Present were: Deputy Mayor Al Spencer  
Councillor Mary Beth Farrell  
Councillor Ruby Hoskins  
Councillor Darlene LaFosse-Blagdon  
Councillor Leonard Pittman  
Councillor Lisa Slaney  

Regrets: Mayor Sam Synard  

Also present: Dennis Kelly, Chief Administrative Officer  
Dominic Lundrigan, Director of Recreation & Community Services  
Alje Mitchell, Director of Planning & Development Control  
Barbara Walsh, Director of Finance & Administration  
Dan Walsh, Manager of Outside Operations  
Petrina Power, Executive Clerk  

Also present: Delegation, Targa Rally  
George McVicar, The Southern Gazette  

1. Call to Order  
Deputy Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone present. Deputy Mayor Spencer passed on regrets on behalf of Mayor Synard, who was unable to attend tonight’s meeting.  

2. Adoption of Agenda  
As there were several residents present in anticipation of a decision from Council regarding the renewal of the agreement between the Town of Marystown and Targa Newfoundland to continue the Targa Rally for the duration of Council’s term (four years), Councillor Pittman recommended that Councillor Hoskins be permitted to present the report from the Protection to Persons and Property Committee prior to all other Committee reports as listed per the agenda.  

Motion  
MMC 2014 02 04/001R  
Moved by Councillor Pittman, seconded by Councillor Farrell  

“BE IT RESOLVED the agenda be adopted with the noted change to present the Protection to Persons and Property Committee report prior to all other Committee reports as listed.”  

Motion carried unanimously.
3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/002R

Moved by Councillor Pittman, seconded by Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon

“BE IT RESOLVED the minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 21, 2014, be adopted.”

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Business Arising from Regular/Special Meetings

There was no business arising from the regular Council meeting of January 21, 2014.

5. Delegations

There were no scheduled delegations present.

Deputy Mayor Spencer recognized several residents who were present to speak to Council regarding the pending renewal of the agreement between the Town of Marystown and Targa Newfoundland to continue the Targa Rally for the duration of Council’s term (four years). The CAO advised that as per Council’s policy, any delegation wishing to speak at a Council meeting are to advise staff, in writing, on the Friday before the meeting in order to place the item on the agenda along with any pertinent information Council may need to review as a part of their Council package.

As Council had no issues allowing the delegation to nominate one person to speak to Council on the Targa Rally, the delegation was permitted to proceed.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/003R

Moved by Councillor Pittman, seconded by Councillor Slaney

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to allow a delegation to speak to Council, through one nominated speaker, on the pending agreement between the Town of Marystown and Targa Newfoundland for the continuation of the Targa Rally for the duration of Council’s term (four years).”

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Brennan spoke on behalf of the residents present at tonight’s meeting who were in favour of the continuation of the Targa Rally. Mr. Brennan advised he’s been involved in a lot of community events in the past and Targa is one of them. He stated the rally brings a lot of benefits to the area, including media coverage and tourism. In addition to the community benefits, the rally raises funds for autism and if that financial support is lost, it will be detrimental. Although issues have been raised regarding safety, Mr. Brennan noted Targa is insured by K&K Insurance, a company accustomed to insuring large events and ensuring the safety of those events. Since the event started twelve years ago, there have been no personal
injuries/accidents and it was Mr. Brennan’s opinion that the event was safer than most recreational activities. The event brings in over two hundred people to the area and those people are using the area’s hotels (ninety rooms at Marystown Hotel have been booked for two nights this year), restaurants and other amenities. Mr. Brennan made note of an independent study commissioned by the Provincial Government one year wherein the event brought in $156,000.00 is taxes alone for the five days it ran. Mr. Brennan felt the event is great exposure for the community and as such, any decision to discontinue the Town’s agreement with Targa Newfoundland should be reconsidered.

6. Committee Reports

Protection to Persons & Property Committee

Councillor Hoskins thanked Councillor Pittman for chairing the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting on January 29, 2014, in her absence. She also thanked those present for their support for Kaetlyn Osmond and her family and especially recognized the Marystown Firefighters for their generous donation of $750.00 to support Kaetlyn.

