

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH BURIN PENINSULA ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

Present were:

Mayor Brian Keating, Chair  
Mayor Harold Murphy, Co-Chair  
Mayor Deanne Hickman, Board  
Member  
Mayor Jesse Marsh, Board  
Member  
Councillor Jack Burfitt, Board Member  
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh, Board Member  
Councillor Walter Scott, Board Member  
Mayor Kevin Pittman, Board Member  
Leo Hartson, Town Manager, Town of Burin  
Leeanne Augot,  
Administrative Assistant

Unable to Attend: Mayor Alvin Banfield, Board Member

Mayor Kevin Lundrigan, Board Member  
Mayor Marie Collins, Board Member  
Mayor Shane Kearney, Board  
Member

The meeting commenced at 7:07 p.m.

Mayor Keating welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Keating brought forward a letter that was received from EverWind Fuels regarding the continuous efforts being taken in the proposed development of a green energy industry on the Burin Peninsula. EverWind Fuels also advise the public of a few key principles that will continue to guide how they will approach the project such as ensuring the establishment of the turbines will not be within residential areas and cabins as well as advising that only 5% of the Crown Land applied for will be used in the project. The Board was in agreement that the letter was very informative and well-constructed. The letter will be circulated to municipalities on the Burin Peninsula to be placed on their social media accounts for residents to read.

Mayor Keating brought forward a copy of the News Release issued by the Department of Industry, Energy and Technology on November 7, 2022. The News Release advised that virtual engagement sessions on land areas of interest for wind energy projects would be launched the following week as well as a footprint of the proposed areas of interest on the Burin Peninsula. The Board had a brief discussion regarding the proposed areas which cover most of the Burin Peninsula, up to

the Bonavista Peninsula and a portion of the eastern Avalon Peninsula. Mayor Hickman questioned the area north of Marystown which was not selected as a proposed area. Mayor Murphy advised that this area is a Protected Wilderness Area and cannot be used for the wind energy project.

Mayor Keating advised the Board that, through talks with EverWind Fuels, he has been informed that EverWind Fuels has a list of interests in which they want to develop in the area other than the proposed wind energy project. EverWind Fuels is in negotiations with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the Winterland Airport. EverWind Fuels is proposing to take over the Winterland Airport by either purchasing or signing ownership much similar to the Point Tupper, NS Airport. If EverWind Fuels obtains the ownership of the airport, many upgrades will be completed such as increasing the length of the airstrip by approximately 500 meters

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completing upgrades to the building and hiring employees for the airport which will assist with maintenance and snow clearing of the facility.

Mayor Keating also advised that EverWind Fuels is also in conversations with Bell Aliant regarding the installation of two new cell towers on the Burin Peninsula as well as a cell booster in the Terrenceville area. The two new cell towers would be erected in the Lawn/Lamaline area and the Red Harbour to Terrenceville area.

EverWind Fuels would also like to see an Economic Development Plan established in the Burin Peninsula which would be separate from Provincial Government. Mayor Keating suggested that a sub-committee would not have to be set up to develop the plan and could be done by the Board. The Board had a discussion regarding aspects that would be included in the Economic Development Plan such as the possibility of an emergency fund available for municipalities on the Burin Peninsula. Mayor Murphy advised that in the past Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador along with CBDC had an Economic Development Committee established to acquire funds to hire Economic Development Officers for various regions of the province and suggested the Board approach Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador regarding the use of the Burin Peninsula as a pilot to assist with funding for the Economic Development Officer. Mayor Keating suggested that the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board establish the Economic Development Plan internally which would allow the Board to govern the plan.

Councillor Burfitt advised that, with the establishment of EverWind Fuels on the Burin Peninsula, everyone is aware that Marystown will benefit more than the smaller communities in the area however all the Burin Peninsula is working together and hoping that all communities will benefit from the proposed wind energy project. Councillor Burfitt suggested the possibility of a percentage of tax dollars given to other communities on an annual basis which could be determined by population size. Mayor Keating advised the EverWind Fuels is hoping to benefit all areas of the Burin Peninsula whether it be employment for residents, tax increases, etc. Mayor Keating also

advised that the possibility of sharing benefits would have to be brought back to Council however, his opinion, if it is not costing the Town of Marystown, then the benefits should be divided. The Town of Marystown did not get this proposed project in the area, the Burin Peninsula worked together to get it. Councillor Burfitt advised that Marystown's tax base is much higher than other communities in the area however this benefit sharing would be fair to all involved in addition would speak volumes for Marystown to include the whole Burin Peninsula in the benefits for the project.

Mr. Hartson advised that an attractive name should be put on the Economic Development Plan and Fund to attract interest from residents of the Burin Peninsula and notify that there will be funding available. Mayor Murphy advised that if the Board were to establish the Economic Development Plan, he suggested writing a proposal to ACOA for funding to hire an Economic Development Officer to complete research and develop the plan. All were in agreement with this.

