

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, March 2, 2015

*Members Present*

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

*Also Present*

Town Manager R. Chant  
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

*Public in Attendance*

D. Hawkins, E. St. Jean, T. Bennett

*Call to Order*

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

*Adoption of Minutes:*

*Regular Meeting of Feb. 2, 2015*

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Motion #15 - 22 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that minutes of the regular council meeting of February 2, 2015 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

*Business Arising*

MHA Scott Reid told Mayor Conway that Western Health is talking to a possible replacement for our clinic. Ray will contact Western Health and ask for a public meeting with Susan Gillam.

*Delegations*

D. Hawkins and E. St. Jean are seeking clarification on a land issue pertaining to an access road. After some discussion, council advised them to get a legal opinion and bring it back to council.

T. Bennett, Fire Chief, had questions with regard to jurisdiction for the emergency vehicle now that the 911 system is in effect. Mr. Bennett will contact the Bay St. George South Fire Department to see how they are equipped before he meets with the deputy mayor and town manager to work out a plan.

*Proclamation*

Mayor Conway proclaimed March 26, 2015 as Purple Day for Epilepsy.

*Committee Reports:*

*a) Finance*

1) Motion #15 - 23 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that general invoices of \$27,093.91 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #15 - 24 Foote/Lee

Resolved that EFCO Enterprises Inv. #28287-1 - Garage Heating - in the amount of \$8,983.50 and Inv.#28287-2 - Installation of Switches - in the amount of \$678.00 be approved for payment from the Gas Tax Funding.

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

*b) Projects*

Approval to Borrow has been received from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs to finance the Town's remaining share and GST portion of Project #26682 for Sewage Treatment and Lift Station Upgrades. This approval replaces and rescinds the approval given on March 12, 2014.

*c) Fire Department*

*See above under Delegations.*

*d) Stadium/Recreation*

Council was updated on stadium events. A tournament will be held on March 12, 13, and 14. Councillor Carroll would like to see the flooring completed before then. The stadium will close on March 21.

*e) Roads*

An employee's vehicle had been damaged recently during snowclearing efforts.

Motion #15 - 25 Foote/Tobin

Resolved that council proceed to get the vehicle repaired at the cheapest rate.

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

*New Business*

1) **Quote for Track - Skid Steer**

A quote had been received for an over track system for the skid steer, which would include two new tires and rims in addition to the track system and spacers. Quote was \$6820.00. It was agreed to look at it for next year's budget.

2) **Quote for Audit 2014**

A quote had been received from Keith A. Penney, Chartered Accountant, for the audit for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Motion #15 - 26 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that we accept Keith Penney as auditor for 2014. All in favour. Motion carried.

### 3) Letter of Resignation

A letter of resignation from our Superintendent of Public Works Hilary Bennett was presented to council.

Motion #15 - 27 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that Mr. Bennett be awarded sixteen weeks severance pay as negotiated in the union contract. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion #15 - 28 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that Mr. Bennett be awarded an additional eleven weeks salary as a bonus. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Foote left the meeting at this time. (8:45 p.m.).

### *Incoming Correspondence*

1) An email from Voice for the Voiceless re Animal Welfare hoping to help educate and promote awareness of the need for protection of animals. We are asked to distribute the Basic Standards of Dog Care to the community and consider an anti-tethering by-law.

2) Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs - acknowledging receipt of our Municipal Budget Submission Form for 2015 and advising that it has been accepted.

3) Bay St. George Sick Children's Foundation requesting financial support for their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Telethon.

Motion #15 - 29 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that we donate \$25 to the Telethon. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Information from Kathy Hawkins, Program Manager of the Independent Living Resource Centre, on their newest Employee Supports & Services Program showcasing the value of hiring people with disabilities.

5) A letter from Judy M. Foote, MP, with information on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Maple Leaf as the Canadian flag and posters that tell the story of how our flag came to exist.

6) A letter from Heather Tizzard, Assistant Deputy Minister Corporate Services and Policy with the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs re amendments to Appeal Provisions in the *Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000*.

7) A Green Team Project Application was received from Megan Stuckless, Senior Public Education and Outreach Officer with Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador. The deadline for proposals was February 27, 2015.

8) Correspondence was received from a resident with regard to snowclearing practices near his property.

9) A media release on behalf of MP Judy Foote regarding recent estimates tabled in the House of Commons that show a drastic reduction in funding to Marine Atlantic.

10) A letter from Steve Kent, Deputy Premier, Minister Responsible for the Office of Public Engagement, with information and a banner on the Urock Volunteer Awards celebrating young volunteers across the province.

*Adjournment*

Motion #15 - 29 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on April 6, 2015 at 7:00p.m. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



*Mayor*

*Debra Woolridge*

*Clerk*