Councillor Hoskins reviewed the minutes of the Protection to Persons & Property Committee meeting held on January 29, 2014.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/004R

Moved by Councillor Hoskins, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED Council give approval to support Bill C-356 and a Resolution in Support of a National Dementia Strategy as presented by Claude Gravell, MP, Nickel Belt, as follows:

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias are progressive, degenerative diseases of the brain that causes thinking and memory to become seriously impaired;

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias most often occur in people over the age of 65 but can strike adults at any age;

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias affect more than 500,000 Canadians currently and that this figure is projected to reach 1.1 million within a generation;

Whereas Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias also takes their toll on hundreds of thousands of families and care partners;

Whereas an estimated further three million Canadians face the burden and challenges of providing care for those suffering with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias;

Whereas there is no known cause or cure for this devastating illness;

Whereas the cost related to the health care system is in the billions and only going to increase, at a time when our health care system is already facing enormous financial challenges;

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Whereas Canada, unlike many countries, does not have a national dementia strategy; and
Whereas there is an urgent need to plan and raise awareness and understanding about Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias for the sake of improving the quality of life of the people it touches; and

Whereas MP Claude Gravelle Nickel Belt has introduced Bill C-356, an Act respecting a National Strategy for Dementia, as he works for broad, all party and non-partisan support for an issue that touches us all. His legislation calls for a national plan that includes the development of strategies in primary health care, in health promotion and prevention of illness, in community development, in building community capacity and care partner engagement, investments in research and other (advisory board, objectives, investment in research, and caregivers and more);

Now therefore, the Town of Marystown calls on all levels of government and the Federation of Municipalities to adopt a national dementia strategy and urges all citizens of our communities to become more aware and engaged concerning the far-reaching effects of this devastating disease.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/005R

Moved by Councillor Hoskins, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED that the agreement between the Town Council of Marystown and Targa Newfoundland to host a Marystown Stage and Mooring Cove Stage of the annual Targa Rally not be renewed for the four year term of the current Council.”

Councillor Slaney questioned whether the Committee, in hearing both the positive and negative comments about the Targa Rally, had discussed other ways to offset the financial support that will be lost by the Autism Society with the discontinuation of the rally. Councillor Pittman noted the Town has always made donations to various charities that benefit from the rally and those donations will continue. However, those donations aside, Councillor Slaney did express concern for the other financial support that will be lost. It was recognized there are safety issues and should a person be injured or even killed during the rally, no amount of insurance will undo what has been done. Council has taken into consideration all comments made both for and against the rally and noted they need to feel comfortable with the decision they are making.

Question called.

Motion carried unanimously.
Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/006R

Moved by Councillor Hoskins, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED Council give approval to support the FCM’s campaign to fix Canada’s housing crunch in the upcoming 2014 Federal Budget and show the government the Town is committed to housing and willing to work with them on solutions by adopting the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a stable and secure housing system that creates and maintains jobs and allows for a range of living options is essential to attracting new workers, meeting the needs of young families and supporting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens;

WHEREAS the high cost of housing is the most urgent financial issue facing Canadians with one in four people paying more than they can afford for housing, and mortgage debt held by Canadians now standing at just over $1.1 trillion;

WHEREAS housing costs and, as the Bank of Canada notes, household debt, are undermining Canadians’ personal financial security, while putting our national economy at risk;

WHEREAS those who cannot afford to purchase a home rely on the short supply of rental units, which is driving up rental costs and making it hard to house workers in regions experiencing strong economic activity;

WHEREAS an inadequate supply of subsidized housing for those in need is pushing some of the most vulnerable Canadians on to the street, while $1.7 billion annually in federal investments in social housing have begun to expire;

WHEREAS coordinated action is required to prevent housing issues from being offloaded onto local governments and align the steps local governments have already taken with regard to federal/provincial/territorial programs and policies;

WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a housing campaign, “Fixing Canada’s Housing Crunch” calling on the federal government to increase housing options for Canadians and to work with all orders of government to develop a long-term plan for Canada’s housing future;

WHEREAS FCM has asked its member municipalities to pass a council resolution supporting the campaign;

AND WHEREAS, our community has continuing housing needs, such as rising housing costs and a projected need for additional affordable housing, that can only be met through the kind of long-term planning and investment made possible by federal leadership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council endorse the FCM housing campaign and urge the Minister of Employment and Social Development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects
Canadians from the planned expiry of $1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister noted above, to Newfoundland and Labrador’s Minister Responsible for Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation, to our Member of Parliament for Random-Burin-St. George’s, to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to the Municipalities of Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL).