Mayor Keating advised that, if EverWind Fuels does obtain approval for the project on the Burin Peninsula, there will be a full-time employee in the area at all times. The Board was in agreement that, to keep all aspects of an Economic Development Plan transparent, the Board will be responsible for establishing the plan.

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Mayor Keating advised that Mr. Vichie will be in the area on December 1-2, 2022. Mr. Vichie will be attending the Premier's Lunch on November 30, 2022 in St. John's and Mayor Keating will be attending the lunch as well. The lunch will be followed by two hours of networking at which time the main focus of EverWind Fuels will be to promote the Burin Peninsula area. On December 1, 2022 there will be a consultation meeting set up in the Terrenceville area. Mrs. Augot will contact the Town of Terrenceville to schedule the meeting for 2:00 p.m. Mayor Keating also advised that there will be a meeting with Mr. Darren King scheduled in Marystown for the evening of December 1, 2022.

Councillor Burfitt made a suggestion, if weather is poor, to have the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board Meetings via Zoom. The Board was in agreement with this suggestion. Mayor Keating also advised that, with the increased costs of gas, it can be costly for Board Members to travel to Marystown for each meeting. Mayor Keating will bring forward a suggestion to EverWind Fuels to offer travel claims to those that travel for the meetings.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that when establishing the Economic Development Plan, he suggested percentages of the fund be set aside for several categories such as benefits to municipalities, emergency funding, establishment of scholarships for students interested in pursuing with a career in wind energy as well as funds to support children and seniors on the Burin Peninsula. The Board was in consensus with this suggestion. Mayor Pittman advised that some much smaller communities in the area sometimes struggle financially when faced with emergencies and

could take advantage of the emergency funding. Mayor Pittman also advised that if EverWind Fuels is approved to establish the project on the Burin Peninsula, this opens opportunities for other wind energy companies to set up in the area. The Board was in agreement that there is a mutual necessity of the development of EverWind Fuels on the Burin Peninsula. Mayor Keating will contact Mr. Jody Brushett with ACOA as well as Mr. Jeff Pittman and Mr. Terry Bungay with the Department of Tourism and Economic Development to request attendance at the next Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board to bring forward information regarding funding available to set up an Economic Development Plan.

Councillor Burfitt questioned if the surveying is taking place in areas of the Burin Peninsula. Mayor Keating advised that Edwards and Associates has obtained the contract with EverWind Fuels to complete the surveys and monitoring of areas on the Burin Peninsula. Mayor Keating also advised that guides with land expertise will be needed to assist with the areas such as St. Lawrence and Bay L'Argent. Councillor Burfitt also questioned if the office has been opened. Mayor Keating advised that the office for EverWind Fuels will be open in the coming weeks in Marystown and a representative of EverWind Fuels will be in the area next week to train a local employee. Mayor Keating has spoken with several ministers regarding the project and all were in agreement that the positive progress that has been seen is thanks to all the municipalities and communities on the Burin Peninsula working together. A suggestion was brought forward to keep the public updated with the progress through media to show the positivity and stop the negative comments from the public. Mayor Marsh advised that even if the project is established in Marystown, it would bring employment opportunities to many on the Burin Peninsula. Deputy Mayor Walsh also added that Marystown may be benefiting more than other communities however funds received will go into facilities such as the Kaetlyn Osmond Arena which is utilized by all the Burin Peninsula.

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Mayor Keating suggested that prior to a meeting in January or February the Board will meet for a meal. The Board was in agreement.

At this time, Mayor Keating opened the floor to the Board to voice their thoughts on the meeting or bring anything else forward that they would like to mention.

Mayor Marsh advised that she is pleased with the process being made by EverWind Fuels and was in agreement that the public should be advised of the positivity of the wind energy project via a news article such as NTV News.

Councillor Burfitt questioned when the announcements would be on the final approval of the land areas. Mayor Keating advised that the estimated date is February 25, 2023 and the selection is now down

to four companies from the original thirty-two. Councillor Burfitt thanked Mrs. Augot for taking the minutes of the meetings on a go forward basis and advised that the Board is made up of a good group of representatives of the Burin Peninsula.

Mayor Hickman was in agreement that the Economic Development Plan is a good idea and agreed with the suggestions brought forward by Deputy Mayor Walsh regarding the percentages of the funds made available for all those on the Burin Peninsula. Mayor Hickman questioned the reasons by the West Coast area turned down the opportunity of the wind energy projects in their area. Mayor Keating advised that the approach taken by the company did not allow consultations with the residents of the area to discuss what would happen and also surveying was completed in areas that were not in agreement. Mayor Murphy advised that the project was announced prior to receiving any feedback from the public.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that the most important aspect is to keep communication open with fellow Council Members which in turn can also provide the proper information to the residents. The focus should be to relay all information accurately and within a quick timeframe to keep the public as informed as possible.

