

***Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights
Minutes Regular Meeting
May 25, 2023***

In Attendance

Mayor Walter Keating

Councillor Wayne Kelly

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillor Gary Keating

Councillor Lydia Burke

Councillor Barry Murphy

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keating called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 05-25-23-01 Adopt Agenda

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Keating explained that the Council will continue to implement their Rules of Procedures Governing their Meetings Policy, approved in 2017, and will not allow the meeting to be videotaped or audio recorded.

Spectator Billy Murphy said the Council does not have the authority to enforce that under the Municipalities Act and he will exercise his right and continue to videotape the meeting.

Mayor Keating called for a motion to adjourn to a privileged meeting.

MOTION 05-25-23-02 Adjourn to Privileged Meeting

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald; seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn to a privileged session.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke
Contrary Minded: B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Regular Council Meeting Resumed at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Keating noted the meeting was not being videotaped or audio recorded.

Mayor Keating called the regular meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 05-25-23-03 Adopt the Minutes of April 13, 2023

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Wayne Kelly.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of April 13, 2023, Regular Meeting be adopted without errors or omissions.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION 05-25-23-04 Adopt the Minutes of May 18, 2023

Moved by Councillor Wayne Kelly, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of May 18, 2023, Regular Meeting be adopted without errors or omissions.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

Municipal Order Re: Residential Properties at Civic Address 531 Main Street, 2 Gambin's Lane and 743 Main Street – Resolution to Issue

MOTION 05-25-23-05 Issue Municipal Order of Council

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Wayne Kelly.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will issue a Municipal Order to Isadore Gambin and Jacqueline Gambin of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights, owners of residential properties at civic addresses 531 Main Street, 2 Gambin's Lane and 743 Main Street, concerning the removal of solid waste or substances and things which may be a hazard to public health and safety or which adversely affect surrounding properties.

Mr. Isadore Gambin and/or Mrs. Jacqueline Gambin, as owners of these properties, are ordered to remove all solid waste, including scrapped vehicles and vehicle parts from the properties within 60 days of the date of service or posting of the order.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Municipal Order Re: Commercial Property at Civic Address 594 Main Street – Resolution to Issue

MOTION 05-25-23-06 Issue Municipal Order of Council

Moved by Councillor Wayne Kelly, seconded by Councillor Gary Keating.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will issue a Municipal Order to Isadore Gambin and Jacqueline Gambin of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights, owners of commercial property at civic address 594 Main Street also known as Gambin's Garage.

Mr. Isadore Gambin and/or Mrs. Jacqueline Gambin, as owners of Gambin's Garage, are ordered to remove all solid waste, including abandoned materials, any and all unregistered, derelict, and/or scrapped vehicles, and vehicle parts from the property except such materials stored in compliance with the Town's Development Regulations, within 60 days of the date of service or posting of this order.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke,

Contrary Minded: B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

MANAGERS REPORT

Capital Works Project Waterline Replacement Phase II

Consultant Fee Request was issued on April 10, 2023, with a proposal submission due date of April 25, 2023. Next Steps:

- The town will sign a Prime Consultant Agreement
- Consultants will design project work
- Consultants will ensure all design work conforms to Municipal Water, Sewer and Roads Master Construction Specifications
- Issue the drawings for Transportation Infrastructure approval
- Call Tender for the project
- Award the Contract
- Ensure the Contractor submits all contract documentation such as bonding, insurance, WHSCC certificates and so on
- The Consultant will be responsible for any change orders throughout the project
- Prepare As Built drawings
- Certify substantial performance and total performance
- Test Results – compaction, asphalt, and water quality
- Responsible for one-year inspection report prior to warranty expiration

Government of NL – Prime Consultant Service Agreement

As a follow-up to the Capital Works Waterline Replacement Phase 2, InnovativeNL Engineering and Project Management won the bid for Prime Consultant for this project.

Next steps: InnovativeNL will review and sign the agreement and forward the signed document to the town office for signatures. Once signing is complete the document will be forwarded to the Department of Municipal Infrastructure. InnovativeNL will then submit the Site-Specific Safety Plan to the town and the Department of Municipal Infrastructure.