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/007R
Moved by Councillor Hoskins, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve the revised Town of Marystown Volunteer Fire Department Regulations, subject to a final review by Fire Chief Coady, and submit them to the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for Ministerial approval.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Development Committee

Councillor Slaney presented the Development Applications from the Planning & Development Committee.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/008R
Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED that, in response to correspondence from Mic-Keegan Ventures requesting an extension of time in order to comply with an Order regarding the construction of an accessory building at Robin’s Donuts without a permit, Council implement a deadline of June 15th, 2014, by which time Mic-Keegan Ventures is to have brought the accessory building into compliance with the Town’s Development Regulations, as per the Development Application received and on file.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/009R
Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for a resident to replace an existing boat launch slip at 4 Water Street East with a new boat launch slip, subject to approval under Section 7 of the Lands Act (Reservation of Shoreline) for a license to occupy the shoreline reservation.”

Motion carried unanimously.
Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/010R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Hoskins

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for approval for Ultramar Ltd., located at 83 Ville Marie Drive, to undertake interior renovations, install a new cash counter and equipment and replace existing exterior signage with new.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/011R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from Steele Communications to apply for a Crown Grant on land leased at 17 Ville Marie Drive be deferred pending follow-up by the Director of Planning & Development Control with regards to the CRTC’s land requirements for radio towers.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Conflict of Interest

Deputy Mayor Spencer declared a conflict of interest for the next application as the applicant is a family member. Deputy Mayor Spencer removed himself from the Council Chambers.

Councillor Pittman presided over the meeting as Acting Chairperson.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/012R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Hoskins

“BE IT RESOLVED that an application received from a resident for re-approval of a Municipal Recommendation Form to obtain a parcel of Crown Land measuring 319m x 208m across from the turn-off to Spanish Room for the purpose of an RV Park/Cottage Development be approved, subject to the Lands Division.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Spencer returned to the Council Chambers and resumed as Chairperson.

Finance Committee

Councillor Slaney reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 30, 2014.
**Motion**  
MMC 2014 02 04/013R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Farrell

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust property tax and interest totalling $124.95 for account FAREA002 as Lease No. 55909 for an agricultural lease in Creston South was cancelled in August 2008, with the understanding that the Municipal Assessment Agency will be contacted to remove this property from the individual’s account through the Supplementary Assessment process.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**  
MMC 2014 02 04/014R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust property tax and interest totaling $666.05 for account DODGC001 as it relates to land at 100 Columbia Drive as the account holder did not obtain title to the land in question until October 23, 2013, when the Official Grant document was signed.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**  
MMC 2014 02 04/015R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust the total balance of $14,787.16 owing on property at 185A Marine Drive on a 50/50 basis, subject to the prospective buyer for the property obtaining clear title to the property prior to making the adjustment and the outstanding amount after adjustment being paid in full.”

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion**  
MMC 2014 02 04/016R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay invoice no. 14-010 dated January 19, 2014, in the amount of $678.00 including HST as received from JW Consulting Associates for professional services rendered in the development of new job descriptions for the positions of Deputy Clerk and Administrative Assistant.”