Mayor Keating advised that the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board comprises of eleven municipalities on the Burin Peninsula as well as twenty-five support letters were received from all communities on the Burin Peninsula for EverWind Fuels' wind energy project. Working together like this will show the support the Burin Peninsula has for the project.

Councillor Scott agreed with Mayor Keating and advised that he feels encouraged by the support of all the municipalities working together to make this project successful. Councillor Scott also advised that, if an Economic Development Officer is hired, EverWind Fuels could possibly offer a grant to fund the position however the position will be paid by the Board. Councillor Scott also agreed with Deputy Mayor Walsh in establishing a percentage of the benefits for children and seniors and feels that EverWind Fuels are on the right track with obtaining approval of the projects.

Mayor Pittman commented on the positive progress of the project. Mayor Pittman advised that first when the Board was established, the Board Members were volunteering representatives from their municipalities however official approval from their Councils was not received. Mayor Pittman brought forward a suggestion to the Board to obtain a motion of Council to obtain approval to be a representative of their municipalities on the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board. All in attendance were in agreement and will obtain a motion of their Council.

Mr. Hartson brought forward a suggestion that, when EverWind Fuels opens their office in Marystown, there should be an official opening with Mr. Vichie and Mr. Imbeault present as well as the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board and posted on social media to advise the public.

Mayor Murphy advised that, aside from the land surveying and ground work of the project, EverWind Fuels should be questioned on what will be contributed to the areas for example financial benefits to other communities in the area that will not have equipment established within their boundaries. Mayor Keating advised that areas such as Happy Valley-Goose Bay have received substantial financial benefits from the establishments of the projects in their areas. Councillor Burfitt agreed this should be brought forward to EverWind Fuels and approaching the topic should not deter the establishment of the project.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:27 p.m.

Mayor Brian Keating  
Chair

Mayor Harold Murphy  
Co-Chair

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING WITH BURIN PENINSULA ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON JANUARY  
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Support letter for EverWind Fuels to Minister Parsons brought forward and all in agreement to send to EverWind Fuels. Support letter will be forwarded to EverWind Fuels.

Mayor Keating advised that the Burin Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2023. Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board are encouraged to attend as representatives from EverWind Fuels are keynote speakers for the event.

Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board in agreement that a letter will be sent to Minister Parsons requesting a meeting with Mayor Keating. The letter will be reviewed by the Board prior to being sent.

A letter will be sent to Terra Nova Energy requesting a meeting with the Burin Peninsula Energy

Advisory Board which will be reviewed by the Board prior to being sent. (Subsequent to the meeting, it has been determined that Terra Nova Energy will be visiting the Marystown Town Hall on Friday, February 3, 2023 to meet with the Board),

Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board were in agreement for Mayor Keating to write a Public Relations Letter to bring attention to energy businesses coming to the Burin Peninsula. The letter will be reviewed by the Board prior to being released.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH BURIN PENINSULA ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD AND TERRA NOVA  
HYDROGEN HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2023**

Present were:

Also Attended:

Mayor Brian Keating, Chair  
Mayor Deanne Hickman, Board Member  
Councillor Jack Burfitt, Board Member Deputy  
Mayor Andrew Walsh, Board Member Mayor  
Kevin Pittman, Board Member  
Leo Hartson, Town Manager, Town of Burin  
Leeanne Augot, Administrative Assistant

Representatives from Terra Nova Hydrogen:

Ayaz Khokhar  
Imitiyaz P.  
Peter Schimmann  
Bill Goulding  
Frank Pitman  
Carol Ann Haley

The meeting commenced at 1:30  
p.m.

Mayor Keating welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Terra Nova Hydrogen for reaching out to the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board to meet. Mayor Keating advised Terra Nova Hydrogen that the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board is made up of elected officials from municipalities on the Burin Peninsula and is to be the point of communication regarding proposed wind energy projects in the area. Mayor Keating also advised that all companies are treated equal

and have support from all the towns.

Mr. Khokhar thanked the Burin Peninsula Advisory Board for taking the time to meet. As the Burin Peninsula is an open area with much potential, this is an opportunity to bring value to the Burin Peninsula. Mayor Keating advised that one of the big selling points for the Burin Peninsula is that all the municipalities and local service districts are coming together and showing their support for wind energy production on the Burin Peninsula.

Terra Nova Hydrogen brought forward a presentation to provide a summary of what Terra Nova Hydrogen is and what they have to offer to the Burin Peninsula. Terra Nova Hydrogen was established in 2008 with investments in Ontario, Colorado, Germany, South America and Northern Europe. Terra Nova Hydrogen, partnered with Green Hydrogen Canada and First Nations Miawpukek has developed the Project Takamkok Hydrogen and proposing a three phase operations consisting of 1GW per phase. Mr. Khokhar advised the Board that Terra Nova Hydrogen has been reviewing and considering locations if the project is approved as well as in contact with Cahill and Pennecon regarding construction of the wind farm and facility for the project. Mr. Khokhar advised that plans would be to start production by 2027 with the intent to continue production as demand grows by 2030 and beyond.

