

***Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights
Minutes Regular Meeting
May 18, 2023***

In Attendance

Mayor Walter Keating

Councillor Wayne Kelly

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillor Gary Keating

Absent: Councillor Lydia Burke

Councillor Barry Murphy

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keating called the regular meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor Keating explained to the general public in attendance that there is a handout at the back of the chamber called Code of Public Conduct at Council Meetings. He asked that everyone take a copy. The document outlines proper conduct in a public meeting and the consequences for failure to comply.

As well, Council's policy, Rules and Regulations Governing the Procedures of Meetings has sections relating to the use of cellular phones during a meeting and recording the meeting. Mayor advised that the policy was adopted in 2017. It was discussed with Municipal Affairs and Council has the authority to implement their policy and the public has the right to challenge the policy in a court of law.

The Town Clerk/Manager read the sections of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Procedures of a Meeting:

Page 5 states that, "No part of a meeting shall be recorded unless it is agreed to by council in a majority vote". It also states that, "Cellular phone devices shall be turned off or silenced and in the event a call must be answered/attended to, the Chairperson will ask for a 5-minute recess.

Resident Billy Murphy said he has the right to record the public meeting and will not turn off his cell phone.

Mayor Keating called for a privileged session and requested members of the public leave the chambers.

Regular Meeting resumed at 7:20.

Mayor Keating explained that Council will implement their policy around the use of cellular phones and recording the meeting. Anyone recording the meeting will be asked to leave.

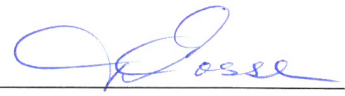
Billy Murphy stated that he has a right to record the meeting and will not stop recording.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Keating called the meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



Walter Keating
Mayor



Juanita Gosse
Town Clerk/Manager