

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2007**

Present were: Mayor Sam Synard
Deputy Mayor Julie Mitchell
Councillor Dave Brenton
Councillor Keith Keating
Councillor Albert Stacey
Councillor Phonse Ward
Councillor Charles Wiscombe

Also present: Dennis Kelly, Town Clerk/Manager
Daisy Senior, Operations Director
Shirley Labour, Treasurer
Mike Mallay, Recreation Director (Acting)
Gerard Kelly, Fire/Building Inspector
Petrina Power, Executive Assistant

Also present: Delegation, Marystown Shipyard Families Alliance
Delegation, Water & Sewer, Little Bay
Delegation, Planning & Development
Paul Herridge, The Southern Gazette

1. Call to Order

Mayor Synard called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. and welcomed those present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/001R

Moved by Councillor Wiscombe, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted as presented.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Marystown Shipyard Families Alliance

Prior to continuing with the agenda, Mayor Synard welcomed Ms. Bernadine Bennett, co-chair of the Marystown Shipyard Families Alliance, Ms. Bertha Smith and other representatives of the Marystown Shipyard Families Alliance to tonight's meeting.

The Marystown Shipyard Families Alliance was formed to represent any worker or family to the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission for occupational disease as a result of toxics produced by the shipyard. In addition to representing those directly connected to the shipyard, the committee also represents those living within close proximity to the shipyard. It is the committee's belief that the watershed and grounds around Marystown may be contaminated with toxins and need to be investigated.

Since March 2007, the committee has documented 39 cases of occupational disease. They are working on 50 additional cases and new cases continue to arise every day. Two cases of lung cancer have been accepted but to date, no compensation has been received by the affected families. With the help of Dr. Noel Kerin, Occupational Medical Consultant, the committee has linked most of these cases to the shipyard.

In February 2007, the Committee and Dr. Kerin were invited by the Canadian Auto Workers to a meeting in St. John's, to be chaired by Mr. Reg Anstey, President of Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour. An agreement was made at the meeting, which fell through a week later. It was the consensus of the committee that this issue is not a trade union issue, but a community issue as it affects everyone, causing death and environmental damage. The committee is committed to identifying and rectifying the issue.

Since June 2007, the committee has met with Minister Clyde Jackman on a regular basis. They are scheduled to meet very soon with senior members of government to discuss their legal liability to injured workers and environmental contamination.

When the committee started their research, they found the disease spilled over into other areas. They furthered their investigation to Queen Street and Ville Marie Drive from the Service Centre to Bayview Street. Toxins are carried by the wind, in any direction, from the shipyard to these areas of close proximity. The committee hasn't furthered their investigation to Shoal Point, but will do so soon. The airborne toxins include lead, chromium, chromate, asbestos, silica dust and others.

A four-year environmental assessment and clean-up was initiated by the Newfoundland and Labrador Government, who hired Jacques Whitford Inc., an environmental company. In April 2002, it all ground to a halt with no explanation. The assessment and clean-up were never completed. The company had concerns with the syncro lift at the shipyard. Contamination around the lift is heavy and the raising and lowering of the lift stirs up contaminated sediment. The committee feels Environment Canada should be brought in to investigate.

The committee had requested information from the Town regarding groundwater test results. The committee was informed the Town does not do groundwater testing, but does carry out other tests, for which the results are available. The committee suggested that all water comes from some form of groundwater, cycling from the ground to the air and back to the ground again.

The committee brought forward photos of the Shipyard site. The photos show the site itself before the facilities were developed and photos of the syncro lift and other areas of the site. The land that the buildings sit on were never a part of the original landscape, which is built out into the water. It is the committee's belief that this area was a dumping station for any materials not brought to the waste disposal site. Information regarding a buffer zone around the facilities are sketchy.

Contaminated water would most likely contain TCE, or Trichloroethylene, which is linked to Hodgkin's Disease, kidney disease, lymphoma, leukemia and other diseases.

