

A Special Public Meeting of Council was held at the Town Office on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with the following in attendance:

**Councilors Present:**

Mayor Andrew Shea

Councillor Beverly Broders

Councillor David McKenna (Via Telephone)

Deputy Mayor Sandy Crawford

Councillor Mark Budden

Councillor Lary Roebbotham (Via Telephone)

**Staff:**

Pauline Payne, Chief Administrative Officer

Daphne Coles, Deputy Town Clerk

**Absent:**

Councillor Adam Young

**Call to Order:**

- Mayor Shea called the meeting to order at 3:10PM.
- Mayor Shea opened the meeting by welcoming the public that were viewing by ZOOM Platform.

**A. Agenda:**

Mayor Shea reviewed the agenda for the public attending by ZOOM Platform.

**2023-149**

**Crawford/Broders**

Resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 6. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna Councillor Roebbotham Against - 0.

**B. RCMP Update**

- Mayor gave a brief update on what has been happening since the announcement by the RCMP to temporarily close the RCMP Detachment on Fogo Island on July 21, 2023. RCMP services would be provided from the Gander Detachment.
- A public rally was held at the stadium on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with approximately 300 people in attendance with presentations from Government, Ambulance Services, Fogo Island Central Academy, 50 Plus Club, Brimstone Head Lions Club, Fogo Island Fire Services and local residents.
- A petition was distributed to local stores on the island and 1338 signatures have been received to date.
- On Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, RCMP representatives met with the Mayor and CAO, and they presented a letter to the Town stating that the RCMP would be keeping 3 full time positions based on Fogo Island. In September there will be a vacant position, however recruitment efforts will be a priority and until a replacement officer is secured, the position will be filled full-time by relief officers who will be based on Fogo Island, resulting in no change to police resources assigned to Fogo Island.
- In closing, on behalf of Council Mayor Shea thanked the RCMP, Government Officials, CBC News Reporter, and the residents of Fogo Island for all their help and support with attending the Rally, signing the petition and contacting Government officials.

**2023-150**

**Budden/Crawford**

Resolved that Council accept the decision presented by the RCMP to remain on Fogo Island with 3 full-time permanent Police Officers stationed on the island.

Resolution Carried. In favour – 6. Mayor Shea, Deputy Mayor Crawford, Councillor Broders, Councillor Budden, Councillor McKenna Councillor Roebbotham Against - 0.

**C. Adjournment**

**2022-151**

**Budden/Broders**

Resolved the Special Public Council Meeting of August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be adjourned at 3:23PM.

Pauline Payne  
CAO

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Andrew Shea  
Mayor

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