

***Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 15, 2026***

In Attendance

Mayor Walter Keating

Councillor Kayla Squires

Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce

Councillor Linda Murphy

Councillor Lydia Burke

Councillor Isadore Gambin

Councillor Loretta Keating

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keating welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 01-15-26-01 - Adopt the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Loretta Keating, seconded by Councillor Isadore Gambin.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce

Councillors: L. Burke, L. Keating, L. Murphy, K. Squires, I. Gambin

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION 01-15-26-02 - Adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 4, 2025

Moved by Councillor Kayla Squires, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of December 4, 2025, Regular Meeting be adopted without errors or omissions.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce

Councillors: L. Burke, L. Keating, K. Squires, I. Gambin, L. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

Emergency Intake Line - Last week I reached out to Cahill again asking them to provide a detailed quote that includes supplies and labour. I will bring the quote forward as soon as it's received.

- Deferred to next meeting

Streetlights around Big Head – Judy followed up again today with NL Power and has not received a response.

- Deferred to next meeting

MANAGER'S REPORT

Generator for Municipal Complex – The Generator is currently in transit and should be here on January 21st. Installation will be scheduled as soon as it arrives.

Maturin Pond Trail Update - An update on the Maturin Pond Trail Extension was sent to all councillors. The update was provided by Mills & Wright. They completed their first site inspection on December 16, 2025, and say the trail is coming along very well. Photos of the trail were provided to all councillors.

Climate Readiness Initiative - The Climate Readiness Initiative presentation given by Bobbi Skanes at TRACT was forwarded to all councillors. Bobbi has asked if a follow-up meeting is necessary.

- No follow-up meeting is required at this time.
- Town will work with TRACT to ensure all residents are provided with the survey.

Garbage Collection - The letter with the complaints from residents was sent to the Eastern Regional Service Board. We have not yet received a response.

DELEGATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was Rescinded Cost of Living Increase for Employees

~~This item was brought forward by Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce. Research shows that the estimated cost of living increase for Canadians in 2026 will be 2%. Deputy Mayor Bruce makes the following motion:~~

MOTION 01-15-26-03 Cost of Living Increase for Employees

~~Moved by Deputy Mayor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Kayla Squires.~~

~~**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves a 2 % cost of living increase for the full-time employees of the Town of Long Harbour Mount Arlington Heights.~~

~~**In Favor:** — Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce~~

~~Councillors: — L. Burke, L. Keating, K. Squires, I. Gambin, L. Murphy~~ **MOTION CARRIED**

Sandboxes for Trail

This issue was added to the agenda by Councillor Linda Murphy. Her email was added to the meeting file. Councillor Murphy is requesting Council place sandboxes along Maturin Pond Trail so walkers can sand the icy spots.

MOTION 01-15-26-04 – Place Sandboxes

Moved by Councillor Linda Murphy, seconded by Councillor Lydia Bruke.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves placing sandboxes along the Maturin Pond Walking Trail.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce

Councillors: L. Burke, L. Keating, K. Squires, I. Gambin, L. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Long Service Award – Lydia Burke

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs has been presenting long service awards to mayors, deputy mayors and councillors since 1983. Their records indicate that Lydia Burke is eligible to receive an award certificate in recognition of 12 years of municipal service.

- Mayor Keating presented the award to Councillor Lydia Burke.

Long Service Award – Kevin McDonald

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs records indicate that Kevin McDonald is eligible to receive an award certificate in recognition of 12 years of municipal service.

- Kevin's award will be given to him when he is back in Long Harbour.

DEVELOPMENT

DELEGATIONS - None

FINANCE

Cheque List and Visa Approval

The Cheque List from December 5, 2025, to January 15, 2026, was provided to all councillors to review along with the Visa Statement for December 2025.