Motion carried unanimously.
Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/017R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to adjust interest by 50% as per the Town’s policy for account WALSA003 as it relates to property at 12 Hillview Heights, with the understanding the account must be paid in full by December 31, 2014.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/018R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the CAO, Director of Finance & Administration and the Executive Clerk to attend the Professional Municipal Administrators (PMA) Convention taking place at the Hotel Gander from April 2nd to 4th, 2014, with the understanding that the CAO’s expenses will be covered through Trio in his capacity as Trio President and a portion of the Director of Finance & Administration and Executive Clerk’s expenses will be covered under the Municipal Training and Development Corporation’s Matched Training Program.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/019R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the CAO to participate in an online webinar on February 3, 2014, wherein the MNL will provide some background information on the development of an Urban Charter regarding collaborative economic development activities and attend an in-person meeting in Mount Pearl on February 17, 2014, wherein participants will provide input and advice on the final Charter.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/020R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Farrell

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the CAO and Director of Recreation & Community Services to attend a meeting with Pomerleau Inc. and Sheppard Case Architects Inc. as tentatively scheduled for February 11, 2014, at the Sheppard Case Architects Inc. office in St. John’s to discuss the tender submitted by Pomerleau Inc. to construct the Recreation Complex Project.”

Motion carried unanimously.
Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/021R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to purchase a new desk for one of the administrative staff in the main office area at a cost of $1,039.52 including HST as per the recommendation in an Ergonomic Assessment of the person’s working station.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence has been received from the Town of Garnish inviting Council to a meeting/presentation on February 17/14 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the sharing of services. A request has been submitted to the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for their attendance as well. As the cost-sharing of services can be beneficial to all municipalities, follow-up will be made with Council on who is interested in attending the meeting/presentation.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/022R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Farrell

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Status Report No. 4 as received from exp. Services Inc. dated January 10, 2014, for the 2013 Marystown Water & Sewer Systems Project, DMA No. 12184, for engineering services in the amount $2,197.22 including HST for the period ending December 27, 2013 with an estimated engineering cost to finish in the amount of $103,763.35 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/023R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Status Report No. 5 as received from exp. Services Inc. dated January 9, 2014, for the 2013 Road Upgrading and Paving Project, DMA No. 12185, for engineering services in the amount $2,274.70 including HST for the period ending December 27, 2013 with an estimated engineering cost to finish in the amount of $19,566.86 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.
Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/024R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Status Report No. 11 as received from exp. Services Inc. dated January 9, 2014, for the 2011-2012 Industrial Water Supply Completion Project, DMA No. 11180, for engineering services in the amount $942.70 including HST for the period ending December 27, 2013 with an estimated engineering cost to finish in the amount of $11,203.46 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/025R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Farrell

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Status Report No. 16 as received from Sheppard Case Architects Inc. dated December 31, 2013, for the Marystown Recreation Complex Project, DMA No. 11205, for engineering services in the amount $26,231.66 including HST for the month of December 2013 with an estimated engineering cost to finish in the amount of $534,903.13 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/026R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Status Report No. 9 (final) as received from exp. Services Inc. dated January 24, 2014, for the 2013 Stadium Re-roofing Project, DMA No. 12240, for engineering services in the amount $28.25 including HST for the month of December 2013 with an estimated engineering cost to finish in the amount of $113.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/027R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Farrell

“BE IT RESOLVED Council approve Status Report No. 11 as received from exp. Services Inc. dated January 24, 2014, for the Town Hall/Administrative Centre Upgrades Project, DMA No. 11188, for engineering services in the amount $100.01 including HST for the period ending December 31, 2013, with an estimated engineering cost to finish in the amount of $24,775.85 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.
Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/028R

Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to pay 50% of a $500.00 deductible, or $250.00, as per correspondence from the Town’s Insurers through Northbridge Insurance wherein Northbridge Insurance settled Damage Insurance Claim No. 5605E3692 submitted by a resident wherein it’s alleged that the claimant’s vehicle was struck by the Town’s sanitation truck during collection services on Water Street West.”

The CAO advised that at the time of the incident, the vehicle in question cut in front of the Town’s sanitation truck as it was collecting waste on Water Street West. The Town’s sanitation truck was moving at the time and although the Sanitation Driver didn’t feel an impact, it possible the vehicle was struck without the driver knowing. Due to the dispute over what was reported by both parties, Northbridge Insurance agreed to split the deductible on a 50/50 basis.

