

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, June 9, 2014

Present

Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor A. Tobin
Councillors: S. Lee
F. Alexander
A. White
G. Carroll
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 May 5, 2013

Regular Meeting of May 5, 2013

Motion #14 - 56 Foote/Lee

Resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting of May 5, 2014 be adopted as circulated. All in favour.
Motion carried.

Business Arising

Items left behind during clean-up week will be picked up this month.

A meeting was held with the fire chief to inform him of how the bill for work done on the emergency vehicle would be distributed over three years.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

1) Motion #14 - 57 Tobin/Foote

Resolved that general invoices of \$19,617.74 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #14 - 58 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that Inv. #1935, Project Status Report #23, Professional Services/Expenses to June 30, 2014 - St. George's New Fire Hall - in the amount of \$4,109.93 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Projects

The valve has been fixed at the PRV Building. Representatives from **exp.** and Whitestone Construction were out to take measurements on the gabions at the new Fire Hall. Tobin's Lift Station and the Sewer Treatment Plant are out on tender. Test holes are being done this week for the Sewer Treatment Plant. **exp.** is awaiting price quotes from drilling contractors for extra work they will be recommending for our wells.

c) Fire Department

Epoxy paint will be purchased to solve the dust problem created as a result of the concrete flooring in the new Fire Hall. We are still awaiting word on funding for furnishings. An adapter has been ordered for the hydrant.

d) Stadium

Breakdowns of income and expenses were presented for the months October 2013-December 31, 2013, January-March 31, 2014 and April-May 31, 2014. Councillor Alexander would like to see summary report with totals covering 2013 and Oct. 2013 - May 2014.

Recreation

A list of parts and materials needed for the softball field was presented to council. Ray will get quotes. Councillor Carroll reported that two students have been hired for Parks & Rec and informed council of the activities planned. Registration will be June 20 and 21.

e) Roads

Price quotes will be requested for patching. Mayor Conway suggested getting town employees to do a small one as a pilot project.

Unfinished Business

Union Contract

An email was received from Gerard Ward from NAPE requesting as a measure of good faith that, because the second option contained an additional percent, employees be granted the extra percent in the fourth year resulting in 3%, 3%, 3%, and 4%. The request was not considered.

Motion #14 - 59 Lee/Alexander

Resolved that council accept the contract of 12% over four years. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business

1) Property at 508 Main Street

The property at 508 Main Street has been vacant for some years, is dilapidated, and presents a fire hazard. A letter will be written to the owner asking him to remove the building from the property to the waste site within 60 days or the Town will remove it and charge the cost of the clean-up to his account.

2) Property at 47 Station Road

The property at 47 Station Road is again filled with scrapped vehicles, metal, etc. A letter will be sent to the owners to have these removed within 60 days or same process as above.

3) Request for Tax Exemption - 328 Main Street

A letter was received from the Bay St. George Cultural Circle asking that council consider their building as a place of worship for exemption of future taxes. They also ask that recently paid taxes be refunded or a donation made in lieu.

Motion #14 - 60 Lee/Foote

Resolved that the Bay St. George Cultural Circle not be charged property tax from here on out but still be charged water and sewer rates. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion #14 - 61 White/Tobin

Resolved that we give the Bay St. George Cultural Circle a tax credit in the amount of \$360 toward next years' water and sewer rates as well as a \$100 donation.

In favour: Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor A. Tobin
Councillors: A. White, G. Carroll
Opposed: Councillors: C. Foote, S. Lee,
F. Alexander
Abstaining: 0
Motion carried

Other Business

Concerns were expressed concerning the stray cats and kittens on Sullivan's Lane.

Thirteen compost bins have been sold to date; permission was given to Councillor White to sell bins to residents outside of town.

Incoming Correspondence

1) A copy of a letter from MHA Joan Shea to Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Kent requesting that funding allocated for an artificial ice surface be re-allocated and applied to other recreation priorities.

2) A copy of a letter from MHA Joan Shea to Minister Kent requesting that a member of council could participate in the Western Waste Management Board as a non-voting member.

3) email requesting support for TELUS Walk to Cure Diabetes on June 8, 2014.

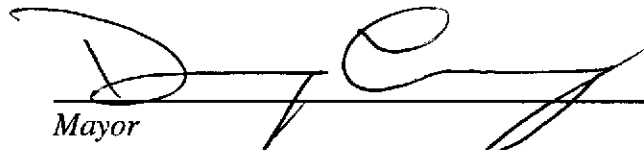
Outgoing Correspondence

1) Stop Work Order - 217 Main Street

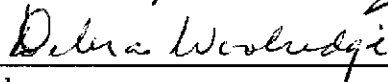
A stop work order on a demolition permit was delivered to the resident.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Next meeting will be July 7, 2014.



Mayor



Clerk