MOTION 01-15-26-05 Approve Cheque List and Visa Statement

Moved by Councillor Linda Murphy; seconded by Councillor Loretta Keating.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the cheque list for the period of December 5, 2025, to January 15, 2026, in the amount of \$252,063.69 be approved for payment as well as the Visa Statement for December in the amount of \$7,435.75.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce

Councillors: L. Keating, L. Burke, L. Murphy, K. Squires, I. Gambin

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Government of NL – Tourism Tax Information

The circular is a follow-up on Tourism Accommodation Tax. Section 129 of the Towns and Local Service Districts Act authorizes towns to implement a tourism accommodation tax; however, it is discretionary. While implementation of the tourism accommodation tax is discretionary, towns that decide to establish this tax must create a by-law in accordance with Section 129 of the Act.

Pursuant to Section 129(8) of the Act, revenue generated through the tourism accommodation tax must be used for tourism purposes.

- During the 2026 Budget, the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights opted not to establish a Tourism Accommodation Tax.

Coffee Break

The Chief Executive Officer of the Alzheimer Society thanks the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights for their fundraising efforts. The funds raised mean a lot to the 10,000 plus families learning to live with dementia.

Government of NL – Response from Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure – Re: Main Road Upgrade and Maintenance

The Main Road in Long Harbour has been identified in the Department's list of priority areas for brush clearing, with work possible in 2026 depending on available funding. Required ditching will be added to the 2026 summer maintenance plan.

The Department's engineers evaluate road conditions throughout the province annually and use the information to help prioritize road upgrade projects. The Main Road in Long Harbour will be considered along with all road project needs in the province.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure will also evaluate the road in the spring to identify areas that may require ditching.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Kayla Squires sent an email to all councillors containing information from Mr. Roy Murphy regarding the loss of his lobsters in June 2023. Councillor Squires resubmitted the email today to the Town Manager. This email was signed by Mr. Murphy and will be kept on file.

Councillor Kayla Squires has given notice of motion to revisit the issue.

MOTION 01-15-26-06 Revisit Loss of Lobsters

Moved by Councillor Kayla Squires; seconded by Councillor Isadore Gambin.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will revisit Mr. Roy Murphy's matter of dead lobsters in a privileged meeting, and the issue will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce

Councillors: L. Keating, L. Burke, L. Murphy, K. Squires, I. Gambin

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Keating provided a verbal report about the Eastern Regional Service Board.

Mayor Keating has orientation training with the Eastern Regional Service Board Monday night and his first meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2026.

Mayor Keating provided a verbal report about the Vale Liaison Meeting

Vale Liaison Meeting was held on January 6, 2026. The meeting was mostly attended by Vale employees, and their reports were about upgrades for the coming year.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING – February 19, 2026

Motion to Rescind Motion 01-15-26-03

Councillors Kayla Squires, Lydia Burke, and Linda Murphy declared a conflict of interest as they have family members affected by the motion.

MOTION 01-15-26-07 Rescind Motion 01-15-26-03

Moved by Councillor Isadore Gambin; seconded by Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Council of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights will rescind Motion 01-15-26-03 to approve a 2% cost of living increase for the town's full-time employees.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce
Councillors: L. Keating, I. Gambin

MOTION CARRIED

Cost of Living Increase for Employees

Councillors Kayla Squires, Lydia Burke, and Linda Murphy declared a conflict of interest as they have family members affected by the motion.

MOTION 01-15-26-08 Cost of Living Increase for Employees

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce; seconded by Councillor Loretta Keating.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves a 2 % cost of living increase for the full-time employees of the Town of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce
Councillors: L. Keating, I. Gambin

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 01-15-26-09 Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Linda Murphy; seconded by Councillor Kayla Squires.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourns the Regular Meeting at 7:52 p.m.

In Favor: Mayor Walter Keating
Deputy Mayor Jamie Bruce
Councillors: L. Keating, K. Squires, L. Burke, I. Gambin, L. Murphy

MOTION CARRIED

Walter Keating
Mayor

Juanita Gosse
Town Clerk/Manager