Question called.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/029R

Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend the Town’s Employee Recognition Policy as follows:

• Long-term Service Awards – amend all ‘gifts’ to gift cards and add the word ‘maximum’ to indicate that all gift cards will be to the maximum of the amount indicated
• Long-term Service Awards - amend the provision of a piece of art at a value of $300.00 upon retirement to a gift card at a maximum of $300.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/030R

Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to amend the Town’s Councillor Recognition Policy as follows:

• Long-term Service Awards – indicate that recognition will be given to those Councillors who do not offer their services to Council or seek re-election for another term are eligible for recognition upon retirement to distinguish from those Councillors who are defeated
• Long-term Service Awards - amend all ‘gifts’ to gift cards, add the word ‘maximum’ to indicate that all gift cards will be to the maximum of the amount indicated and amend the provision of a piece of art at a value of $300.00 upon retirement to a gift card at a maximum of $300.00.”

Motion carried unanimously.
Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/031R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for Mayor Synard, as the Town’s representative, to attend an Urban Municipalities Committee (UMC) meeting in Deer Lake on February 27th and 28th as it relates to the development of an Urban Charter regarding collaborative economic development activities.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/032R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for any member of Council or the CAO to attend the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce’s dinner with the Premier and Annual General Meeting to take place on February 10, 2014, at the Marystown Hotel and Convention Centre, as per past practice.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Spencer indicated that, in the absence of the Mayor, he will be attending the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce’s dinner with the Premier and Annual General Meeting.

Public Works Committee

Councillor Pittman reviewed the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on January 29, 2014.

Council was advised that correspondence has been received from Crown Lands, Environment & Conservation, approving the Town’s application for Crown Land off McGettigan Boulevard for the Town’s Water Treatment Plant. This application had originally been forwarded to the Department on September 1, 2010, and upon its approval, the Town’s consulting engineers were to have followed up with a land survey and sewer system design as per the approval. This item was overlooked, resulting in the cancellation and resubmission of the application, which was re-approved by the Department.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/033R

Moved by Councillor Pittman, seconded by Councillor Slaney

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to complete a land survey and submit a sewer system design as required by Crown Lands, Department of Environment & Conservation, per Application No. 137774 for Crown Land for the Town’s Water Treatment Plant off McGettigan Boulevard.”

Motion carried unanimously.
Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/034R

Moved by Councillor Pittman, seconded by Councillor Farrell

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to accept a proposal as submitted by exp. Services Inc. to research the various options available to install water and sewer services on Butler’s Road under the Town’s 2012-2014 Multi-Year Capital Works Program, DMA No. 12184, in the amount of $5,590.11 including HST, subject to the approval of the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Councillor Pittman advised that the Town has several pieces of equipment that is no longer of any use to the Town.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/035R

Moved by Councillor Pittman, seconded by Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to advertise a Call For Proposals for the following pieces of equipment on an ‘as is, where is’ basis:

- 1999 Dodge Pickup
- 2003 Chev Pickup
- 1981 Cat Backhoe
- 1992 International Stake
- 2003 Chev Pickup.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Complex Committee

Councillor Farrell advised there weren’t any new updates on the Recreation Complex other than the meeting scheduled for February 11, 2014, in St. John’s that both the CAO and the Director of Recreation & Community Services plan to attend with representatives of Pomerleau Inc. and Sheppard Case Architects Inc. to discuss the bid submitted by Pomerleau Inc. to construct the Recreation Complex, as noted earlier.

Recreation Committee

Councillor Farrell advised the Recreation Committee hasn’t met since the last Regular Council Meeting of January 21, 2014. Councillor Farrell brought forward several items for information purposes.

There was a meeting on January 23, 2014, with the five regions of the Burin Peninsula to discuss the Burin Peninsula Summer Games, which are scheduled to go ahead from July 20th to 27th, 2014. A generic letter is in the process of being drafted and sent to various Town representatives to distribute to the schools in their areas outlining the details of the summer games along with a registration form for the students. Once those registration forms have
been received back, the Committee will decide what sports will be included in the summer games as representation from at least three of the five regions on the peninsula will be required for a sport to proceed. The sports being offered are soccer, athletic swimming, tennis, ball hockey, golf, beach volleyball, three on three basketball, special Olympics and softball. The age groups range from ‘under eight’ to ‘under eighteen’ in the various sports. The five regions to be represented during the Burin Peninsula Summer Games are the Host Team (Marystown as a whole and Red Harbour), the Southern Region (St. Lawrence, Lawn, Lamaline and surrounding areas), the Central Region (Burin, Lewin’s Cove, Frenchman’s Cove, Garnish, Winterland and surrounding areas), the Western Region (Grand Bank, Fortune and surrounding areas) and the Northern Region (Rushoon, Parker’s Cove, Bay L’Argent, Terrenceville and surrounding areas). It will be up to the regions to get their sports, coaches, volunteers and other aspects in place. The Committee will need to meet again to get a Committee Structure in place specifically for hosting the Burin Peninsula Summer Games.