The full Prime Consultant Service Agreement was copied to your meeting file for your review.

MOTION 05-25-23-07 Approval of Prime Consultant Service Agreement

Moved by Councillor Wayne Kelly, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approves the Prime Consultant Service Agreement for Project 17-GI-23-00059 – Waterline Replacement Phase 2.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Student Summer Jobs: We were successful in securing funding for two students at 30 hours per week for eight weeks, through the Canada Summer Jobs program. We will add a notice in our next newsletter inviting applications for these student positions.

Town Backhoe – The Backhoe was sent into Harvey & Company last week to have fuel injectors repaired. The work is completed. This work was price estimated last year at approximately \$20,000. The actual invoice came in much lower at \$10,414.00 taxes included.

Beavers in the Water Supply: Beavers have been spotted in Shingle Pond and I am working with the Department of Wildlife to have them trapped. One was trapped and removed today.

Town Depot: I invited a second roofing contractor to do an inspection of the depot roof and provide a cost estimate to repair. Cory Smith did the inspection. I spoke with Cory later in the week and he decided that he would not put his good reputation on the line to do a quick patch job. He said, to do this job right, the trailer needs to be removed from the building, and the entire roof needs to be shingled. I will call him again if the council decides to move forward with the full scope of work.

- Council will discuss the scope of work and once they have a consensus, we will gather cost estimates on the work. These cost estimates will be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Annual Leave: Seeking approval to take two weeks annual leave - July 17, to July 31, 2023.

MOTION 05-25-23-08 Annual Leave Approval

Moved by Councillor Barry Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wayne Kelly.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Manager is approved to take annual leave from July 17 to July 31, 2023.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Fire Department Training

Firefighter Merrill Norman and Firefighter Sean Nolan are seeking approval to take training in Grand Falls-Windsor on May 27th and 28th. Firefighter Merrill Norman will do the Alternate Fuel Safety Program and Firefighter Sean Nolan will do Conducting Live Fire Training and they will both do Air Brake Endorsement.

MOTION 05-25-23-09 Approval for Travel and Accommodations

Moved by Councillor Lydia Burke, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves both travel and accommodations for both firefighters to attend these education sessions in Grand Falls-Windsor.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATIONS None

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Resignation from Merrill Norman

Letter of resignation is dated May 9, 2023, and states that Mr. Norman prides himself on giving 100% to any project he commits to, however, due to his extensive work schedule, he feels there are times that he couldn't commit the necessary time this office requires. After some reflection, while evaluating upcoming changes that will be occurring in both his business and personal life, his time will be even more limited. As such, he has decided to step down and make his seat available to another town member, that he hopes will bring new visions, on community growth and unity. Letter goes on to say that it's been an honour to serve his community over the last few years and he thanks all councillors and staff for their support and commitment.

MOTION 05-25-23-10 Resignation Accepted

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Gary Keating.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council accepts Mr. Norman's resignation dated May 9, 2023. The council will forward a thank you letter to Mr. Norman recognizing his contribution to his community.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Letter from Billy Murphy

Mr. Murphy has sought legal representation and will have a much more detailed response to the letter removing him from the fire department. He is considering a lawsuit seeking damages and reconciliation of his unjust removal.

He unequivocally disputes points 2 and 3 of the letter he received. Point 1 has some merit as he did disagree with the chief as he has little faith in his credibility to fulfill the role to the point of suggesting he is not competent to do so.

He goes on to say, this unjust non legal method to smear him without consult or ability to face his accusers has taken a damaging toll on both his reputation and caused much undue suffering and mental anguish.

He is requesting a formal apology and relinquishing of the official removal from the Fire Department so if he ever decides to offer his services as a capable emergency responder again, he will have that right. The acceptance of this will go a long way to deciding whether he will officially file a lawsuit.

- Defer for a consultation with the Fire Chief

Emergency Management Training

Fire Services will offer Basic Emergency Management and Emergency Operations Centre training from June 19th to June 21st here at our Community Centre. As the training is going to be offered here in our community, it is a great opportunity for our Emergency Management Committee and firefighters to take advantage of this training. As I am on the Emergency Management Committee, I'm requesting approval to take both training sessions.