The committee thanked those families who invited committee members into their homes to interview them. The committee doesn't expect a quick answer from Council but do expect to meet again in a month to see how to move forward.

Deputy Mayor Mitchell congratulated the committee on their progress and noted she attended the presentation given by Dr. Kerin. She questioned why the agreement with the CAW fell through. Ms. Bennett noted there was a 4-hour meeting in which everyone agreed to work together as two groups on March 2nd and by March 9th, they were denied access to a public meeting in St. John's to discuss the future study and such. The CAW didn't view Dr. Kerin's role in the same way as the committee did, whereas the committee felt they couldn't continue without him. Though in conflict, the committee has always invited the CAW to their meetings.

Councillor Brenton questioned what the committee saw as Council's role. Council needs some guidance as to what is expected. The committee is not claiming that every disease is linked to the shipyard but stresses there is an urgent need to investigate.

As a condition of the sale of the shipyard to Friede Goldman in 1998, the Provincial Government agreed to take responsibility for the environmental clean-up at the shipyard, the workers and their families. KOS is now carrying out business in that contaminated worksite. Though KOS is not responsible for the clean-up and such, if they are aware of the issue, it raises the question of whether or not they are responsible for not pursuing corrective action from the government. Councillor Ward feels that those responsible for removing Jacques Whitford Inc. have to take some responsibility. It is the committee's belief that information was beginning to surface that, in light of the pending White Rose project and the sale of the shipyard, would have put a negative spin on the facilities and the town, which, in the face of economic development, no one outside of the committee wanted to see happen.

Councillor Wiscombe feels a meeting with the Minister of Environment & Conservation is necessary to get answers to some of the questions raised. The committee noted that these statements today in no way reflect on the safety practices of Kiewit Offshore Services, the current owner of the shipyard, however, the committee is concerned about the continuing operations at the shipyard.

Again, Ms. Bennett thanked the families who have come forward. She also thanked Council for their time. Council thanked the committee for their presentation and is looking forward to meeting again in a month's time.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/002R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Stacey

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on October 2, 2007 be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Privileged Meeting Minutes, October 2, 2007

Sale of Land to Dr. Ziya Aras

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/003R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Stacey

“BE IT RESOLVED Council ratify the sale of Lot #'s 4, 5, 8 and 9 and unserviced land between the property lines of Lot #'s 5, 8 and 9 and the stream reservation in the Reid Crescent subdivision to Dr. Ziya Aras in the amount of \$50,000.00, including HST, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the sale is approved without any conditions attached regarding resale.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting Minutes, October 2, 2007

Targa Newfoundland

A meeting was held with Mr. Robert Giannou and Mr. Robert Lymburner of Targa Newfoundland. A request has been received from Targa asking that Council allow the event to continue for another five years.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/004R

Moved by Councillor Wiscombe, seconded by Councillor Ward

“BE IT RESOLVED the decision of whether or not to allow the Targa Newfoundland rally to continue in the Marystown area be deferred until the public is first notified through the media of Council's intent to make a decision on its continuance.”

Discussion

The Targa issue is one that has been raised and discussed time and time again. Deputy Mayor Mitchell questioned why Council should give advance notice of its intent to make a decision on the continuance. Councillor Wiscombe feels the public has a right to know of Council's intent. Though many are present at tonight's meeting in anticipation of a decision, it was not publicized and there are many residents unaware of Council's intent. Councillor Wiscombe also noted that last year, the public was polled for their opinion. However, Deputy Mayor Mitchell questioned that if Council has to call a public forum before making this decision, where do you draw the line? Many events continue year after year, many causing a closure of some sort (i.e., Take Back the Night March).

Question called.

Councillor Keating agreed with Deputy Mayor Mitchell.

One resident came forward in opposition to Targa. He doesn't feel the event adds any economic benefit to the town. It may increase business for one day, but business does not thrive on one-day events.