The Committee is working with Skate Canada and Jeff Osmond to bring Kaetlyn Osmond home to Marystown in April. The Committee is still working on finalizing those plans and Council will be updated as things progress.

On behalf of the Recreation Committee, Councillor Farrell thanked Council and staff for their show of support for Kaetlyn just prior to tonight’s meeting. The St. Gabriel’s Hall will open its doors on this Saturday at noon to watch the Olympics. Councillor Farrell is looking forward to a good turnout on Saturday and is looking forward to the Olympics itself.

All in all, this summer is gearing up to be a busy one with sports and festivals.

Tourism/Special Events Committee

Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon reviewed the minutes of the Tourism/Special Events Committee held on January 27, 2014.

Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon advised that the electrical work on the Farmer’s Market has been completed however, there is still other work to be completed in order to prepare it for occupancy by the Heritage Run Tourism Association (HRTA), which will need to vacate the Visitor Information Centre as the property upon which that building is located will be the new site of the Recreation Complex. As the Visitor Information Centre will need to be located to a new site, follow-up is still ongoing for possible locations. It was questioned who is responsible for determining that new location: the Town or the HRTA. It was noted that while the HRTA is a separate entity from the Town, the Town has traditionally provided the site. As well, as a part of the discussions regarding the Recreation Complex, the Town has indicated follow-up will be made to try to accommodate the HRTA. However, several decisions regarding the Recreation Complex need to be made before a decision can be made regarding the Visitor Information Centre. If work proceeds on the Recreation Complex this year, follow-up will be made to temporarily accommodate the HRTA for this tourist season and on a go-forward basis, it might be prudent to follow-up with the Burin Peninsula Joint Council to work on acquiring a permanent location. With regards to possibly acquiring a parcel of Crown Land for the Visitor Information Centre, it was noted that if the Town were to apply for the land in the Town’s name and indicate the use as a municipal purpose, the
Town can acquire it for $1.00 whereas the HRTA would have to pay market value. The CAO advised the renovations to the Farmer’s Market can be put on hold until Council has a better idea of the Town’s position in the next three or four weeks on how to proceed. Follow-up will be made on when the HRTA would be planning to open the Visitor Information Centre in order to ensure they are up and running in their new location by that date.

A proposal has been received from Sheppard Case Architects Inc. to assess the Jerome Walsh Museum for repairs/upgrades. The CAO advised he has a meeting with Mr. Jody Brushett, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), on February 6th and from previous discussions with Mr. Brushett, ACOA is prepared to accept an application for funding from the Town to cost-share repairs/upgrades to the museum, subject to a proposal outlining the heritage, tourism and economic value of the project. The CAO noted that the Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development (IBRD) is also prepared to accept a similar application. Work on the proposal is anticipated to start next week. In the interim, the museum has been secured.

Heritage Day is February 17th and there is a proclamation by which Council can recognize that day; however, there wasn’t anyone available from the Marystown Heritage Museum to some into the Chambers tonight to participate in the signing of the proclamation. Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon advised she did speak with Ms. Amy Rowlands with the museum to request that the Town be advised of any plans they may have for Heritage Day so they can be advertised on the digital signage to the general public.

The annual Relay for Life event will take place August 16th. Updates will be provided as they are received.

Discussions have begun on planning Come Home Year 2015, however, the main focus right now is on a more immediate event - Marystown Day and the Shining Seas Summer Festival. Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon advised that the band for Marystown Day has been booked. The Committee has been in discussion with local organizations such as the Boot Shrine Club, Knights of Columbus and Ground Search and Rescue about some possible events for the festival and there’s been good feedback to date. At the next Committee meeting, work will be done to draft a formal letter to send out to these organizations about getting involved.

