



**73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**October 26-28, 2023, St. John's Convention Centre**  
**St. John's, NL**

**MINUTES**

**October 26, 2023 (Thursday)**

**1. Call to Order**

President Amy Coady called the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador (MNL) to order.

**2. Adoption of Standing Rules**

<b>Motion 01-AGM-2023</b>	Moved by Craig Scott, Torbay Seconded by Keith Skinner, Harbour Grace
<b>Carried</b>	Moved that the Standing Rules be adopted as presented

**3. Adoption of 2022 AGM Agenda**

<b>Motion 02-AGM-2023</b>	Moved by Craig Scott, Torbay Seconded by Keith Skinner, Harbour Grace
<b>Carried</b>	Moved that the AGM Agenda be adopted as presented

**4. Elections Overview**

CEO Rob Nolan provided an overview of the 2023 elections process.

**October 28, 2023 (Saturday)**

**5. Opening Remarks**

President Coady noted that the meeting was officially called to order on Thursday, and then began the proceedings by reading the land acknowledgement.

**6. Moment of Silence**

President Coady called for a moment of silence to remember our colleagues that have been lost since the last annual general meeting.



## **7. Introduction of Parliamentarian**

President Coady introduced Brian Hudson, CAO of Pasadena and President of Professional Municipal Administrators, who will serve as parliamentarian for MNL's 2023 AGM.

## **8. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting**

<b>Motion 03-AGM-2023</b>	Moved by Lisa Lucas, Stephenville Crossing Seconded by Tara Pollett, Gander
<b>Carried</b>	Moved that the Minutes of the 2022 AGM of MNL be approved as presented

## **9. Address by Federation of Canadian Municipalities**

President Coady introduced Scott Pearce, President of Federation of Canadian Municipalities, who delivered remarks to delegates.

## **10. Address by Provincial Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs**

President Coady introduced The Honourable John Haggie, Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs, who delivered remarks to delegates.

## **11. Advocacy Report**

Advocacy Committee Vice-Chair Trina Appleby (Councillor, Town of Torbay) delivered this report.

<b>Motion 04-AGM-2023</b>	Moved by Sheilagh O'Leary, St. John's Seconded by Kelly Power, Branch
<b>Carried</b>	Moved that the Advocacy Committee Report be accepted as presented

## **12. Membership Report**

Membership Committee Chair Trina Appleby (Councillor, Town of Torbay) delivered this report.

<b>Motion 05-AGM-2023</b>	Moved by Deanne Hutchings, Cow Head Seconded by June Batten, Clarke's Beach
<b>Carried</b>	Moved that the Membership Committee Report be accepted as presented

## **13. Finance Report**

Finance Committee Chair Dale Colbourne, Mayor, Town of St. Lunaire-Griquet, delivered this report.

<b>Motion 06-AGM-2023</b>	Moved by Cynthia Downey, Stephenville Crossing Seconded by Kara Connors, Pouch Cove
<b>Carried</b>	Moved to accept the audited financial statements and report from the Finance Committee as presented



#### 14. Appointment of Auditor

Motion 07-AGM-2023	Moved by Wayne Power, Placentia Seconded by Brian Hooper, Lewisporte
Carried	Moved that Harris & Ryan be appointed as MNL's auditors for 2023

#### 15. Chief Executive Officer's Report

CEO Rob Nolan delivered his report.

#### 16. President's Report

President Amy Coady delivered her remarks to members.

#### 17. Resolutions Session

President Coady referred members to the resolutions that have been submitted for consideration by the membership. Each resolution was discussed and voted on by the voting delegates; below are the results of the session.

1-2023	First Lien <i>Town of Harbour Grace</i>	CARRIED
2-2023	Amend the Utilities and Cable Television Companies Act to allow municipalities to gain tax revenue from the provision of Internet/Data <i>Town of Peterview</i>	CARRIED 2 contra-minded
3-2023	Tax for Vacant or Underutilized Properties <i>Town of Gander</i> (Deputy Mayor, Bettina Ford, Gander spoke to this resolution)	CARRIED 4 contra-minded
4-2023	Municipal Accommodations Tax <i>Town of Gander</i> (Deputy Mayor, Bettina Ford, Gander spoke to this resolution)	CARRIED 5 contra-minded
5-2023	Adequate Compensation for Volunteer Fire Departments <i>Town of New-Wes-Valley</i> (Michael Tiller, Mayor, New Wes Valley spoke to this resolution)	CARRIED 1 contra-minded
6-2023	Increased Stipend for Responding to Highway Motor Vehicle Accidents <i>Town of Gander</i> (Deputy Mayor, Bettina Ford, Gander spoke to this resolution)	CARRIED Unanimously
7-2023	Fee for Service Model for Volunteer Fire Department Response to Medical Calls <i>Town of Harbour Main-Chapel's Cove-Lakeview</i> (Michael Tiller, Mayor, New Wes Valley spoke to this resolution)	CARRIED 1 contra-minded
8-2023	Regionalization <i>Town of Harbour Main-Chapel's Cove-Lakeview</i> (Mayor Keith Billard. Flower's Cove spoke to this resolution)	CARRIED Unanimously
9-2023	Resolution Requesting an Increase in Maximum Municipal Capital Works Funding <i>Town of Cow Head</i> (Mayor Deanna Hutchings, Cow Head spoke to this resolution)	CARRIED Unanimously
10-2023	Increased Funding for Training Purposes <i>Town of Cow Head</i> (Mayor Deanna Hutchings, Cow Head spoke to this resolution)	CARRIED Unanimously
11-2023	Municipal Accounting <i>Town of St. George's</i> (Councillor Bill Vincent, St. George's)	DEFEATED 36 FOR 48 AGAINST
12-2023	Municipal support for Universal Basic Income <i>City of St. John's</i> (Deputy Mayor Sheilagh O'Leary, St. John's spoke to this resolution, and requested a friendly amendment of the second sentence to read "Furthermore, we call upon the Province to reignite the work and discussion the all-party").	CARRIED 2 contra-minded



## 18. Bylaws Revisions

The MNL Bylaw Revisions were presented and discussed.

<b>Motion 08-AGM-2023</b>	Moved by Deanna Hutchings, Cow Head Seconded by Stephanie Hillier, Englee
<b>Carried</b>	Moved that the new bylaws be accepted as presented

## 19. Membership Fees

The new Membership Fee Structure was presented and discussed.

<b>Motion 09-AGM-2023</b>	Moved by Brian Hooper, Lewisporte Seconded by Ian Brenton, Main Brook
<b>Carried</b>	Moved that the new membership fee structure be implemented as presented

## 20. MNL Board Elections

Rob Nolan, MNL CEO, and Chair of the Elections, reported results of the election for board positions. The results were as follows:

Chair	Councillor Amy Coady, Grand Falls-Windsor (acclaimed)
Vice Chair	Mayor Brian Keating, Marystowm
Urban Municipalities Director	Mayor Craig Scott, Torbay (acclaimed)
Small Towns Director	Deputy Mayor Lynn Ellsworth, Roddickton Bide-Arm
St. John's Director	Mayor Danny Breen, St. John's (appointed)
Labrador Director	Deputy Mayor Robert Boudreau, Cartwright

## 21. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

President Coady gave closing remarks, thanking St. John's for hosting and noting that we will be in Corner Brook for MNL's 2024 Conference, Trade Show, and AGM. The AGM was then officially adjourned at 12:33 PM.

<b>Motion 10-AGM-2023</b>	Moved by Roger Barrett, Reidville Seconded by Sheilagh O'Leary, St. John's
<b>Carried</b>	Motion to adjourn