What about the volunteers? Councillor Brenton noted there are many people who enjoy the event and the volunteers came out in droves this year, especially the younger volunteers. It was noted, however, that a public forum would allow both sides to be heard.

Mayor Synard is against a public forum. The topic has been debated enough and there isn't any new information to debate. Many of our events are one-day events. We can't cancel them all for that simple fact. Mayor Synard will vote for Targa.

Motion defeated on a vote of four to three. Councillor Stacey, Councillor Ward and Councillor Wiscombe voted for the motion. Mayor Synard, Deputy Mayor Mitchell, Councillor Brenton and Councillor Keating voted against the motion.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/005R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

“BE IT RESOLVED the Targa Newfoundland Rally be allowed to continue in the Marystown area for another two years during the remainder of the current Council's term.”

Discussion

Councillor Ward hasn't changed his mind on the issue. He noted that while selling Relay for Life luminaries at the mall, he sold them at a rate of 8-10 per hour. During the Targa rally, sales dwindled to 4 in total. The mall was virtually empty and there was no evidence of an economic boom. Councillor Ward, as a representative of the people and as a representative of the 75%-80% of the people against the event, Councillor Ward will vote against Targa.

Councillor Stacey will also vote against the event as Targa didn't carry out their promise to be more open this year and booked a Mooring Cove leg without Council's knowledge.

Deputy Mayor Mitchell noted she met with a lot of residents during her campaign in the general provincial elections and heard less than ten complaints. It was good to see so many young residents volunteer for the event. Hotel rooms were booked solid and evidence of economic development was apparent everywhere. Deputy Mayor Mitchell, while acknowledging the concerns, is also looking at the good in the event and will vote for Targa.

Councillor Keating echoed Deputy Mayor Mitchell's words. Councillor Keating was a Marshall this year and was also impressed with the number of young volunteers. Those same young people were also involved in the Relay for Life. Councillor Keating timed the road closures and they did improve over last year. He spoke to many of the businesses and they did boom, even if it was for that one day. Other towns and cities across Canada shut down roads for events for a full day – we did it for one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening. Councillor Keating will vote for Targa.

Councillor Brenton was also a Marshall. He noted that as per Council's request of Targa, they did shorten the road closures and the kids did not miss any school. Targa awards a scholarship and donates to charity. The Marystown-Burin Area Chamber of Commerce supports the event. While Councillor Brenton will not commit to continuing the event for five more years as per Targa's request, he is willing to continue it for two more years, as per Councillor Keating's motion, which is the number of years the current Council has left in term. Councillor Brenton will vote for Targa. He also noted election time is a good time to hold a plebiscite and the question of continuing Targa can be placed on a ballot.

Mayor Synard noted that if not for one-day events, we would never host any parades, concerts or other similar events. Because of Targa, every hotel room on the peninsula was booked, forcing people to book in Clarendville. Despite its short length, it is a huge event. The event generates a lot of business and also generates publicity for the town. The event is endorsed by Premier Williams and his government.

Again, opposition from the public was heard.

Councillor Ward raised one last point. If Targa is such a money-making event, why is it that Newfoundland is the only province involved? Why haven't other provinces become involved?

Question called.

Motion carried on a vote of four to three. Mayor Synard, Deputy Mayor Mitchell, Councillor Brenton and Councillor Keating voted for the motion. Councillor Stacey, Councillor Ward and Councillor Wiscombe voted against the motion.

4. Business Arising from Regular Meeting of October 2, 2007

At the last meeting, a motion was made to move forward with a Notice of Intent to Adopt and Notice of Information Session for the Proposed Development Regulations Amendment No. 17, 2007, which would bring the standards for the development of unserviced and semi-serviced residential lots in the three residential zones in compliance with Provincial Government's *Private Sewage and Water Supply Standards*, which would entail increasing the minimum lot area for semi-serviced development from 470 m² to 1,400 m² or 1,120 m² for infill development.

