

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 4, 2016

Members Present

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

Also Present

Town Manager	J. Butt
Town Clerk	D. Woolridge

Public in Attendance

MHA Scott Reid, two residents

Call to Order

Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

Several items of concern were discussed with Mr. Reid: the possibility of extending the season for the highway depot so needed maintenance will get done before they close for the summer; provincial funding remaining from the cancelled Waste Water Treatment Plant being used for installation of curbstops or sidewalks; the development of a slipway for fisherman and recreational users; snowmobile trails not groomed in this area; no signage for bus stops on Steel Mountain Road and the possibility of moving the 50 km sign back half a km; a streetlight needed at the intersection on the TCH; and how the rise in electricity rates will impact the stadium.

After the discussion, Mr. Reid stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

*Adoption of Minutes:
Regular Mtg. of Mar. 7, 2016*

Regular Meeting of March 7, 2016

Motion #16 - 37 Tobin/Foote

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of March 7, 2016 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business

The applicants were in attendance, so Mayor Conway dealt with this item first.

2) Application for Business Venture - 398 Main St.

The applicants are seeking approval to move forward with a business venture which will include a small store, a walking trail with picnic tables, a farmers' market, a hobby farm, efficiency units, eating area, barn for petting farm, etc.

Motion #16 - 38 White/Tobin

Resolved that council give approval in principle to move ahead with the business plan. All in favour. Motion carried.

The applicants left the meeting at this point.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

1) Motion #16 - 39 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that general invoices of \$8,415.33 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #16 - 40 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved to pay Western Pump Services Payment No. 2-Tobin's Road Lift Station - in the amount of \$19,329.54 from the Projects Acct. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #16 - 41 Foote/Lee

Resolved that Town Manager Jocelyn Butt and Town Clerk Debra Woolridge be authorized as representatives of the Town of St. George's for all accounts and all years with the Canada Revenue Agency. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Motion #16 - 42 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved to borrow the sum of \$27,473.00 from the Leading Edge Credit Union to be paid monthly at the rate of \$521.64, interest rate of 4.85%, for a period of 60 months to purchase a 2016 Standing Offer Spec #LD5.5.5 Dodge 2016 ST Quad Cab 4x4 DS6L41. All in favour. Motion carried.

5) Motion #16 - 43 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved to pay out the GST loans for the Sewer/Lift Stations, Paving, and Recreation Upgrades Projects from the HIS account. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Projects

The contractor will go ahead with the playground project working around the school hours and on weekends.

c) Fire Department

Some items of concern were discussed: inspections for the fire vehicles need to be done in a certified shop; quotes should be obtained for work/services for the fire department; and the security system is not being used by the members.

d) Stadium/Recreation

Ice has been taken up at the stadium. Councillor Carroll says the season was very successful all round. He suggested looking at grants that are available through NL Power and the Green Municipal Fund for LEDs, thermostats, etc. He also mentioned the need for new benches in the dressing rooms. Policies will be put in place before the next opening with regard to rates for schools, etc.

Building Applications

1) **Modular Home - Steel Mountain Road**

An application was submitted requesting permission to put a modular home on Steel Mountain Road that would mean two homes on a combined property. Council felt it was up to the town manager to issue the permit according to our regulations.

New Business

1) **Application to Operate Taxi Service**

Motion #16 - 44 Tobin/Lee

Resolved that Dwayne LaSaga be permitted to operate a

taxi service in the Town of St. George's according to our by-laws. (Note: the taxi service that was approved in January is no longer in operation.) All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Municipal Awareness Day

Jocelyn presented an idea to council to involve the schools in a competition in recognition of Municipal Awareness Day on May 11. The high school will do portraits of the mayor and councillors and the elementary school will make drawings of their favourite places in town. The mayor or a councillor will visit the schools and present the prizes. Residents will be invited to the town office for coffee and a visit.

Motion #16 - 45 Foote/White

Resolved that permission be given to spend \$200 for prizes. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Application - Exploration Approval

The Department of Natural Resources Mineral Lands Division has received an application for Exploration Approval from Atlantic Minerals Ltd. on the Cold Brook and Sheep Brook Gypsum Property.

Motion #16 - 45 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that approval be given. All in favour. Motion carried.

5) Light - intersection Steel Mountain Rd. and TCH

This item was already discussed with our MHA above.

6) Confined Space Entry Equipment

Three quotes were presented.

Motion #16 - 46 White/Lee

Resolved that we purchase Confined Space Entry Equipment from National Safety Equipment. All in favour. Motion carried.

7) Community Garden

A plan will be submitted to NL Power for the Envirofest Grant.

8) Quote for Lights - Warehouse

A quote for lights on the sides of the warehouse was obtained from EFCO. It was recommended that we obtain more quotes from Vision and Eco.

9) Offers to Purchase - 311 Main

Mayor Conway opened two offers to purchase property at 311 Main Street; one at \$1,000 and the other at \$3,000.

Motion #16 - 47 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that we sell 311 Main St. to the highest bidder. All in favour. Motion carried.

10) Offer to Purchase - 41 Station Road

Mayor Conway opened one offer to purchase property at 41 Station Road for \$3300.

Motion #16 - 48 Foote/Tobin

Resolved that we accept the offer of \$3300 for 41 Station Road. All in favour. Motion carried.

Other Business

Many taxpayers have expressed the desire to pay their taxes with a debit card. The cost would range from four to six cents per transaction. Information will be obtained from the Credit Union as well as the possibility of direct payments to our general account, to be discussed at our next meeting.

Incoming Correspondence

1) A request for support from Appalachia High School for the 2016 Safe Prom.

Motion #16 - 49 Foote/Alexander

Resolved that we donate \$100 to the Safe Prom. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Information from **mmsb** re an Indiscriminate Dumping Surveillance Assistance Program.

3) A request for support from the Kids Help Phone.

4) A form letter from Robert Keenan, FFAW Project Manager, drafted for municipalities to send to Minister Tootoo re inshore shrimp fishery. Jocelyn was directed to send the letter of support.

5) A request for assistance from the St. George's Indian Cove Women for their June session (Seniors Month).

Motion #16 - 50 White/Carroll

Resolved that we donate \$25 to the Indian Cove Women. All in favour. Motion carried.

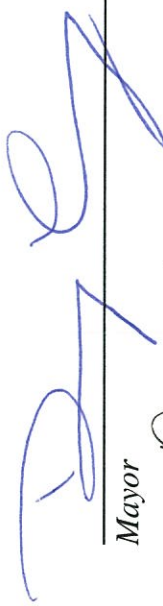
6) A request for sponsorship from the Stephenville Theatre Festival.


Motion #16 - 51 Lee/Tobin

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on May 2, 2016. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Adjournment



Mayor


Clerk