Mr. Khokhar brought forward a breakdown chart of timelines and expected employment. Direct Construction Phase which would be from 2026 to 2030 would provide approximately 1,200 jobs with the operations providing 240 jobs and indirect employment at approximately 1,800.

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Mr. Khokhar advised the Board of the progress to date of the project in such aspects as Site Control, Strategic Stakeholders, Technical and Economic aspects. Mr. Khokhar advised that Terra Nova Hydrogen has received support from Federal and Provincial Canadian Governments as well as local Labor and Trade Unions.

In conclusion, Mr. Khokhar advised the Committee that Terra Nova Hydrogen is a privately owned business with deep experience with wind energy and hydrogen projects. Mr. Khokhar ended the presentation.

Mayor Keating questioned if Terra Nova Hydrogen has a Regional Benefit Agreement in place. Mr. Khokhar advised that it is in progress and will be completed by March 3, 2023.

Mayor Keating asked if Terra Nova Hydrogen has heard any confirmations from the provincial government regarding the selection of areas for the province. Mr. Khokhar advised that an email was received from provincial government however no confirmation was advised on the chosen areas. Mayor Keating also questioned if Terra Nova Hydrogen is looking at other areas in the province. Mr. Khokhar advised that the Burin Peninsula has been their main focus for the project.



Mayor Keating advised that the Burin Peninsula Advisory Board welcomes all potential business to the region and will work together for the people of the Burin Peninsula. Mayor Keating advised that a support letter was provided to another business to be submitted to Minister Parsons and questioned if Terra Nova Hydrogen would need a support letter as well. Mr. Khokhar agreed that a support letter would be well appreciated. The letter will be drafted for the Board's approval.

Deputy Mayor Walsh questioned if Terra Nova Hydrogen will be using turbines only or also other methods when producing wind energy. Mr. Khokhar advised that there will be between 500-600 turbines based on feasibility. Land layout and water resources will also be taken into consideration when determining the number of turbines that would be installed. The Board was advised that this will be executed in a proper manner and all will be consulted prior to construction begins.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that 3GW of power is a substantial amount and questioned if Terra Nova Hydrogen plans to interconnect with the local power grid. Mr. Khokhar advised Terra Nova Hydrogen would like to interconnect with the local power grid however it depends on the development and engineering of the project.

Councillor Burfitt advised that all business decision making would be brought through the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board however all are welcomed to reach out to each Board Member to have a chat.

Mr. Pitman thanked the Burin Peninsula Advisory Board for their support and is looking forward to future communication. At this time, the Zoom meeting was ended.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 2:17 p.m.

Mayor Brian Keating  
Chair

Leeanne Augot  
Administrative Assistant

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Present were:

Mayor Brian Keating, Chair  
Mayor Harold Murphy, Co-Chair

Mayor Alvin Banfield, Board Member  
Mayor Jesse Marsh, Board  
Member  
Mayor Kevin Lundrigan, Board  
Member  
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh, Board Member  
Councillor Walter Scott, Board Member Mayor Kevin  
Pittman, Board Member Mayor Shane  
Kearney, Board Member Councillor Randy  
Kenway, Board Member Councillor Edward  
Crane, Board Member Leeanne Augot,  
Administrative Assistant

Unable to Attend: Mayor Deanne Hickman, Board Member  
Councillor Jack Burfitt, Board Member  
Mayor Marie Collins, Board Member

The meeting commenced at 7:00  
p.m.

Mayor Keating welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Murphy provided an update regarding the registration of the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board as a not-for-profit organizations. The name the Board will be registered under is the Burin Peninsula Energy Board Inc. Mayor Murphy advised that the next step would be to complete Schedule A - Restrictions on Activities of the Inc. Schedule A would provide the scope and purposes of the incorporation. The Board was in agreement that the organization would be used as an economic arm to attract energy investments, to development a Benefit Agreement from the wind energy projects as well as promote economic development on the Burin Peninsula.

The Board had a brief discussion regarding the Benefit Agreement and were in consensus that the benefit agreement would be set up between the Board and the wind energy companies rather than companies that are already established on the Burin Peninsula. The Benefit Agreement will be a advantage for all municipalities on the Burin Peninsula.

The Board brought forward updates regarding both Terra Nova Hydrogen and EverWind Fuels. Terra Nova Hydrogen has hired a small staff in the area however there is not much communication between the Board and Terra Nova Hydrogen. Mayor Keating advised that there is some controversy in areas such as Germany where wind energy is developing. An email was received from EverWind Fuels with an update. The sort list of selected candidates will be released this summer. EverWind Fuels has received letters of support from six communities on the Burin Peninsula regarding the installation of six MET Towers in various locations and also has obtained Crown Lands. EverWind Fuels advised that they will need to collect data for a period of one year prior to any construction for the wind energy project. Mr. Vichie advised that EverWind Fuels has

been requested for their financial reports on a business and personal aspect which has been submitted. Mr. Vichie also advised that Point Tupper is now up and running with benefits

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agreements requested from each community. Mr. Vichie is looking forward to coming to Newfoundland and providing economic development to the area.

Mayor Keating advised that Pattern Energy has obtained property in Argentia however if the hydrogen ammonia projects were to take place, additional property will need to be obtained.

Councillor Kenway advised that EverWind Fuels is currently on Powderhorn Trail with an excavator in place prepping for drilling for the anchor pads. Mayor Keating advised that EverWind Fuels has eight employees in the area working on the anchor pads. EverWind Fuels has invested in many developments in the area and are very interested in moving forward sooner than later.

With regards to the incorporation of the Board, Mayor Murphy advise that the Board will required a minimum of three directors. The Board was in agreement that all members will be listed as directors. This will ensure that all directors are covered for insurance purposes. Mayor Lundrigan advised that if an elected official is undertaking any business for the Town, you will also be covered by the Town. Mayor Murphy he will also speak with Mr. Jeff Pittman regarding the list of directors for the incorporation. The form was passed around for Board Members to sign to become directors in the incorporation. Those Board Members that were unable to attend will be contacted by Mayor Murphy.

Mayor Keating advised that, once the Board is incorporated, funding will be needed for incorporation fees as well as insurance for the directors. Mayor Murphy advised that insurance can cost approximately \$2,000.00-2,500.00 annually. The Board were in agreement that a letter for funding will be sent to all municipalities and local service districts to request their financial assistance in incorporating the Board for the benefit of all communities on the Burin Peninsula. Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that a cost efficient way to request funding would be on a per capita basis asking for \$0.15 per resident. All were in consensus with this suggestion. Mrs. Augot will draft a letter requesting financial assistance to be reviewed by the Board. Mayor Murphy also advised that an address must be provided for the incorporation of the Board. Mayor Keating will determine if the Town of Marystown's address can be used.

Prior to funding being received from neighbouring municipalities, a bank account will need to be set up for the Burin Peninsula Energy Board Inc.

Moved by Mayor Banfield, seconded by Councillor Edwards

“BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to set up a bank account for the Burin Peninsula

Energy Board Inc."

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board had a discussion regarding the overall involvement of the Joint Community Council and determining those attending the meeting scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2023. Mayor Keating voiced concerns regarding the executive of the Joint Community Council and the times that are scheduled for meetings. Most meetings are scheduled for Saturdays and many are not available to attend. The Board discussed the involvement of Joint Community Council with regards to economic development of the Burin Peninsula versus the involvement of other boards on the Burin Peninsula such as the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board. Mayor Lundrigan advised that he has attended

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many Joint Community Council Meetings over the years and the previous council did not focus on topics of importance many years ago for the area such as health care.

Mayor Keating advised that, when it comes to a Benefit Agreement, the Provincial Government will be developing their own separate from the Burin Peninsula Energy Board Inc. Mayor Keating advised that, after speaking with Mr. Vichie, it was discussed the development of a benefit agreement for the region with fairness in mind and many factors in play. A decision and announcement of the company that will be on the Burin Peninsula has not yet been decided however the involvement of the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board is playing a very big factor in the decisions to set up in the region with all towns looking forward to future prospects in the area.

Mayor Murphy advised that it is a good idea to speak with ACOA to determine avenues of funding available for the Board.

Mayor Keating brought forward on a separate note, the Town of Marystown is in the process of applying to Federal Government for the development a Port Authority in Mortier Bay.

Mayor Keating advised that the next meeting of the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board will take place in September and encouraged all municipalities to take time to think what their towns can benefit from the agreement.

Mayor Kearney advised that a solid foundation has been established within the communities on the Burin Peninsula and is looking forward to future prospects for the area.

In relation to the Benefit Agreement, Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that much thought will have to go into the development of the Benefit Agreement ensure to make it fair for all those involved.

Mayor Keating advised that he attended the energyNL conference in St. John's with many businesses in that area in attendance. As the Burin Peninsula does not have the businesses in the area, this will bring more contractors to the Burin Peninsula.

Councillor Scott questioned the statement made by Mayor Keating regarding controversy in Germany. Mayor Keating advised that it is due to long timelines brought forward by the wind energy company.

Mayor Lundrigan advised that the development of a Benefit Agreement will take a lot of work however Government has the Gas Tax Agreement which is a fair agreement based on population and can be used as an example for the development of the benefit agreement. All were in agreement with this. Mayor Pittman advised that the Benefit Agreement would be an amount of money to benefit from with an additional emergency pot available for other needs to help each other. Mayor Murphy advised that if a business starts development outside a town, development fees may have to be included into the agreement for all town to benefit.

Mayor Lundrigan advised that the probability of a wind energy project on the Burin Peninsula will bring the potential of many jobs to residents directly however other businesses will follow and bring jobs to residents indirectly as well and in turn bring more people to the area to live.

