

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, November 7, 2016

*Members Present*

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

*Also Present*

Town Manager J. Butt  
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

*Call to Order*

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

*Adoption of Minutes:*

**Regular Meeting of October 3, 2016**  
Motion #16 - 138 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2016 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

*Sp. Mtg. of Oct. 6, 2016*

**Special Meeting of October 6, 2016**  
Motion #16 - 139 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that minutes of the special meeting of October 6, 2016 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor White arrived at 7:01 p.m.

*Delegations*

A resident had been present and submitted a letter to council requesting a streetlight on the corner of Butt's Lane near his property. It was explained to him that the Town's policy was to have a streetlight on every fourth pole, which is the case in this lane. The resident then left before the meeting was began.

*Committee Reports:*

*a) Finance*

1) Motion #16 - 140 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that general invoices of \$24,439.97 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #16 - 141 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that Atlantic Engineering Consultants Ltd. Inv. #16-8312, Progress Billing #1, in the amount of \$4906.25 - **Fire Hall Extension** - for program advisory services, design concept/development/contract/documents, and expenses to Sept. 30/16 be approved for payment from the Projects Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #16 - 142 Alexander/Carroll

Resolved that Atlantic Engineering Consultants Ltd. Inv. #16-8313, Progress Billing #1, in the amount of \$4906.25 - **Town Hall Upgrading** - for program advisory services, design concept/development/contract/documents, and expenses to Sept. 30/16 be approved for payment from the Projects Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Foote was asked to leave the room at this point.

4) Motion #16 - 143 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #43 in the amount of \$2408.11, materials and equipment hire to install curb stop, repair sewer line, etc. be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

5) Motion #16 - 144 Alexander/White

Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #31 in the amount of \$2862.35, materials and equipment hire to repair water leak be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

6) Motion #16 - 145 Alexander/White

Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #40 in the amount of \$916.55, equipment hire and materials for culvert clean-up be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

7) Motion #16 - 146 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #58 in the amount of \$1406.45, equipment hire and flagpersons to repair water line be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Foote re-entered the meeting.

8) Motion #16 - 147 Tobin/Lee

Resolved that Pinchin LeBlanc Environmental Inv. #02-11428 in the amount of \$4433.25 for Pre-Construction Hazardous Building Materials Assessment be approved for payment from the Projects Account.

In favour:

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

Opposed:

Councillor F. Alexander

Abstaining:

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Motion carried

The town manager informed council that 98.15% of the 2015 taxes have been collected and 95.18% of 2016 to date.

*b) Projects*

A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs had been received advising us that they will not be funding our request for financial assistance to assist with the cost of replacing fire hydrants and valves.

*c) Fire Department*

An email was received from the fire chief requesting the annual donation toward the Firemens' Ball.

Motion #16 - 148 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that the annual donation of \$1000 be forwarded to the fire department for their Firemens' Ball. All in favour. Motion carried.

*d) Stadium/Recreation*

An email had been received from Councillor Carroll with concerns re schedules, bookings, rates, advance payments, cancellations, etc. These issues were discussed but had been resolved prior to the meeting.

Free Family Skates will be sponsored this year by Emera, Rokstad, and an anonymous sponsor.

### *Unfinished Business*

A letter was submitted from a resident of Chestnut Street with concerns that work on the road had not been completed to the expected standard by the September 26 deadline. He claims neither Class A or B have been applied and the road is frequently muddy. Councillor Foote says the Class B is on. A letter will be written to Mr. Foote, cc'd to the complainant, giving him two weeks to get the Class A on. Council asked Jocelyn to review the minutes, permits, etc., with regard to the sub-division and make recommendations.

### *New Business*

#### 1) **Tax Recovery Plans** Motion #16 - 149 Tobin/White

Resolved that the Tax Recovery Plan for 2016 for the Town of St. George's be adopted. All in favour. Motion carried.

#### Motion #16 - 150 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that the Tax Recovery Plan for 2017 for the Town of St. George's be adopted. All in favour. Motion carried.

#### 2) **Request for Streetlight - Harview's Lane**

A request had been made for a streetlight at the corner of Harview's Lane and Main Street.

#### Motion #16 - 151 Alexander/White

Resolved that a streetlight be placed at the corner of Harview's Lane and Main Street. All in favour. Motion carried.

#### 3) **Playground - RecPlex**

Removal of the playground equipment from the RecPlex area was discussed as it is not up to the current code and, therefore, a liability. It was suggested that Jocelyn look into the cost to bring it up to CSA standard and perhaps contact the Rotary Club for funding.

#### 4) **Interest on Overdue Accounts**

#### Motion #16 - 152 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that interest of 15% be applied to delinquent accounts that are forwarded to an external collection agency. All in favour. Motion carried.

#### 5) **Quarry Application**

#### Motion #16 - 153 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that an application submitted to the Department of Natural Resources by On-Grade Construction 2015 Inc. to operate a quarry 2 km from the TCH on Magnetite Road be approved.

In favour:

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

Opposed:

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Abstaining:

Councillor Foote, conflict of interest

Motion carried

*Incoming Correspondence*

- 1) A newsletter and a request for a donation from the Kids Help Phone.
- 2) A letter from a property owner with a complaint about the “extreme measures” that were taken to collect the overdue balance on her account when she received a notice from the collection agency.
- 3) A newsletter and a request for a donation from the Ronald McDonald house.
- 4) A newsletter and a request for a donation from the Heart & Stroke Foundation.
- 5) A letter from the Blueberry Festival Committee requesting a donation of \$200 for the Santa Clause Parade.

Motion #16 - 154 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that we donate \$200 to the Blueberry Festival Committee for the Santa Clause Parade. All in favour. Motion carried.

- 6) A communique from FCM with information on the Canada 150 Community Leaders network inviting municipalities to designate one or more individuals (council member or prominent community representative) to represent the municipality.
- 7) An invitation to councillors and guests to attend the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Beaumont Hamel at the Royal Canadian Legion, Stephenville, on November 5, 2016.
- 8) Community Healthy Living Fund Guidelines and application form from the Department of Seniors, Wellness and Social Development.

*Adjournment*

Motion #16 - 155 Tobin/White

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on December 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Town Clerk