# Town of Long Harbour - Mount Arlington Heights Minutes of Regular Meeting August 18, 2015

#### In Attendance

Mayor Gary Keating

Councillor Patricia Burke

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillor Lydia Burke

Councillor Norma Keating

Also in Attendance: Town Manager, Juanita Gosse

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Gary Keating called the regular meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

# ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 08-18-15-01 Adopt Agenda

Moved by Councillor Norma Keating, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda be adopted as presented.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, L. Burke, N. Keating

MOTION CARRIED

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING

MOTION 08-18 -15-02 Minutes of July 28, 2015

Moved by Councillor Patricia Burke, seconded by Councillor Norma Keating;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the minutes of July 28, 2015 Regular Meeting be adopted with two noted corrections.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

## Claim for Reimbursement of Cost to Repair Sewage Line

Resident presented to council before the meeting.

Resident feels that the damage to the sewage line was caused by the contractor during our Waterline Replacement Project.

- Council agreed to reimburse the resident and negotiate a partial reimbursement from M.J. Hickey.

## MOTION 08-18-15-03 Claim for Reimbursement of Costs to Repair Sewage Line

Moved by Councillor Norma Keating seconded by Councillor Patricia Burke;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the council will reimburse the resident the cost to repair the sewage line as submitted. Any future problems with the sewage line that requires the opening of the municipal road will be at the expense of the resident.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

## Managers Report - August 18, 2015

## **Boil Order Advisory:**

On Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the town was issued a boil water advisory from Services NL. The boil water advisory was due to inadequate amounts of chlorine in the distribution system.

Outside maintenance operator, who was on call during that weekend for water sampling, submitted a written report on August 6, 2015.

The problem has since been resolved and the boil water advisory has been discontinued.

# Permit to place Town Entrance Sign:

Had a conversation with Transportation & Works regarding our sign application. They will approve the application with a condition that each sign be placed as a one-sided sign. We should have approval for both entrances signs within a week or so.

**Don't Litter Signs:** It was agreed to place a sign at the entrance to Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights in the area of our current welcome sign. The other sign will be placed near our Lookout Site.

**Newsletter:** A draft of the newsletter was emailed to all councillors for review. Council approved all articles and agreed to add a piece about students returning to school and a piece about our Municipal Byelection.

**Training Centre:** According to Vale representative the Training Centre transfer should be finalized within the next week or so. I have a meeting scheduled with Newlab Engineering next week to discuss the floor plan and front façade options.

Walking Trail Entrances: Met with Craig Moore last week and we visited both sites. We are concerned about the material used behind the Training Centre for the parking area. Craig will be back next week and we plan to do test holes to ensure stability.

**Room at the Lodge for Parish Priest**: The request was forwarded to Dave Perry, Long Harbour Lodge. Mr. Perry is in the process of renegotiating lease terms with Vale. He will respond to our request within a couple of weeks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **Property Purchase:**

Council was considering purchasing property on Newtown Road to be used for additional parking for the Ball Park.

- It was agreed that there is sufficient parking at the Ball Park and additional property is not needed.

## Vale: Transportation of Residue from Argentia Demonstration Plant:

Vale has submitted for Council's review, a mail-out to residents of Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights regarding the transportation of residue from the Argentia Demonstration Plant.

Department of Environment has given approval for the transfer as of today.

- Council has no objections to the contents of the document.

#### Government of Newfoundland and Labrador - Office of the Premier: Population Growth Strategy:

Cover letter was copied to all councillors. The booklet material will be kept on file for review or can be viewed online.

#### Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce - Booklet Ad:

Council reviewed the ad from 2014.

#### MOTION 08-18 -15-04 Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce – Booklet Ad

Moved by Councillor Lydia Burke, seconded by Councillor Norma Keating;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the council will purchase a ½ page ad in the Placentia Area Chamber of Commerce Booklet.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

#### **PMA Fall Forum:**

The PMA Fall Forum is scheduled for September 24th and 25th.

## MOTION 08-18 -15-05 Travel Expense

Moved by Councillor Norma Keating, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** council approves travel for the Acting Town Clerk to attend the Municipal Core Program and the Town Manger to attend the Fall Forum second day program.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

## DEVELOPMENT

#### **FINANCE**

#### Cheque Log

The cheque log for the period from July 28, 2015 – August 17, 2015 in the amount of \$89,293.59 was presented.

#### MOTION 08-18 -15-06 Cheque Log

Moved by Councillor Norma Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the cheque log be approved as presented.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

## Cash Analysis

Cash analysis was distributed to all councillors.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### Councillor Resignation:

Email from Councillor Edward Bruce resigning his position on Council effective as of today's date.

#### MOTION 08-18 -15-07 Councillors Resignation

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the resignation of Councillor Edward Bruce.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

#### **Council By-Election**

## MOTION 08-18 -15-08 Municipal By-election

Moved by Councillor Patricia Burke, seconded by Councillor Lydia Burke;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council will have a Municipal By-election on Thursday, October 15, 2015 with Nomination Day on Thursday, September 17, 2015.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, N. Keating, L. Burke

MOTION CARRIED

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Councillor Patricia Burke:

Reported on Long Harbour-Mount Arlington Heights Days. The Old Fashion Concert went very well. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

#### Councillor Lydia Burke:

Reported on Long Harbour- Mount Arlington Heights Days. Everything went very well. Booked Scott Barrett for the dance next year.

Provided canteen service to Vale for their Family Day. This event went well.

#### **Councillor Norma Keating:**

Reported on the Tidy Towns competition. The day started off poorly given the debris that was scattered around Main Street. This was very discouraging after all the hard work put in to the Tidy Towns effort. The judges were very understanding as this was an act of vandalism.

The judges were very impressed with the sites they visited. They noted that a community that keeps their cemetery beautiful is a community that cares about their community.

It was a very informative meeting and the judged made several recommendations:

We should replace the trees on the lookout site with scrubs as to not block the view with tall trees.

- We should host our own town competitions; best decorated house during Christmas, and best kept gardens in summer. These competitions should be judged by people outside our municipality.
- They suggested we form a heritage committee as preserving town history is a category of the Tidy Towns competition.

We plan to start working on Tidy Towns earlier next year.

Councillor Lydia Burke added that we should consider a policy to have established businesses beautify their properties.

- Town Manager will explore the possibilities of this policy.

Councillor Keating also expressed appreciation that the walking trail is being cleaned up.

## **Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald:**

Visited the walking trail entrance behind the Training Centre and the Fire Hall. Reviewed the project work with the Town Manager.

Met with the Outside Maintenance Operator and the Town Manager along with Councillor Lydia Burke to discuss employment issues.

## **Mayor Gary Keating:**

Mayor Keating thanked Councillor Norma Keating and Councillor Lydia Burke for their time and effort given to the Tidy Towns competition.

# Adjournment

# MOTION 08-88-15-05 Adjournment

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned to a privileged session at 9:15 p.m.

In Favor:

Mayor Gary Keating

Deputy Mayor Kevin McDonald

Councillors: P. Burke, L. Burke, N. Keating

MOTION CARRIED

Date of the Next Meeting: September 22, 2015

Gary Keating

Mayor

Juanita Gosse

Town Manager