Mayor Keating advised that there has not been negative feedback from the Burin Peninsula proposed development like other areas of the province that are high in humidity and low in wind production.

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Councillor Kenway advised that prior to the decision for installation of towers on the Powderhorn Trail, the installation was suppose to go to Rattle Brook Hill. The decision was made on the relocation after discussions with the trial association. With EverWind Fuels completing excavation in the area, the trail will be in better condition that prior to the installations. Councillor Kenway also advised that EverWind Fuels has been in constant contact with the association since the meeting and also providing weekly updates.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Brian Keating  
Chair

Mayor Harold Murphy  
Co-Chair

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Present were:

Mayor Brian Keating,  
Chair  
Mayor Harold Murphy, Co-Chair  
Mayor Alvin Banfield, Board

**Member**

Mayor Jesse Marsh, Board Member

Mayor Kevin Lundrigan, Board Member

Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh, Board Member

Councillor Walter Scott, Board Member

Mayor Marie Collins, Board Member Mayor Shane Kearney,  
Board Member Councillor Randy Kenway,  
Board Member Councillor Edward Crane,  
Board Member Mayor David Pittman,  
Board Member LEEANNE AUGOT,  
Administrative Assistant

Unable to Attend: Mayor Deanne Hickman, Board Member

Mayor Kevin Pittman, Board Member

Councillor Jack Burfitt, Board Member

The meeting commenced at 7:05

p.m.

Mayor Keating welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Murphy advised that he has obtained some information regarding steps to take to incorporate the Board. The name of the Board has been registered and Board of Directors information has been gathered for most of the members. New members will sign and provide their contact information to Mayor Murphy to be added to the list of Board of Directors.

Mayor Murphy advised that during the last meeting the decision was made to obtain directors insurance for the Board. The Board Members provided feedback of insurance companies used by their municipalities. Mayor Murphy will obtain quotes from insurance companies to bring forward to the next meeting.

Moved by Mayor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Scott

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to start the process of incorporating the Burin Peninsula Energy Board."

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating brought forward a list of donations that have been received from municipalities and local service districts on the Burin Peninsula. These donations will be used to pay for fees for the incorporation as well as the directors insurance for the Board. The Board had a discussion regarding the financial institution that would be used to set up the bank account as well as the signing authorities for the account and all were in agreement that TD Canada Trust would be appropriate.

Moved by Mayor Marsh, seconded by Mayor David Pittman

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to set up a bank account at TD Canada Trust for the Burin Peninsula Energy Board Inc."

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Councillor Kenway, seconded by Mayor Banfield

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for Mayor Brian Keating, Mayor Harold Murphy and Mayor David Pittman to be signing authorities on the bank account for the Burin Peninsula Energy Board Inc."

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Keating advised the Board that there is a Premier's Dinner scheduled for November 9, 2023 at the Marystown Hotel and Convention Centre. Mayor Keating advised that there will be some seats available for Council on the Burin Peninsula and asked to advise the Administrative Assistant if they are interested in attending.

Mayor Keating provided a status update from EverWind Fuels Inc. Mr. Vichie advised that that the Burin Peninsula Energy Board need to start working on an Economic Benefit Agreement for the Burin Peninsula. Other municipalities such as Sunnyside and Botwood have begun the development of their Economic Benefit Agreement. Mr. Vichie advised that EverWind Fuels is willing to accept an Economic Benefit Agreement that will benefit all communities on the Burin Peninsula.

Moved by Mayor Banfield, seconded by Councillor Scott

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to development an Economic Benefit Agreement within the Burin Peninsula Energy Board Inc.'

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor David Pittman questioned that, as Point Tupper operations is further along than the Burin Peninsula, do other municipalities in Nova Scotia have Economic Benefit Agreements in place. Mayor Keating advised that there are many disagreements among municipalities in Nova Scotia and no board has been set up in that area.

The Board had a discussion regarding how the Economic Benefit Agreement would be set up in



regards to the distribution of funding to the municipalities and local service districts. All were in agreement that a tax structure similar to the Gas Tax Structure would be the best option for distributing funds. This will allow every community to avail of funding from the green hydrogen project. Mayor Murphy advised that, as some communities are low in population, there may be an option for communities to pool their funding to use for a mutual benefit in their area.

Mayor Marsh advised the Board that a recent discussion by her Council was to relocate the playground in her community and a suggestion was brought forward to approach EverWind Fuels Inc. in making a donation to assist with the relocation. Mayor Keating advised the Committee that Mr. Vichie has already provided donations to several communities on the Burin Peninsula and are

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still receiving many calls personally from many other communities and organizations. The Board was in agreement that, on a go-forward basis, all requests for donations is to go directly to the office of EverWind Fuels Inc. Mayor Keating also advised that additional requests for funding should wait until after the Environmental Assessment is completed and approved and after the Economic Benefit Agreement is put in place.

At this time, Mayor Collins joined the meeting.

Mayor Keating advised that on October 31st the Provincial Government will decide to approval the Environmental Assessment with the terms and conditions. The MNL Convention is taking place next week in St. John's and Mayor Keating is recommending that the Board meet to have a discussion regarding short-listing the Environmental Assessment while attending the convention. Once the Environment Assessment is sanctioned and approved, Mayor Keating suggested approaching Ever Wind Fuels to provide a \$500,000.00 kiddie to set up the benefit agreement until revenue beings with the project. The Board was in agreement with this offer.

Mayor Lundrigan advised that CNA on the west coast is offering courses in relation to the green hydrogen projects. Mayor Lundrigan questioned if possibility of having these courses offered at the Burin CNA location. Mayor Keating advised that other companies is offering sponsorships to students to cover tuition for the courses with contracts signed to secure employment for a minimum number of years. EverWind Fuels Inc. advised that, once the Environmental Assessment is completed, EverWind Fuels Inc. will look into the possibility of offering this to students as well. As for the course being offered at the Burin Campus, the availability of equipment to put off the course is not available in Burin.

Mayor Keating advised that he attended the Energy NL Conference a couple weeks ago and was advised

that other companies interested in green hydrogen production in the province are approaching on a small scale while EverWind Fuels is prepared to enter the project on a larger scale. Mr. Vichie has advised that a guarantee in the amount of \$70 million has been submitted to a company in Germany for the construction of the turbines for the project. Mayor Keating also advised that roads have been constructed around the Burin Peninsula to access to the MET Towers. Some towers have been installed with other scheduled to be installed over the winter season. Ever Wind Fuels has requested a list of local contractors to assist with the development of the project on the Burin Peninsula. EverWind Fuels has advised they are interested in using local businesses however the completion of the construction will be done through several construction companies on and off the Burin Peninsula.

Mayor Keating advised that EverWind Fuels is interested in leasing the Winterland Airport from Provincial Government. This will secure that EverWind Fuels will maintain the airport however not the road leading to the airport. EverWind Fuels is also interested in expanding the air strip by an additional 500 meters allowing the accommodations of bigger aircrafts to the area. Mayor Keating advised that preliminary shots have been completed and surveying will be done over the next couple weeks.

At this time, Mayor Marsh left the meeting.

Mayor Keating advised the Board that the Local Service District of Swift Current met with EverWind Fuels through a public community meeting and advised EverWind Fuels that they are

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not interested in being involved with the green hydrogen projects. Mayor Keating also advised that Swift Current has not donated to the Burin Peninsula Advisory Board as well as several other communities on the Burin Peninsula. The Board was in agreement that if Swift Current and other communities do not want to contribute to the green hydrogen project and the Board, those communities will not be eligible to receive funding through the Economic Benefit Agreement. Letters will be written to those communities to determine if they are interested in being included in the Economic Benefit Agreement as a cost of \$0.15 per capita.

Councillor Scott questioned if there will be an End of Life" fund set up. Mayor Keating advised that EverWind Fuels advised there will be no end of life however the Provincial Government has developed a Clean Up Clause during early stages of the project. Mayor Banfield advised that we need to cover our grounds when it comes to end of life for the protection of our lands.

Deputy Mayor Walsh advised that a public notice should be announced to advise any businesses and organizations should contact EverWind Fuels Office with requests for financial donations. Mayor Keating will speak with Amy Cross at EverWind Fuels to make an announcement to the public that all requests for donations will come through the EverWind

Fuels Office.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Brian Keating  
Chair

Mayor Harold Murphy  
Co-Chair

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING WITH BURIN PENINSULA ENERGY ADVISORY BOARD HELD ON JANUARY  
13, 2024**

Present were:

Mayor Brian Keating,  
Chair  
Mayor Harold Murphy, Co-Chair  
Mayor Alvin Banfield, Board Member

Mayor Jessie Marsh, Board  
Member  
Mayor Kevin Lundrigan, Board Member  
Deputy Mayor Andrew Walsh, Board Member  
Councillor Walter Scott, Board Member Mayor  
Marie Collins, Board Member Mayor Shane  
Kearney, Board Member Councillor Randy  
Kenway, Board Member Councillor Edward Crane,  
Board Member Mayor David Pittman, Board  
Member Mayor Kevin Pittman, Board  
Member  
Councillor Jack Burfitt, Board Member  
Leo Hartson, Board Member  
Duane Slaney, Board  
Member

Councillor Ernie Lundrigan, Town of St. Lawrence LEEANNE AUGOT,  
Administrative Assistant

Unable to Attend: Mayor Deanne Hickman, Board Member

The meeting commenced at 11:09 a.m.

Mayor Keating welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Murphy advised the Board that there has been a lot of grief from the public regarding the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board and the roles and responsibility of the Board. Councillor Burfitt advised that the Board needs to focus on turning the negative feedback to positive without retaliating on social media. Mayor Keating advised that the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board can set up a Facebook Group to provide information to the public. The group would be for information only and comments will not be allowed on the group. The Board was in agreement with this.

Moved by Councillor Burfitt, seconded by Councillor Crane

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given for the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board to set up a Facebook Group with Leo Hartson as administrator of the group."

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board had a conversation regarding the number of voting members there will be for the Board. Mr. Slaney advised that the Board has a wide range of experience from all aspects that can be brought forward and utilized on the Board. Mayor Keating advised that, in order to pass motions on the Board, a selected number of voting delegates must be present to form the quorum. Mayor Lundrigan

advised that other Boards such and the Joint Community Council practice this which is included in their policy.

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The Board was in agreement that if members are excluded from voting, they will lose interest and not stay on the Board. The Board also agreed that the quorum for voting should be similar to the Joint Community Council with a number of people that must be in attendance and able to vote on an issue. Mayor Murphy also advised that all are welcomed however must be a member of Council or a Local Service District or nominated by your elected officials.

The Board had a discussion regarding the information session scheduled for today, January 13, 2024. Mayor Keating advised that he will chair the session however is asking other Board Members to speak on different topics to be brought forward. Mayor Keating advised that the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board was formed as an arm of the Joint Community Council to look after the economic development of the Burin Peninsula as well as the local environment and employment for residents. The Board has met with both green hydrogen companies either in person or via Zoom and has provided support letters for both companies. The Board was also in agreement that they do not have answers to any technical questions of which should be addressed to the current green energy company that was the Provincial Government has selected for the Burin Peninsula.

Mayor Murphy will speak regarding the incorporation of the Board and the roles and responsibilities of the Board. The Provincial Government is making the majority of all the decisions however the Board is a group of elected official that are volunteering their time to work together to bring benefits to the Burin Peninsula.

Mayor Kevin Pittman will speak briefly on the current windmills that are located within St. Lawrence's Planning area since 2008. Mayor Pittman advised that, according to his knowledge, there has been no major issues with the windmills that are currently in place which provides energy to the grid all over Newfoundland.

The Committee had a discussion regarding the MET Towers that have been put in place by EverWind Fuels. Mr. Slaney advised that, in comparison to Muskrat Falls, this will be a major power project if approved by Provincial Government. Mayor Keating advised that there has been false accusations on social media regarding the Board and today's session is to advise the public of the truth. Mayor Kearney also advised that the Board speaks on behalf of the residents of the Burin Peninsula only and is not a spokesperson for EverWind Fuels.

Mayor Murphy advised that many people are saying there is no transparency within the Board as well as Councils on the Burin Peninsula. Mayor Murphy advised that all Council Meetings are public and open to the public and all residents are welcomed to attend those meetings. Mayor Kevin Pittman advised that the Town of St. Lawrence holds a Town Hall Meeting annually and in

September 2022 a meeting was held at which time it was announced the establishment of the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board.

Mr. Hartson advised that, as the Town of Point May did not have a Council Member interested in joining the Board, they were given authorization to nominate a representative for the Board. Mr. Hartson suggested to have the wording amended to say "member must be nominated by Council". All were in agreement with this.

Mayor Keating also advised that Provincial Government, as well as EverWind Fuels, is advising that there will be no windmills going in the ocean. The Board was in agreement that any questions brought forward regarding EverWind Fuels should be addressed to EverWind Fuels.

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Councillor Crane advised that many people are questioning the per capita that the Board is asking from the municipalities on the Burin Peninsula. Mayor Kevin Lundrigan advised that the Joint Community Council has been requesting a per capita from municipalities for years and the Board is incurring expenses such as today's information session in which funding is needed to be paid for.

Councillor Burfitt questioned if someone At Large was able to join the Board. Councillor Burfitt advised that the experience and expertise of an At Large Board Member may benefit the Board. The Board was in agreement that if someone is interested in joining the Board, they should contact their local Council.

Mayor Keating also advised that there was speculation that the Board received a large amount of funding from EverWind Fuels. This was previously discussed at a Board meeting however, after further discussion, it was decided by the Board was against requesting funding from any private entity.

Deputy Mayor Walsh questioned, if the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board is an arm of the Joint Community Council, when will the Board hold its Annual General Meeting and Election of Members. The Board was in agreement to keep both at the same timeframe as the Joint Community Council.

The Board had a discussion regarding positions within the Board. The Board has a Chair and Co- Chair however, to this date, a Treasurer has not been appointed.

Moved by Mayor Lundrigan, seconded by Mayor Keating

"BE IT RESOLVED approval be given to appoint Leo Hartson as the Treasurer of the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board."

Motion carried unanimously.

In conclusion, the Burin Peninsula Energy Advisory Board were all in consensus that the Board is welcoming to any positive economic growth on the Burin Peninsula and will continue to place the people and its land first when it comes to developments.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12:24 p.m.

Mayor Brian Keating

Chair

Mayor Harold Murphy

Co-Chair

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