

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, October 6, 2014

Present

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

Also Present

Town Manager R. Chant
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Call to Order

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

*Adoption of Minutes;
Regular Mtg. of Sept. 2, 2014*

Regular Meeting of September 2, 2014

Motion #14 - 89 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that minutes of the regular council meeting of September 2, 2014 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business Arising

Ray had contacted Western Health, Dr. Porter, and MHA Scott Reid re doctor's services in St. George's. Dr. Porter will be semi-retiring on December 31 and leaving the clinic. Western Health is currently seeking three doctors for St. George's, the Bay St. George South Area, and Stephenville Crossing. MHA Scott Reid wrote the Minister of Health and will meet with council on October 20, 2014 at 7 p.m. Invitations will be extended to representatives from Western Health and the Rural Secretariat to attend the meeting.

*Committee Reports:
a) Finance*

1) Motion #14 - 90 Foote/Lee

Resolved that general invoices of \$39,637.58 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) a) Motion #14 - 91 Lee/Alexander

Resolved that **exp.** Invoice #145151, Project Status Report #4, Professional Services/Expenses to Mar. 29, 2013 - PRV Bldg. - in the amount of \$360.26 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Motion #14 - 92 Tobin/Lee

Resolved that **exp.** Invoice #161898, Project Status Report #7, Professional Services to July 26, 2013 - PRV Bldg. - in the amount of \$2666.85 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

c) Motion #14 - 93 Foote/Tobin

Resolved that **exp.** Invoice #177362, Project Status Report #10, Professional Services/Expenses to Oct. 25, 2013 - PRV Bldg. - in the amount of \$2186.20 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

d) Motion #14 - 94 Lee/Foote

Resolved that **exp.** Project Status Report #4, Professional Services to Jan. 24, 2014 - PRV Bldg. - in the amount of \$872.36 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

e) Motion #14 - 95 Foote/Tobin

Resolved that **exp.** Project Status Report #5, Professional Services to Feb. 21, 2014 - PRV Bldg. - in the amount of \$485.34 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

f) Motion #14 - 96 Tobin/Foote

Resolved that **exp.** Invoice #203481, Project Status Report #6, Professional Services to Apr. 25, 2014 - PRV Bldg. - in the amount of \$334.76 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) a) Motion #14 - 97 Foote/Alexander

Resolved that **exp.** Invoice #192037, Project Status Report #1, Professional Services/Expenses to Jan. 24, 2014 - Tobin's Lift Stn. - in the amount of \$542.14 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Motion #14 - 98 Tobin/Lee

Resolved that **exp.** Invoice #203515, Project Status Report #2, Professional Services to Apr. 25, 2014 - Tobin's Lift Stn. - in the amount of \$1890.50 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) a) This invoice was deferred.

b) Motion #14 - 99 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that **exp.** Project Status Report #8, Professional Services to July 30, 2014 - Waste Water Treatment Plant/2010 Lift Station Upgrades - in the amount of \$25,033.00 be approved for payment (this includes Invoices #104728, 45031, 59783, 76758). All in favour. Motion carried.

c) Motion #14 - 100 Tobin/Foote

Resolved that **exp.** Invoice #211715, Project Status Report #7, Professional Services/Expenses to June 17, 2014 - Wastewater Treatment Plant - in the amount of \$19,116.05 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

6) Motion #14 - 101 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that **Progressive Engineering & Consulting Inc.** Invoice #2014-045-1, Professional Services to Aug. 29, 2014 - Well field Disinfection/Training/Equipment Supply - in the amount of \$18,984.00 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Projects

Councillor Alexander was asked to leave the meeting at this point.

a) Seven RFQs (Request for Quotes) had been submitted for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Four of those received have been recommended by Municipal Affairs to proceed to the RFP (Request for Proposal) stage.

Motion #14 - 102 Tobin/Foote

Resolved that we go with the recommendation from Municipal Affairs to invite the four companies to submit proposals for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) The lowest quote for Tobin's Lift Station came in at \$50,000 over budget.

Motion #14 - 103 Lee/Foote

Resolved that Tobin's Lift Station be included with the Wastewater Treatment Facility in the RFPs. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Alexander was then called back into the meeting.

c) Fire Department

a) Motion #14 - 103 Tobin/White

Resolved that we go after funding left over from the New Fire Hall for new furnishings and flooring. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) A quote was submitted by exp. Architects Inc. to carry out the one year warranty review for the construction of the new Fire Hall totaling \$5,689.35. Ray will check with Chris Power of Municipal Affairs to see if the review is necessary.

c) Motion #14 - 104 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that we apply for new pagers under the 90/10 funding. All in favour. Motion carried.

d) Stadium/Recreation

1) Opening date for the ice surface will be October 31.
2) Registration for Minor Hockey and CanSkate will be October 18.