Councillor Ward discussed this with the Town Clerk/Manager for clarification on the motion. The issue arose when a resident wanted to develop a lot on Water Street West and add a septic tank with a line to the sea. The Department of Health would not approve the application and required they install their own septic system if they couldn't tie into the Town's system. An area of 1,400 m² is required. The Town wrote the Minister of Health and was advised of the Provincial standards. The Town's regulations were developed at a time when families subdivided lots among family members with the understanding that septic tanks and lines to the sea would be approved. This will no longer continue and the motion was made to bring the Town's regulations in line with the Province's, which supercede.

Allocations have been made in the assessment process that if lots are subdivided and can tie into the system, separate lot numbers will be assigned to each lot. Assessed value of land is based on the services available to it. Lots that can tie into Town services are assessed higher than those that cannot. Those not happy with this assessment can appeal.

5. Committee Reports

Recreation Committee

Councillor Stacey noted his committee had a meeting last week and minutes will be made available at the next regular Council meeting.

A letter was received from the Marystown Minor Hockey Association with regards to the increased ice rates that came into effect with the new season. The Association had thought the rates would become effective January 1, 2008, not at the beginning of the season. The

Recreation Director spoke with the Association and indicated rates will be effective for the beginning of the season. The Association was informed prior to registration but there was a misunderstanding. This is the first increase for the arena in 6-7 years and the rates are still among the lowest in Newfoundland.

The ice is on the rink and all equipment is working well.

Another Special Olympics meeting is pending for the latter part of October. The Special Olympics will take place July 4-7, 2008. Plans are going well. Issues with school showers need to be addressed (re: the need for more showers).

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/006R

Moved by Councillor Stacey, seconded by Councillor Wiscombe

“BE IT RESOLVED a letter be written to the St. Lawrence Laurentiens congratulating them on winning the bronze medal at the Canadian Challenge Cup Championship in Halifax.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/007R

Moved by Councillor Stacey, seconded by Councillor Wiscombe

“BE IT RESOLVED a letter be written to the St. Lawrence Masters on winning a gold medal at the Eastern Canadian Masters Championships hosted in Prince Edward Island.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Special Events/Tourism Committee

Councillor Keating welcomed Deputy Mayor Mitchell back to her role as Deputy Mayor.

Councillor Keating noted Come Home Year meetings are underway. Work is underway to get prices on some bands to play on August 2, 2008, from 2:00 in the afternoon to 2:00 in the morning. There will be local bands and some good name bands. Costs may run from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 to book bands alone. A meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on October 24th at the Summer Games Building. An invitation was extended to all Councillors.

Meetings have been set with Mr. Roger Flood of Marine Atlantic to discuss reduced ferry rates for those returning home. Councillor Keating is working on meetings with the airlines.

To date, there have been 650 hits on the new Come Home Year website. Information has been forwarded to the Town Clerk/Manager for a second website.

Councillor Keating suggested that the remainder of the \$15,000.00 in Husky funds, originally earmarked for an RV park, be used to finish the stage at the Track & Field Complex if Council is in agreement. An immediate decision is not needed at this time.

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Ward reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting of October 11, 2007.

The Committee has recommended the issuance of several orders, which are being followed up on. Many residents are complying with the orders. In one instance, the RCMP assisted in tracking down the owner of a vehicle through the VIN and requested that the vehicle be moved from the roadside.

A verbal request was received from New Beginnings Daycare for a crosswalk or signage due to safety concern for children boarding the bus in the area or trying to cross the street on outings. The Committee will ask for the assistance of the Town for a crosswalk once a written request is received from the daycare.

Councillor Ward congratulated the Fire Department on their 40th anniversary. As well, he congratulated them on another successful and informative Fire Prevention Week and on the Grand Opening of the Heritage Room. The Fire/Building Inspector thanked Council for their participation in each event.

The Terms of Reference for Phase II of the Burin Peninsula Waste Management Study has been finalized. There are four scenarios the Burin Peninsula Waste Management Corporation has identified with regards to a Provincial Waste Management Strategy:

1. We develop a full Materials Recovery Facility on the Burin Peninsula that suits the requirements of the Provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy.
2. We construct a transfer station (or multiple transfer stations) and ship to Grand Falls-Windsor where there will likely be a Materials Recovery Facility. This system would involve organics (wet waste) being separated from the recyclables, garbage, etc. (dry waste).
3. We construct a transfer station (or multiple transfer stations) and ship to Robin Hood Bay, where there will likely be a four-stream Materials Recovery Facility. This system will involve garbage, fibres, recyclables and organics being separated from one another.
4. We keep organics on the Burin Peninsula for compost production and ship the remaining streams.

The committee will be meeting again to discuss the options in further detail on October 29th. The committee has been approached by the Provincial Waste Management Committee to consider site closures on the peninsula. There are twenty sites in total that will have to close. This will be done gradually through the consolidation of waste disposal sites.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Wiscombe noted the Public Works Committee met on October 10, 2007 and again on October 22, 2007.

October 10, 2007 Public Works Meeting

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/008R

Moved by Councillor Wiscombe, seconded by Councillor Stacey

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve signage of the 2007 Road Upgrading & Paving Engineer/Client Agreement received from NLCEL.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/009R

Moved by Councillor Wiscombe, seconded by Councillor Stacey

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to renew and sign the agreement with Newco Metal & Auto Recycling for the purchase of recyclable scrapped metals from the waste disposal site for the sum of \$200.00 for the period of October 5, 2007 to October 5, 2008.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Note: This amount was later increased to \$500.00 by Newco Metals & Auto Recycling.

Councillor Wiscombe noted repairs to waterlines and other regular operations are on-going around town.

October 22, 2007 Public Works Meeting

The Committee discussed the results of three tenders, with recommendations for approval.

2007 Road Upgrading & Paving projects

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/010R

Moved by Councillor Wiscombe, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED Council award the tender for the 2007 Road Upgrading & Paving projects to Nortech Construction Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$1,356,236.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Council request approval from Municipal Affairs to reallocate funds in the amount of \$103,251.74 for the Water Street East, Water Street West and Crocker’s Point outfalls and funds in the amount of \$118,694.46 from the Atlantic Street Sewer project to the 2007 Road Upgrading & Paving projects to cover the overrun on the tendered price above the original allocated funding, plus additional engineering fees and interest costs due to the increased construction costs.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Atlantic Street Sewer and Hillview/Walsh's Road and Bayview Street East Water Systems projects

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/011R

Moved by Councillor Wiscombe, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED that due to insufficient funding, Council not award the tender for the Atlantic Street Sewer project and Hillview/Walsh's Road and Bayview Street East Water Systems Projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Council request approval from Municipal Affairs to amend the scope of work for Atlantic Street Sewer System and Hillview/Walsh's Road and Bayview Street East Water Systems Projects and re-tender the Hillview/Walsh's Road and Bayview Street East Water Systems projects in consolidation with the Atlantic Street Sewer project in order to maximize cost effectiveness.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The appropriate notifications will be sent to tender bidders.

Finance Committee

Councillor Brenton noted the Finance Committee has not met since the last regular Council meeting.

Councillor Brenton noted the Town has received a circular from the Department of Municipal Affairs dated October 16th with regards to the 2008 Municipal Budget Form. This form is to be completed, adopted by Council and returned to Municipal Affairs by December 31, 2007. It's expected that all Department Heads will begin work on their preliminary figures in the near future.

A letter was received from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador advising Council of 'Eastern Night' during the MNL Convention in St. John's in November. This year's keynote speaker is General Rick Hillier. The MNL is requesting municipalities make a donation to the 'Eastern Night' event.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/012R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Stacey

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to make a donation in the amount of \$300.00 to Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador in support of 'Eastern Night', an event which will take place during the MNL's 57th Annual Convention in November in St. John's and at which General Rick Hillier will be a keynote speaker.”

Motion carried unanimously.

The Town Clerk/Manager brought attention to a letter received from Municipal Assessment Agency, which included the new 2008 assessment roll. The letter advised that assessment notices were mailed out on October 12th directly from Municipal Assessment Agency and any appeals to the assessments will be received by the Municipal Assessment Agency up to and including November 11, 2007.

Planning & Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Mitchell presented the Development Applications from the Planning & Development Committee.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/013R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED the following applications be approved subject to approval of applicable government departments and/or agencies and any conditions stipulated:

- Darren Jackman, Marystown Mall – operate Pizza Delight
- Resident, 6 Hillview Heights – Raise roof on shed, with the condition that it be an accessory use only
- Residents, 259 Creston Boulevard – Construct storage shed
- Melissa Farrell, 22 Marine Drive – operate beauty salon as a home operation
- Wescals, Peninsula Mall – operate store
- Mally’s Industrial, Route 210 – Operate quarry, subject to Mineral Workings Regulations, including Development Plan, Reclamation Plan and Bonding
- Resident, 13 Thompson Street – construct porch 8’ x 8’
- Resident, Greenwood Street Extension – construct residence, subject to connection to Town water & sewer services
- Resident, 754A Ville Marie Drive – construct shed.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/014R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Stacey

“BE IT RESOLVED the following applications be deferred:

- Resident, Spanish Room Road – construct seasonal residence – this application requires further discussion by Council regarding the policy on these types of developments in rural zones.
- Resident, 40-46 Atlantic Street – Crown Land – more information is required regarding sewer service.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/015R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Keating

“BE IT RESOLVED the following applications be rejected:

- Resident, Hillview Heights – Crown Land – the area is zoned as rural and construction is contrary to zoning.
- Carolyn Dobbin, 417A Ville Marie Drive – add 4th apartment to existing building - does not meet sideyard requirements of 5 metres.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Irene Hodder was present at the meeting and was informed that, while she owns two adjacent properties, the survey only shows a 1.5 meter reservation. The survey needs to be amended to accommodate both properties to meet the requirements of the Regulations. As the application has already been advertised, the application will be able to proceed once the requirements are met.

6. Correspondence

- Letter from Mayor Graham Letto, Town of Labrador City dated October 16/07 re: request for support and consideration when you mark your ballot for President of Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador at the MNL Convention.

This item is for information purposes.

- Letter from resident dated October 16/07 re: request to rent one of the Town's floating docks from June 1/08 to September 30/08.

This item is for information purposes.

- Letter from Burin Peninsula Community Business Development Corporation (no date) re: Volunteer Board Member Recruitment – people interested in the position of representation from Region 3 – Marystown area or the position of representation from Region 7 – St. Lawrence/Greater Lamaline area should apply by October 31st.

This item is for information purposes.

- Letter from Winterland Heritage Development Corporation dated September 24/07 re: Donations for fundraising event – Harvest Banquet and Auction on November 3rd.

This item is for information purposes.

- Fax from Children's Wish Foundation dated September 11/07 re: Wishmaker Parade – Walk for Wishes to take place in Marystown on October 13th.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/016R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Stacey

“BE IT RESOLVED Council give approval to make a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to the Children's Wish Foundation to support their efforts in making wishes come true for children with high-risk life threatening illnesses.”

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Approvals to Purchase

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/017R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Public Works Department for the purchase of bulk asphalt in the amount of approximately \$10,000.00, including HST, for the repair of 17 road cuts due to water breaks.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/018R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the Recreation/Administration Departments for the purchase of lime and fertilizer for the Town grounds in the amount of \$1,182.61, including HST, and lime for the Recreation facilities in the amount of \$1,394.51, including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Accounts Payable

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/019R

Moved by Deputy Mayor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Stacey

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve the following Accounts Payable statements:

- Statement for the month of June 2007, in the amount of \$296,684.40
- Statement for the month of July 2007 in the amount of \$231,339.21
- Statement for the month of August 2007 in the amount of \$483,686.94.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Other Business

Councillor Stacey advised that the jackets have been completed at the shipyard – this completes the contract. There are approximately 100 people left on site, with few work orders on the books right now. The hope now is for the JSS contract.

