Consultant Procurement Policy. The updated policy includes changes to the Department name and the addition of the Prequalified Supplier List. The Prequalified Supplier List shall be used in cases where estimates for consulting services is over the threshold in the Public Procurement Act, and a Public Request for Proposals is not otherwise required.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION – None**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councillor Kevin McDonald** – Attended an ERSB meeting. There will be an increase in garbage collection fees in 2022. Fees will increase from \$180.00 per household, per year, to \$200.00 per household per year.

**Councillor Merrill Norman:** Town administrator forwarded documents to the firefighters with a request that they be completed and resubmitted to the town. He wondered if this work was done.

- He will check with the Town Administrator to ensure this work is completed by the fire department.

**Councillor Patricia Burke:** Brought to the attention of the Council and would like to bring to the attention of the whole community, the need to rebuild our Bereavement Committee. At one time there were three groups that would take turns preparing and cleaning up from a bereavement gathering. Currently there are five or six residents who will come out to prepare and clean up after a gathering, and all groups are asked to supply food. The four or five who set up and clean up are of the older age group and at times finds this work difficult.

- Town Manager said that Town staff can help with cleanup if necessary.

The Town helps in providing the Community Centre at no charge and will send out a one-call if additional food is required, but we need more active members.

It was suggested that we do a mail out asking people to get involved in the Bereavement Committee.

- It was agreed to do a householder asking people to join the Bereavement Committee, and to invite participants for the Crafts for Comfort. We would also invite residents to seek nomination to serve on council.

**Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin:** Nothing to report.

**Councillor Kathleen Griffiths:** Some time ago there was talk about government funding to bring highspeed internet to rural communities. Questioned if there's been anything further on highspeed internet for our community.

- Town Manager said that Council provided letters of support to two internet providers that were lobbying government for funding to provide highspeed internet to rural communities. There is nothing new to report on the matter.

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Asked if Council was going to support Clean Harbours?

- At the Special Meeting held August 4, 2021, Council invited Clean Harbours to submit a request in writing as per council protocol. They also agreed to copy the town on their proposal to Vale.

To date, Clean Harbours has not submitted a request to Council nor have we received a copy of their proposal to Vale.

It was questioned if Council could assist with disposing of the garbage collected.

- It was agreed to follow up with Clean Harbours.

**Mayor Gary Keating:**

Reported that he received telephone calls from residents expressing their concerns about the change in the separate vote for Mayor. It was said that this takes away the right of the people to vote for their leader.

For many years, Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights had a separate vote for Mayor and if it is to be changed, residents want to know why.

Mayor Keating said that he voted for the change, however, after hearing feedback from residents he is inclined to agree that choosing a leader of a community should not be done by four people. All residents should be given the ability to vote for their leader.

The issue was discussed.

- There was no vote taken on the issue, therefore, the status is unchanged; in the 2021 municipal election, there will be no separate vote for Mayor.

**DATE FOR NEXT MEETING** – September 16, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION 08-19-21-08 Adjournment**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

**In Favor:** Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Isadore Gambin

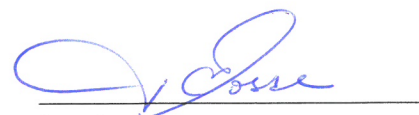
Councillors: K. McDonald, P. Burke, K. Griffiths, M. Norman

**MOTION CARRIED**



Mayor Gary Keating

Mayor



Juanita Gosse

Town Clerk/Manager