MOTION 05-25-23-11 Emergency Management Training

Moved by Councillor Wayne Kelly, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the town manager to participate in the Emergency Management Training on June 19th – June 21st.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

50+ Club – Request for Donation

The 50+ Club are organizing an outing for their members in June. The outing will consist of a bus tour to St. John's with a Dinner/theatre meal and show along with some site seeing. The cost will be

approximately \$75.00 to \$85.00 per member plus gratuity and tip. They don't expect all members to participate, however, they hope to fill the 56 seats available on the bus. The 50+ Club are requesting a council donation toward this bus tour as was the practice years ago. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Councillor Gary Keating asked Council if they felt he is in a conflict of interest regarding this issue because his spouse is on the 50+ Club executive committee.

Councillor Lydia Burke asked if she is in a conflict of interest because she plans to attend the dinner theatre and site seeing event.

Mayor Walter Keating asked Council if he is in conflict of interest as his spouse is planning to attend the dinner theatre and site seeing event.

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald said he feels the councillors would be in a conflict of interest as they will have a monetary gain if the donation is approved.

Councillor Gary Keating, Councillor Lydia Burke, and Mayor Keating accepted that they are in a conflict of interest regarding this issue because there is a monetary gain if Council donates to this group.

MOTION 05-25-23-12 Donation to 50+ Club

Moved by Councillor Wayne Kelly; seconded by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a \$1,000.00 donation to the 50+ Club to help offset the expense of this outing in June.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: W. Kelly

Contrary Minded: B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Good to be Home Cooking

The letter from Trish Keating withdrawing her proposal was copied to all councillors for background information.

The email informs the council that Good to Be Home Cooking has decided to reconsider their previous proposal to operate a takeout with convenience store at the Canteen building. Regretfully, hasty decisions were made based on bad assumptions. There was a lack of clear communication on their part, and they apologize for it. In the absence of other interested proponents, they hope to move forward with setup as soon as possible. They currently hold a food license for King's Point Road and will require

official permission to operate at Newtown Road. They would like to get this started quickly as not to lose the summer season.

- No other proposals were submitted.

Good to be Home Cooking met with members of Council last evening to present their proposal detailing responsibilities. They propose to lease the Canteen on a three-month trial basis. After which, both parties will reevaluate the agreement. Council will move forward and have our legal team draft an agreement. Our legal team would point out any potential liability and the best way to mitigate the risk of liability with regard to leasing the canteen.

Councillor Lydia Burke declared a conflict of interest because she is the chairperson of the Sports and Recreation Committee.

Councillor Barry Murphy declared a conflict of interest because of a family relationship to the owners of Good to be Home Cooking.

MOTION 05-25-23-13 Lease Canteen

Moved by Councillor Gary Keating, seconded by Councillor Wayne Kelly.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves, in principle, leasing the canteen to Good to be Home Cooking and will have a lease agreement drawn up by our legal team.

Council will also draft a letter to the residents of Newtown Road advising there will be additional traffic flow in that area.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Barry Murphy left the meeting.

By-Election

Merrill Norman resigned from Council on May 9th, 2023. To be compliant with the Municipal Elections Act, Council would have to schedule a by-election on or before August 9, 2023. As July and August are mid-summer, when residents are traveling and employees are taking annual leave, these months are not the best time to hold a by-election. If Council wishes, it can seek approval from the minister to defer.

Councillor Barry Murphy returned to the meeting.

MOTION 05-25-23-14 Defer Municipal By-Election for the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Gary Keating.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will seek approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs to defer the By-Election to November 2023.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Letter from Bev Bruce - Shoreline Erosion

This issue was tabled before, so I added some background information to your meeting files for review. I added a letter the Council sent to the Honorable Bernard Davis, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. I also added an email from MP Ken McDonald that suggests we review the eligibility criteria under the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. As you can see, applicants for this funding must have a million-dollar project.

Ms. Bruce is expressing concern about the erosion of the shoreline from Bar Haven Lane and Gambin's Lane all the way up toward Lester Burk's mobile home.

Years ago, there was a project to install cribbing, a slipway, and a breakwater along this area. There was also a pathway that has since been removed and/or washed away. With each storm and high tide, the shoreline continues to erode. Since March of 2017, the shoreline has eroded approximately 20 feet. As this continues, Gambin's Lane is being undermined. Years ago, large rocks were placed at the end of Gambin's Lane. Those rocks have since fallen into the water. The rocks that remain are slowly being washed away.

Ms. Bruce was made aware that this concern was passed along to government authorities, and the authorities did visit the area. They stated that they would monitor the situation. Ms. Bruce doesn't believe this situation is being monitored enough or her concerns taken seriously.

She asked that Council request the appropriate authorities return and reassess the area.

- Councillors will scout the shoreline to ensure all areas of shoreline erosion are included. Once complete we will write the appropriate authorities.

MOTION 05-25-23-15 Shoreline Erosion

Moved by Councillor Wayne Kelly, seconded by Councillor Gary Keating.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will write to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and copy MP Ken McDonald and MHA Jeff Dwyer regarding shoreline erosion.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Xplore Inc. – Request for a Letter of Support

Xplore Inc. are requesting Council provide them with a letter of support for their proposal to the government of Newfoundland and Labrador to use their fiber strands. This will allow Xplore Inc. to increase their ability to offer high- speed internet to more rural communities.

MOTION 05-25-23-16 Letter of Support to Xplore Inc.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Wayne Kelly.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will offer a letter of support to Xplore Inc.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

DEVELOPMENT

FINANCE

Cheque List and Visa Statements

The cheque list was presented covering the period from April 14, 2023, to May 18, 2023, in the amount of \$ 67,242.15. The Visa Statement for April was presented in the amount of \$ \$3,888.83 and the Visa Statement for May is \$13,594.92.

MOTION 05-25-23-17 Approve Cheque List and Visa Statements

Moved by Councillor Gary Keating; seconded by Councillor Wayne Kelly.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cheque list for the period of April 14, 2023, to May 18, 2023, in the amount of \$67,242.15 be approved for payment as well as the Visa Statement for April in the amount of \$3,888.83 the Visa Statement for May in the amount of \$13,594.92.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Cash Analysis: Cash analysis was copied to all councillors.

CORRESPONDENCE

Municipal and Provincial Affairs – Collaboration and Service Sharing

A review of the Joint Working Group Report on Regionalization identified the province's large geographic area and lack of population density will not provide the necessary tax base to support an additional layer of government in most parts of the province. For that reason, on April 26, 2023, the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs outlined the next steps in a regionalization approach to advance community sustainability and viability through collaboration and service sharing.

They are taking actions to advance collaboration and service sharing among communities including:

- \$500,000 for initiatives that help address service gaps and build capacity through a collaborative, shared service approach.
- A review of the Regional Service Boards Act, 2012, including stakeholder and public consultations, to determine if there is a renewed role for the Boards to improve access to services and service delivery.
- A community self-assessment tool to be completed by all municipalities and Local Service Districts to identify gaps and opportunities for collaboration.

The Department will be developing criteria for the funding in consultation with MNL and Professional Municipal Administrators, PMA.

- Mayor Keating added that he and Deputy Mayor McDonald attended a meeting in Gander regarding shared services and the potential for funding. This is something we can consider in the future.
- Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald informed Council that he is on the Eastern Regional Service Board and there's been discussions around joint councils. This is another avenue to support service sharing.

Agriculture and Agri-foods Canada News Release

On May 4, 2023, Treasury Board of Canada announced \$10 million for a new phase of the Local Food Infrastructure Fund. This is a five-year \$70-million initiative, ending on March 31, 2024. The new funding will provide rapid-response in the range of \$15,000 to \$120,000 per project to help improve food

security in communities through investments in equipment and infrastructure. Projects must be targeted and immediate and must be directly related to food security.

There is no immediate action necessary. The full News Release was copied to your meeting file so you can review it at your convenience.

Government of NL – Community Sustainability Partnership Accountability

The circular clarifies the accountability measures required to be eligible for funding under the Municipal Operating Grant and Provincial shared Gas Tax programs for 2023-2024, as well as identifies the parameters for possible exemptions.

To receive the 2023/24 Municipal Operating Grant without delay councils must:

- Submit an acceptable 2023 municipal budget. We have submitted an acceptable 2023 Municipal Budget and are therefore in compliance.
- Submit audited Public Sector Accounting Board financial statements by June 30, 2023. – Our financial audit is complete; therefore we should receive the financial statements in plenty of time to meet the June 30th deadline date.
- Submit a completed Tax Receivable Summary for 2022 Municipal Fiscal Year by June 30, 2023. We are in compliance - Our Tax Receivable Summary has been submitted.
- Submit a completed Tax Recovery Plan by June 30, 2023. We are in compliance - the Tax Recovery Plan has been submitted.
- To have maintained our own source revenue, on a per capita basis, in our 2023 Municipal Budget over own source revenue levels in 2015 Municipal Budget. We have maintained our own source revenue over 2015 Municipal Budget and are therefore in compliance.

To receive the 2023/2024 Provincial Shared Gas Tax Program without delay, Council must:

- Submit a completed Tax Receivable Summary for the 2022 Municipal Fiscal year by June 30, 2023. The Tax Receivable Summary has been submitted; therefore, we are in compliance.
- Submit a Tax Recovery Plan for the 2022 Municipal Fiscal Year by June 30, 2023. The Tax Recovery Plan has been submitted; therefore, we are in compliance.
- To have maintained our own source revenue, on a per capita basis, in our 2023 municipal budget over our own source revenue levels in our 2015 municipal budget. We have maintained our own source revenue over our 2015 municipal budget and are therefore in compliance.

NOTICE OF MOTION – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Symposium Report – Submitted by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald reported on the education sessions he attended during the Symposium including:

- Framing our Communities
- Recycling Oil
- Municipal Assessment
- Drivers of Health Transformation
- Engaging the UN Declaration – Walking This Path Together
- Drinking Water Quality – The Path Toward Water Treatment
- Regional Approach
- Energy Solutions
- Small town Caucus
- Crown Lands
- Update on Professional Development Programs for Elected Officials
- Climate Change
- Your Municipality and Your fire Department
- Climate Change – Legal Considerations
- Strategies for Supporting Physician Recruitment and Retention

This report was added to your meeting package and can be reviewed at your convenience.

- It was agreed to send the document out to residents as a householder.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING – June 15, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 05-25-23-18 Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Lydia Burke, seconded by Councillor Gary Keating.

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

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Regular Meeting Resumed at 8:50 p.m.

MOTION 05-25-23-19 Call the Meeting to Order

Moved by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be called to order at 8:52 p.m.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Work at Norman's Lane – H&R Enterprise Invoice

This invoice from H&R Enterprises, for work completed on Norman's Lane, was discussed in the privileged session.

MOTION 05-25-23-20 Approval to Pay the Invoice from H&R Enterprises

Moved by Councillor Wayne Kelly, seconded by Councillor Gary Keating.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will pay the invoice from H&R Enterprises for work done on Norman's Lane.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Dilapidated Buildings and Properties

MOTION 05-25-23-21 Approve Mail Out

Moved by Councillor Wayne Kelly, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will send out a letter asking residents to clean up around their properties.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

50+ Club Request for Donation

Mayor Keating, Councillor Gary Keating and Lydia Burke declared a conflict of interest because there is a monetary benefit to them if approved.

MOTION 05-25-23-22 50+ Club Donation

Moved by Councillor Barry Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wayne Kelly

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council will donate an additional \$700.00 to the 50+ club bus tour and dinner event.

In Favor: Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: W. Kelly, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 05-25-23-23 Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Lydia Burke, seconded by Councillor Barry Murphy.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 pm.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald
Councillors: G. Keating, W. Kelly, L. Burke, B. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED



Kevin McDonald
Deputy Mayor



Juanita Gosse
Town Clerk/Manager

2023 Municipal Symposium – Framing Out Future - May 4-May 6, 2023

Framing Out Communities – This was based upon safeguarding the historical places and living heritage of the province. Newfoundland has an incredible amount of history and heritage as this province really did rely on natural resources i.e. sawmills throughout the province and sulfite mills in Glovertown, the mining on Belle Island. There is so much history that needs to be preserved and documented. There is a lot of information on heritageNL.ca that has captured history that most of us are not aware of that is quite interesting. The fishing industry that kept this province together for ever is another industry that is becoming so commercially governed that we tend to forget what got this province to where it today. This province is a risk to losing this information but committed people on heritage NL are determined to keep this information available and sharing the heritage skills.

Recycling Oil – Unfortunately this province needs to be stricter in governing the disposal of used oil however there has been great progress in the past years in making this effort a lot easier. There are drop off and disposal places throughout the province that allow the safe disposal of these oil-based products. The provincial land fills are not the place for this to happen. Provincial regulations require that individuals, businesses, and industrial/commercial operations that generate used oil products in our municipality must dispose of them properly. There are still some challenges but we are getting better all the time.

Municipal Assessment – This agency provides services to over 233 municipalities throughout the province and the technology. They use drones to go over properties and captures all the new additions to one's properties. The imaging is excellent and has identified millions of dollars that would not have been captured and have now been recaptured. The average mill rate throughout the province is 7% and 23% of our population are over the age of 65. The assessment of each property is based upon where you live and surrounding properties.

Drivers of Health Transformation – During this presentation Dr. Patrick Parfrey discussed on how leaders can engage in an agenda to improve the well being of people, families, and communities, including specific considerations for seniors as we face indisputable demographic change. The provincial health has a huge shortage in health provided care and we need to engage in healthy living habits. The 50+ clubs of this province need to take a much more active approach in promoting this throughout our communities. Our communities need to engage in lobbying for more and better health care.

Engaging the UN Declaration: Walking This Path Together – This was adopted by the Government of Canada in 2021 to affirm Indigenous peoples' inherent rights to self-determination, land, resources, and the ways and means to support their autonomous functions. This province has approximately 120K indigenous people and there was a huge discussion about reconciliation and the violations of our indigenous population.

Drinking Water Quality: the path toward water treatment – This presentation was tailored around what communities can do to improve the poor water quality we have in this province. While the situation has improved somewhat, the number of municipalities in the province that are under boil water advisories remains high. Most of the municipalities in this province are under boil water advisories. Out of the 273 municipalities there is approximately 140 boil water advisories. The Town of LHMAH has one of the most pristine water supply within the province. One of the challenges we must consider is storm surges on our shorelines and the need for flood plain mapping. The cost of providing proper drinking water to

all communities is almost unaffordable for most areas of this province. There are only 22 full scale plants throughout the province. There was quite a discussion on water conservation and serious consideration should be given to water meter monitoring. The town of LHMAH has probably the lowest water fee in the province.

Regional Approaches – Regionalization in this province is by far the lowest in this country. The presentation was based upon 4 communities who have collaborated for more than 2 years and have made some very positive gains and brought these 4 communities together in many ways from providing emergency services to celebrating provincial events i.e. fire works, Santa Claus parades, picnics, summer activities. The four mayors shared on what has worked, how they have overcome challenges together and advice for communities considering a similar approach. There was quite a discussion regarding the Fire Departments and how they collaboratively share all their resources such as SCBA, washing machines, composting, jaws of life, safety training programs and all types of training, recreational services i.e. ice rinks, swimming pools.

Energy Solutions – How to save energy and money. There is a number of common opportunities to save energy for municipalities and rebates that can be availed of to help. Each community should look at all of our electrical cost. Small investments that are offered by Take Charge NL can make a huge improvement on reducing our costs. Heat pumps for fire departments qualify for government rebate and savings. Installing occupancy sensors and timers on lighting systems is just one example in addition to variable speed drives for pumping. Lowering thermostats in buildings that are not daily occupied and reducing the temperature when not needed. We can apply for a free assessment in identifying some opportunities.