The Committee is planning on hosting a part of the festival at Jane’s Pond, due to its location to several parking lots and washroom facilities at the Arena, where there will be rubber dingy races, music, concession stands, etc. It’s anticipated Ground Search and Rescue would provide safety services. Follow-up has been made with Ducks Unlimited Canada to address any concerns there may be regarding the resident ducks in the area and it’s anticipated that any young ducklings at the pond will be old enough to fly from the area by that time so there shouldn’t be any issues in that regard.

Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon advised the Committee will be looking for more volunteers as the planning of the festival progresses.

In light of tonight’s recommendation to not proceed with the Targa Rally for the duration of Council’s term, Councillor Slaney suggested looking at some way to assist those charities affected by the loss of financial support from the Targa Rally.
7. Correspondence

- Email from MNL dated January 20/14 re: Public Advisory – Pre-budget Consultations Start Next Week re: consultations begin on January 27th and public input is requested – Marystown Session scheduled for February 5th at Braxton Suites from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

In Mayor Synard’s absence, Deputy Mayor Spencer will be attending the pre-budget consultations and making a presentation on behalf of the Town of Marystown.

8. Approvals to Purchase

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/036R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Farrell

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the purchase of fuel filters, air filters and a muffler for the excavator from Madison Equipment for the Public Works Department in the amount of $1,414.47 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/037R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Farrell

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to the purchase playground equipment from Henderson Equipment for the Recreation Department in the amount of $12,571.15 including HST, with the understanding that the funds will be financed by Council upon the condition they will be reimbursed to the Town partially from the ACOA project and partially from funds raised by the Little Bay Playground Committee.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/038R

Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Farrell

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to purchase two field paint to mark lines on the fields from Bren-Kir Industrial Supplies Ltd. for the Recreation (Field) Department in the amount of $1,356.00 including HST.”

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Regulations

There were no regulations to bring forward.

10. Other Business

Councillor Slaney thanked Council for their participation with members from Grace Sparkes House in the signing of the proclamation declaring the month of February as Violence Prevention

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Month. Deputy Mayor Spencer thanked Councillor Slaney and the staff of Grace Sparkes House for the good work they have done and continue to do in bringing awareness to the public of the issue of violence against women and children and educating communities on how to prevent it.

Councillor Pittman advised he spoke to an official at exp. Services Inc. a couple of weeks ago about getting together today to discuss some issues discussed by the Public Works Committee. One of the biggest issues is with the culverts on Ville Marie Drive and Harris Drive near the proposed vicinity of the Recreation Complex and with a culvert near a property located at 605-609 Ville Marie Drive that is causing issues for that residential property. The CAO advised that the Town just received formal approval to replace these culverts utilizing funding from a $1.8 million Special Assistance Funding Grant from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs. A recommendation to officially accept the funding, appoint exp. Services Inc. as the consulting engineering firm for the replacement of the culverts and sign a Prime Consultant Agreement will come forward to the next Regular Council Meeting through the Public Works Committee.

Deputy Mayor Spencer thanked Council and staff for their support as he chaired tonight’s meeting. Deputy Mayor Spencer also congratulated everyone on their great show of support for Kaetlyn Osmond tonight. The gathering showed great community spirit and it’s hoped that community spirit will grow not only for this event but for others.

The Director of Finance & Administration advised that Council and the staff have also made donations to support Kaetlyn and all donations received by the Town will be sent to Mr. Paul Lambe on Thursday, February 6th so anyone wanting to make a donation will need to do so before then. The Town has received a generous donation from Kiewit Offshore Services, which will be included with the Town’s donations and forwarded.

Deputy Mayor Spencer advised the next Regular Council Meeting will take place on February 18, 2014.

11. Notices of Motion

There were no notices of motion to bring forward.

12. Adjournment

Motion
MMC 2014 02 04/039R

Moved by Councillor Farrell, seconded by Councillor LaFosse-Blagdon

“BE IT RESOLVED the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.”

Motion carried unanimously.

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Al Spencer                        Dennis Kelly
Deputy Mayor                     Chief Administrative Officer

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