Councillor Keating recommended that a letter of congratulations be written to our MHA, Clyde Jackman. Council looks forward to meeting and working with him again in the near future.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/020R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Ward

“BE IT RESOLVED Council write a letter of congratulations to MHA Clyde Jackman on winning a re-election to a second term to represent Burin-Placentia West in the 2007 General Provincial Election.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Ward had just one item to bring forward. There is a street light near Mr. Cyril Foote’s property on Creston Boulevard that is burned out. The Operations Director will follow up on this item.

Councillor Wiscombe had no further items to bring forward.

Councillor Brenton noted that Council had earlier discussed the Mortier Bay Lookout Site and its possible reopening. The site was slated to be one of seven View Parks. There is a structural study underway to ensure the foundation is sound. Though there was an accident at the site, it

was not the result of issues with the site itself. Once the study is in, Councillor Brenton would like to see steps taken to reopen it as it provides an excellent view of the bay and the Cow Head facilities. Additional funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 are needed to complete the study.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/021R

Moved by Councillor Brenton, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

“BE IT RESOLVED Council give approval additional funds in the amount of \$2,500.00 to complete an engineering structural study of the Mortier Bay Lookout Site’s foundation that will recommend any remedial action necessary prior to the reopening of the site to the public as one of seven View Parks on the Burin Peninsula.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Mitchell noted it was good to be back at work. She offered her own congratulations to MHA Clyde Jackman on his victory. She also looks forward to continuing to meet and work with Minister Jackman.

Deputy Mayor Mitchell noted the new Schooner Regional Development Corporation elected its new Executive Board last Monday. Mr. Ian Edwards is the Chair, Mr. Paul Pike is the Co-Chair, Deputy Mayor Mitchell is the Secretary, Mr. Edward Farewell is Treasurer and Mr. Bill Myles is the Chair of the Communications Committee.

Deputy Mayor Mitchell noted an item of correspondence in the package with regards to conflict of interest that may be of interest to Council.

Mayor Synard noted that in addition to writing a letter of congratulations to MHA Clyde Jackman, it was in order to send letters to all 46 MHA’s.

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/022R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Deputy Mayor Mitchell

“BE IT RESOLVED Council write letters of congratulations to all 46 MHA’s who won seats in the 2007 General Provincial Election.”

Motion carried unanimously.

At this point, Mayor Synard recognized a resident from Little Bay, who was present to express concerns for the water and sewer for his property. His home was built on Hillview Heights in 1982, with permission granted to run a sewer line to Walsh’s Road using 4” black piping. There were no other houses in the area for many years until Council approved the construction of six new homes, which would all tie into this 4” sewer line. Permission was also granted for the construction of several sheds, two of which were constructed on top of the sewer line. As well, there is a sewer line running beneath the porch of the first original residence constructed on Hillview Heights. This poses a problem should there be a need to access the sewer line.

The resident requested several years ago that a new sewer line be installed. He is here again tonight to request that the situation be looked at again with regards to correcting the problem.

The resident also noted he is having issues with water pressure. Currently, his home is connected to a 12” line that runs 200 feet uphill to his residence.

Mayor Synard noted Council will speak to the Operations Director about her recent findings when she visited the property.

Mayor Synard offered congratulations on behalf of Council to Mr. Melvin Lambe for his recent award from the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Fire Chiefs and Fire Fighters.

10. Adjournment

Motion

MMC 2007 10 23/023R

Moved by Councillor Keating, seconded by Councillor Stacey

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Sam Synard
Mayor

Dennis Kelly
Town Clerk/Manager