Small Town Caucus – Canoe provides good support to getting the best deals on many what our requirements are. Lots of discussion on MOG's. NL largest town by population is CBS with 27,168 residents and the largest by land area is Baie Verte with 371 square Km. Little Bay Island is its smallest town by population with 0 residents and Brent's Cove is the smallest town by land area with only 1.02 km². Challenges of small towns are never ending due to the cost of the amenities that are required for people to live, most communities just have to do without which also discourage people from moving in to these areas. We need to make the resources available to our residents and avoid tax increases.

Crown Lands – Key Updates. As much as what was promised 3 years ago there still are many challenges and bureaucracies and hurdles that are very time consuming. They covered a way too much in this session which left no time for Q & A. This problem is not going to be resolved soon, the cost of applying for crown land has not gone up and is non-refundable, the cost of crown land has certainly increased. There is 88 % of the provinces 40 million hectares is Crown Land. There are still lots of property disputes regarding squatter rights. The major changes came about in 1977 where most people ran into trouble. If you built a house before 1977 and you didn't get proper title the land could be turned back again. Alternatively, property owners can obtain two affidavits from community members who can swear the land was occupied for the 20 years prior to 1977. There was a way too much in presentation material and did not focus on what is actually not being done and what has to be done to fix it. Lots of reference to Chapter 36 Lands Act.

Update on Professional Development Programs for Elected Officials – There was a review of the Top 10 Tips to be an elected official. There is an incredible amount of training that is offered in person or virtually which we should all take advantage of. Rules of Procedures, Code of Conduct, Safety Training etc. The programs have been developed to address competencies of elected professionals to address

policy development, program planning and leadership challenges that we are faced with today. This year municipalities introduced key training courses that elected officials must complete to maintain their position as an elected councilor. MNL has partner shipped with the College of the North Atlantic to provide the resources for this training. Whatever our needs are they will develop and deliver. There was a huge emphasis on developing and improving who we have leading our communities. There is a 2021 Guide for Municipal Elected Officials that we all should review.

Climate Change – Driving the Energy Conversation. Huge emphasis on EV and when this province should be ready. This is a global challenge that we all need to understand and we all need to set targets on how we are all going to shift our ways on conserving energy and green energy. Now is the time to balance out on how we are going to contribute to this effort. One of our challenges in this province is not only our aging population but more importantly our geographical layout of this province and the distances that one must travel to charge our EV's. We can all contribute to Climate Change in our own way but education needs to be shared with our population as to what we can really do to help out. We have many challenges here on the Island and one of them is High Speed internet of out lying communities and if and when that will be possible, the date they referred to was 2026. We should all look at out household efficiencies, performing energy audits and rebates that we can avail of. We have an aggressive goal of 2030 to be all driving EV vehicles.

Your Municipality and Your Fire Department – The challenges small communities have is the availability of a Fire Department, equipment and most importantly qualified individual who volunteer to be on these departments. Training, resources is a huge part of this challenge and how to be and have a respectful and effective relationship with town councils. Challenges they spoke of were Securing funding and retention of volunteers and our aging population, Ensuring firefighter safety, Enhancing fire department communication, Coordinating agency resources (mutual aid) and the expectations expected of these volunteers.

Climate Change – Legal Considerations. We need to adopt and implement municipal regulations, development plans and policies. In 1921 Parliament passed Bill C-12 which requires the government to set reduction targets for greenhouse gas emissions. There is a audit process in place to check on compliance and how well we are all contributing but there is even a bigger requirement for industry where emissions must be controlled and monitored. There are acts and regulations that all municipalities should be aware of, they may not specifically apply to all of us or in some cases none of us. There is a approval process if and when we bring industry to our community. One example that we were exposed to was the composting plant for our area.

Strategies for Supporting Physician Recruitment and Retention – We need to all lobby together to support this challenge and since we are in most cases smaller communities that avail of these services we must stand together on this effort. The leaders of our community must be part of this rally as it's far from over.

Overall the Symposium was quite informative with approximately 280 in attendance. Not everyone attended all the sessions however I guess the networking from this Symposium was a benefit to most.

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