

Town of St. George's
Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of a regular meeting of the council
of the Town of St. George's, held in the
Town Hall, April 7, 2014

Members Present

Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor A. Tobin
Councillors: F. Alexander
S. Lee
G. Carroll
A. White
C. Foote

Also Present

Town Manager R. Chant
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Call to Order

Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes:

Regular Mtg of Mar. 3, 2013

Regular Meeting of March 3, 2014

Motion #14 - 35 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting of March 3, 2014 be adopted as circulated. All in favour.
Motion carried.

Special Mtg of Mar. 13, 2014

Motion #14 - 36 Lee/Foote

Resolved that the minutes of the special council meeting of March 13, 2014 be adopted as circulated. All in favour.
Motion carried.

Business Arising

Ray followed up on the warranty for the gabions. He recommended that we wait until the frost was out of the ground and consider **exp.**'s recommendation of the 5-yr. warranty.

Ray displayed a breakdown of the Town's debts as listed in the budget, and yearly payments on project loans. The Debt Servicing Ratio is 15.7%. Ray also displayed the new town website later in the meeting.

A hydrologist from **exp.** was out to test the wells. The work is still ongoing.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

1) Motion #14 - 37 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that general invoices of \$21,490.81 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #14 - 38 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that Whitestone Development Inc. Payment #9 - New Fire Hall - March. 1-31, in the amount of \$1,411.20 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #14 - 39 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that Whitestone Development Inc. Payment #10, Release of Holdback - New Fire Hall - in the amount of \$86,234.38 be approved for payment, (this includes a \$20,000 holdback for gabions - original invoice was \$106,234.38). All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Projects

1) Motion #14 - 40 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that approval be given for GST portion of the loan for Sewage Treatment and Lift Station Upgrades to be repayable in two (2) years. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #14 - 41 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that approval be given to borrow funds for Tobin's Lift Station to be paid back at the end of the year. All in favour. Motion carried.

c) Fire Department

The Fire Department has moved to the New Fire Hall.

Motion #14 - 42 Foote/Tobin

Resolved that we proceed to apply for a new fire truck. All in favour. Motion carried.

d) Stadium

The tournament was a success. Some people have expressed disappointment that the stadium has closed so soon. MHA Joan Shea will meet with council to discuss directing money allocated for synthetic ice to projects already applied for. MP Judy Foote has approved two student jobs for Parks/Rec.

e) Roads

Utility Trailer

Discussion followed on the need for a utility trailer on site equipped with adequate inventory so equipment won't be tied up while waiting for parts for water and sewer repairs. Councillor Foote will look at one that is for sale in Stephenville.

Building Applications

A request was received for permission to place a 41' trailer on property located on Mercer's Lane for seasonal occupancy with associated pad, deck, landscaping, etc. A new water and sewer line is also requested.

Motion #14 - 43 Alexander/Lee

Resolved to reject this application for water and sewer services as a trailer does not meet with the building regulations of the Town Plan. All in favour. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Union Negotiations

Councillor Lee informed council that the union members rejected the latest contract offer of 12% over four years. A conciliator will be called in.

Other Business

Landfill

Councillor Carroll informed council of the mess at the landfill with garbage not buried all winter. A letter will be written to the Western Regional Waste Management Committee, cc'd to Chris Power of the Department of Environment and MHA Joan Shea, addressing concerns that the landfill is not being administered properly.

Incoming Correspondence

1) Approval to Borrow was received from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs to borrow from the Leading Edge Credit Union to finance the Town's remaining share (for a period of ten years) and GST portion (repayable in one year) of the Sewage Treatment and Lift Station Upgrades. Motion made under *Projects* that the GST portion be repayable in two years.

2) Dept. of Municipal Affairs - acknowledging receipt and acceptance of the Municipal Budget Submission Form for 2014.

3) A letter and sponsorship package was received from Wade Pinhorn, Festival Host Committee Chair for the 2014 Provincial Drama Festival with an invitation to council members and guests to join them for Opening Night, April 20.

4) Shirley Lucas, Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, requesting a donation for their 25th Annual Walk for Memories.

5) Jeffrey Blundon, Chair of the Safe Prom Committee, requesting support for Safe Prom on May 2, 2014.

Motion #14 - 44 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that we donate \$25.00 to Appalachia High's Safe Prom 2014. All in favour. Motion carried.

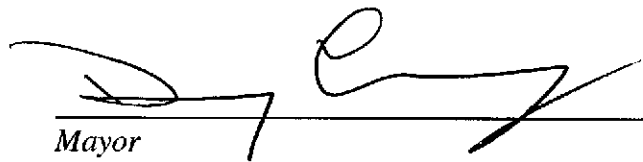
6) Susan Sullivan, Minister of the Dept. of Health, in response to our letter of support at the request of Mayor Pender of Corner Brook re the new regional hospital.

7) A thank-you card for the donation of pins and maps for the Encounters with Canada Program.

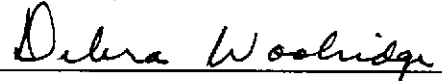
8) A thank-you card from the Indian Cove Women's Circle for council's support for the Senior's Projects.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councillor Alexander moved that meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. to meet again on May 5, 2014.



Mayor



Clerk