

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, February 6, 2017

Members Present

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

Also Present

Town Manager J. Butt
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Public in Attendance

K. Hamel

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes:

Reg. Mtg. of Jan. 9, 2017

Regular Meeting of January 9, 2017

Motion #17 - 18 Tobin/Lee

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2017 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Sp. Mtg. of Jan. 16, 2017

Special Meeting of January 16, 2017

Motion #17 - 19 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that minutes of the special meeting of January 16, 2017 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Delegations

Miss Hamel addressed council on the Community Gardens project. She has recruited twelve volunteers through Facebook who are interested in helping. Council explained there is nothing in our budget allocated for the community garden this year but they will provide the land and post information on our website. They gave suggestions on how to proceed and whom to contact for donations.

Councillor White entered the meeting during this discussion at 7:05 p.m.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

1) Motion #17 - 20 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that general invoices of \$23,921.76 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #17 - 21 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #3 - Delivery of Sand and Salt - in the amount of \$207.00 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #17 - 22 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #141 - Excavator Rental/Float to repair curb stop - in the amount of \$403.65 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Motion #17 - 23 White/Alexander

Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #154 - Excavator Rental/Float, Materials (water leak) - in the amount of \$2,095.31 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

5) Motion #17 - 24 Tobin/Lee

Resolved that Harvey Gale & Son, Project Status Report 4 - Release of Holdback - in the amount of \$15,651.16 be approved for payment from the Projects Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

Jocelyn informed council that 98.38% of 2015, 97.76% of 2016, and 19.62% of 2017 taxes have been collected to date. A time clock has been installed and daily time sheets drafted to allocate hours worked to the appropriate salary accounts. Binders were issued containing reports for required vehicle and equipment repairs.

b) Projects

Another week to ten days before our projects go to tender. We expect to move late February or early March.

c) Fire Department

A letter from the chairperson of the Local Service District of Barachois Brook, that was submitted November 20, 2015 and apparently not presented to council, came up for discussion. The issue concerned Fire Protection fees not being paid to the community by a company in the area. The town manager was instructed to discuss the issue with the chairman and the property owner.

d) Stadium/Recreation

Councillor Alexander was asked to leave the room at this time.

Quotes had been invited for installation of the Life Line System, with only two submitted. One was from EFCO for \$5040 + HST and one from ICR for \$15,284.78 (HST included).

Motion #17 - 25 Tobin/Lee

Resolved that the tender from EFCO for \$5040 + HST be accepted. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Alexander was asked to return to the meeting.

Councillor Carroll updated council on activities at the RecPlex. Jocelyn has been taking the bookings for the stadium since the employee from the BSG Community Employment Corporation went off on sick leave. Many of the users have consented to electronic transfers for payment. The stadium will close on March 19. Since activity has increased, council may consider extending the season next year and budgeting for it.

New Business

1) Capital Investment Plan - Life Line

Motion #17 - 26 White/Tobin

Resolved that we submit a Capital Investment Plan application for \$6,000 for the installation of the Permanent Horizontal Lifeline Kits at the RecPlex. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Composting Suggestion

An email was received suggesting one or more community composting areas be set up where residents could drop off their composting material. The site would be monitored and worked regularly by designated volunteers and the compost sold locally. Incentives would be offered to the volunteers in the form of tax credits.

Councillor White offered to do more composting seminars and go to the schools.

3) Community Healthy Living Fund Grant

The Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development has approved a grant totaling \$10,000 toward Stadium Electrical Upgrades.

4) Property Re-assessment

A letter has been received from a resident who had requested a re-assessment on her property in 2014. An agent re-assessed the property in 2015 and said he would contact the Town. After several calls to the town office to see if we had heard from the

Municipal Assessment Agency, she contacted them herself on several occasions. She finally received another visit in October 2016 and was, subsequently, re-assessed and the Town notified. The credit issued was from the date of re-assessment in October 2016 and the resident feels she should be credited for the years 2015 and 2016.

Council instructed the town manager to write the resident informing her that we will contact Municipal Affairs for guidance.

Other Business

Residents have been inquiring about a Winter Carnival. This event had always been organized by volunteers, but free family skates are available on Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

Incoming Correspondence

1) A letter from the Office of the Premier re recent legislative amendments providing new presumptive cancer coverage for the province's career and volunteer firefighters retroactive to December 14, 2015.

2) Information from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities outlining their recommendations to be submitted for the Federal Budget 2017.

3) An email from Prepared NL Consulting Inc. offering their services on Safety, Emergency Management and Preparedness. Jocelyn will inquire as to cost as it was felt that maybe we should have our own EMP planning.

4) An email from trio calling for expressions of interest in establishing an Employee Assistance Program for First Responders with municipalities.

5) A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs re the requirement to submit the 2016 Ultimate Recipient Audited Annual Expenditure Report on or before March 31, 2017 in order to receive the federal gas tax funds.

6) A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs acknowledging receipt of and acceptance of our Municipal Budget Submission Form for 2017.

7) A request for support from the Rotary Club of Stephenville toward their 42nd Annual Rotary Music Festival.

Motion #17 - 27 White/Alexander

Resolved that we donate \$50 toward the Rotary Music Festival. All in favour. Motion carried.

8) A letter from the Stephenville Minor Hockey Association requesting sponsorship in the form of an ad during the Female U12 Provincial Mini Mega Tournament at the Stephenville Dome.

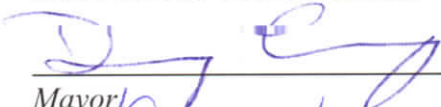
Motion #17 - 28 White/Tobin


Resolved that we purchase a half page ad at \$50. All in favour. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion #17 - 29 White/Lee

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on March 6. All in favour. Motion carried.



Mayor


Clerk