3) Motion #14 - 104 White/Foote

Resolved that hourly rates for the stadium be increased by adding the 13% HST. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business

1) Motion #14 - 105 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that the Annual Expenditure Report Local Government Gas Tax Funding Agreement December 31, 2013 be accepted. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #14 - 106 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that we accept the new Gas Tax Agreement. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Superintendent's Position

Discussion ensued on the possibility of considering the position of Superintendent redundant as of November 30. Due to the SCADA system, etc., the position has outlived its usefulness and it was the consensus of council to move forward. Ray will contact the union to decide the proper process.

4) St. George's Community Garden Committee

A letter was received on behalf of the St. George's Community Garden Committee listing members of the group and requesting official sanction of the committee from the Town. Permission was also requested to use Town property at 4 - 20 Messervey's Road to develop a community garden/ park and possibly incorporate a short trail linking the Sunset Trail.

Motion #14 - 107 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that we sanction the St. George's Community Garden Committee. All in favour. Motion carried.

It was suggested that the committee apply for funding with the Department of Agriculture, and Municipal Affairs be contacted as to use of the property for special purposes.

5) One response was received, from Power's Glass and Aluminum (\$5270.00 + HST), to our request for quotes to supply and install one aluminum entrance with sidelights, glazing and hardware.

Motion #14 - 108 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that we use the Gas Tax Funding to supply and install the new entrance. All in favour. Motion carried.

6) Some discussion took place on the possibility of establishing a marina in the Town and whether council wishes to take a leading role. Depending on the interest, possible funding from government agencies and architectural concepts for the layout will be looked into. Ray will contact the town manager in Lewisporte for direction.

7) Properties in Disrepair

Several buildings in town have been noted as being in a dilapidated condition. Letters will be written to the owners asking them to clean them up or remove them. A list of the properties will be presented at our next meeting.

8) Projects 2015

Motion #14 - 109 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that we: a) apply for funding under the 90/10 agreement for the following: Diamond Court, Harview's Lane, Harview's Lane Extension, Sullivan's Lane, Woodland Drive, Courthouse Road (partial), Parson's Lane, School Road (culvert system), access lane to Garnier's, Hayes Lane, Old Mill Road; and the water proposal by Progressive Engineering

b) re-apply for funding for the Town Hall, curbs, and extension the new Fire Hall. All in favour.
Motion carried.

9) Budget 2015

Budget for 2015 is now being prepared.

Incoming Correspondence

- 1) MNL requesting a donation toward MNL's Annual Convention - Labrador & Western Night at the Marble Mountain Ski Resort.
- 2) Thank you card from the St. George's Indian Band for repairs done by Town staff to the flag pole in front of the Ktaqmkuk Museum.
- 3) A letter from Mary McCormack, Chair of the Fracking Awareness Group for Port au Port and Bay St. George, with enclosed statement released by The Concerned Health Professionals of New York outlining their concerns about hydraulic fracturing.
- 4) WRWM - questionnaire re Municipal Solid Waste Collection Services/Contracts; newsletter.
- 5) Correspondence re right-of-way, etc., between 217 and 219 Main Street.
- 6) Requests for support for candidacy to the MNL Board of Directors.
- 7) Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce - accepting nominations for the Leo Bruce Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence to be presented during Small Business Week, Oct. 20-24.
- 8) Denis Lemelin, National President of CUPW, requesting support to save Canada Post by passing a resolution opposing Canada Post plan for cuts or calling for a halt to door-to-door delivery cuts until there is proper consultation. This item will be reviewed at our next meeting.
- 9) Kids Help Phone - request for a special gift for their 25th anniversary.

Motion #110 - Alexander/Foote

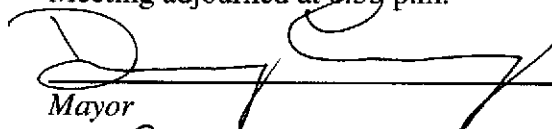
Resolved that we donate \$50.00 to the Kids Help Phone.
All in favour. Motion carried.

Adjournment

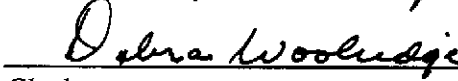
Motion #111 - Foote/Alexander

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on November 3, 2013. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk