

**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
Town Hall, January 11th, 2021**

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillors	D. Conway T. Messervey A. Tobin R. Blanchard E. Alexander R. Williams C. White
<i>Also Present</i>	Town Manager/Clerk Assistant Town Clerk	J. Butt S. Bennett
<i>Call to Order</i>	Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed councillors who attended in person and Councillor C. White who attended through teleconference and the public who attended through electronic means via Facebook Live.	
<i>Adoption of Agenda</i>	Motion #21 – 1 Councillor A. Tobin / Councillor R. Williams Be it resolved to adopt the Agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.	
<i>Delegations & Proclamations</i>	N/A	
<i>Adoption of Minutes</i>	Motion #21 – 2 Councillor C. White/ Deputy Mayor T. Messervey Be it resolved to adopt the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 7 th , 2020. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion #21 – 3 Deputy Mayor T. Messervey/ Councillor A. Tobin Be it resolved to adopt the minutes from the Special Meeting held on December 21 st , 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.	
<i>Business Arising From Minutes</i>	N/A	
<i>Committee Reports</i>		
<i>a) Finance</i>	1) Motion #21 – 4 Councillor R. Williams/ Councillor R. Blanchard Be it resolved that the General Invoices in the amount of \$41,651.76 be approved for payment. All in favor. Motion carried. 2) Motion #21 – 5 Councillor C. White/ Deputy Mayor T. Messervey Be it resolved to post approve payment to G.J. Cahill & Company (1979) Claim #2 Project 17-SCF-18-00018 Chlorination Building Upgrades in the amount of \$9,612.82. All in favor. Motion carried. 3) Motion #21 – 6 Councillor A. Tobin/ Deputy Mayor T. Messervey Be it resolved to pay DMG Consulting Limited for Invoice CB0247 Project 17-GI-20-00043 Water Storage Tank Replacement Billing #7 in the amount of \$4,429.80 upon payment from ECCM. All in favor. Motion carried.	

4) Motion #21 – 7 Councillor C. White/ Councillor A. Tobin
Be it resolved to pay Greatario Industrial Storage Systems for Claim #4
Project 17-GI-20-00043 Water Storage Tank Replacement in the amount
Of \$231,063.75 upon payment from ECCM.
All in favor. Motion carried.

5) Motion #21 – 8 Councillor C. White/ Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Be it resolved to post approve payment to Dillion Contracting Limited for
Invoice 227699 Project 17-GI-21-00058 New Drilled Well in the amount
of \$2,859.31.
All in favor. Motion carried.

6) Motion #21 – 9 Councillor A. Tobin/ Councillor C. White
Be it resolved to post approve payment to Dillion Contracting Limited for
Invoice 227700 Project 17-MCW-21-00027 Chlorination Building
Emergency Generator in the amount of \$1,035.00.
All in favor. Motion carried.

7) Motion #21 – 10 Councillor A. Tobin/ Councillor R. Williams
Be it resolved to pay G.J. Cahill & Company (1979) Limited Holdback
Release Project 17-SCF-18-00018 in the amount of \$7,207.66.
All in favor. Motion carried.

8) Current Bank Balances were given.

9) Aged Receivables report shows as of December 31st,2020 Property
Taxes at 96.86%, water & sewer at 95.46% and business at 100%.

10. Expense Report shows that Income expenses is at 94.56% and
Expense at 95.01%.

b) Projects

Chlorination Building Upgrade

Town Manager gave an update and stated that the fence closest to Steel
Mountain Road has been raised and repaired the project is now complete.

New Water Storage Tank Replacement

Town Manager discussed the New Water Storage Tank Replacement and
stated that the project as been postponed until May 2021 because of
manufacturer setbacks. There was concern regarding the honeycombing
and cracks in the cement of the knee wall, thus core testing was carried
out. All results from core testing came back good, and the Town was
reassured that it will not affect the stability of the tank.

c) Fire Department

1) Fire Call Reports for December 2020

There were four (4) incidents for the month of December,2020.

On December 10,2020 there was a Medical Call on Main Street in
St. George's.

On December 12, 2020 there was a Vehicle Fire on Steel Mountain Road
in St. George's.

On December 22, 2020 there was a Motor Vehicle Accident Off
Ramp on route 490.

On December 22, 2020 there was a Mutual Aid Call at 4 Station Road
in St. George's with Russell's Ambulance in attendance.

2) Resignation of Fire Chief Theodore Bennett

As of December 31st,2020 Fire Chief Theodore Bennett resigned as Fire
Chief from the St. George's Fire Department. Deputy Chief Toby White
will now be acting as Fire Chief until Elections take place in February
2021.

3) Ongoing Administration of Fire Department Regulations/Policies

Mayor Conway and Councillor C. White had a meeting with the St. George's Fire Department and discussed issues regarding the Fire Department Regulations. The Fire Regulations are outdated, the Town Manager researched and found out the Regulations had been repealed in 1982 and replaced with the National Fire Code of Canada. The Town Manager is working on getting sample policies from other departments to have a policy template that for the working group. Personnel from other areas will be accepted into the Fire Department providing they work or stay in Town. Another meeting will be taking place after a new Chief is in place.

Mayor Conway also discussed the old Fire Pumper, the fire department recommended that it be kept and maintained to be used as fire suppression on highway calls.

Councillor Alexander asked if there were any issues with the New Pumper, Town Manager stated that they were considering ordering to 4" hose and equivalent adapters for the New Pumper for use with the water cannon.

Motion #21 – 11 Councillor R. Blanchard/ Councillor C. White
Be it resolved that Cody Lucas and Justin Chinn be accepted into the St. George's Fire Department.
All in favor. Motion carried.

d) Stadium/ Recreation

As of December 31st,2020 the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium is showing a deficit of \$33,696.52.

A heater was replaced in the refrigeration room.

e) Roads

Councillor C. White mentioned the issue with road leading to fire station being too narrow for the new pumper and they would need it wider on one side. Town Manager stated that to upgrade the road they would need at least 3 lengths culvert/bands at a cost of approximately \$6,500.00, along with fill and the labor required the total cost would be approximately \$12,000.00 which wasn't budgeted for. Discussion on this issue will continue in April a decision will be made at that time..

f) Divesture Committee Report

N/A

g) Permits

N/A

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

a) Rescind Motion 17 – 92

Motion #21 – 12 Councillor A. Tobin/ Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Be it resolved to Rescind Motion 17-92 which read "Resolved that Council move ahead with quit claim to property in question".
All in favor. Motion carried.

b) Motion – Legal – Conflict of Interest Allegations

Motion #21 – 13 Councillor A. Tobin/ Councillor C. White
Be it resolved that Council has investigated the Conflict of Interest Allegations in relation to Mayor Conway as detailed in a letter to Council dated November 2nd,2020 and November 17th,2020 from a resident of the Town, and it has been determined that Mayor Conway was not in a Conflict or Interest pursuant to section 207(1) of the Municipalities Act 1999, when he voted on the motions as alleged.
All in favor. Motion carried.

c) Motion – Approval to Rent Space for Election Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium

Motion #21 – 14 Councillor E. Alexander/ Councillor R. Blanchard
Be it resolved that we do rent office space located at Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium to Provincial Elections in the amount of \$1,725.00 per month with availability for January, February, and March 2021.

All in favor. Motion carried.

d) Motion – Project Acceptance COVID-19 Stimulus Program

Motion #21 – 15 Councillor A. Tobin/ Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Be it resolved that we the Town Council of St. George's do accept the COVID-19 Stimulus Program funding for Project 17-CSP-21-217 Trail and Beautification Project on a 90/10 Provincial /Community cost-shared basis in the amount of \$49,504.00.

All in favor. Motion carried.

e) Motion – Approval Tax Recovery Plan 2021

Motion #21 – 16 Councillor C. White/ Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Be it resolved that we adopt and implement the Tax Recovery Plan as Presented for 2021.

All in favor. Motion carried.

f) Motion – Revised Budget 2021

Motion #21 – 17 Councillor A. Tobin/ Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Be it resolved that we do accept the revised budget for 2021 as presented in the amount of \$1,182,008.08.

All in favor. Motion carried.

g) Appointment of Assessment Commissioner

Motion #21 – 18 Councillor A. Tobin/ Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Be it resolved that we do appoint James Mercer P.O. Box 421 Stephenville Crossing, NL A0N 2C0 for one year commencing January 01, 2021 as the Assessment Review Commissioner for the Town of St. George's.

All in favor. Motion carried.

h) Regular Council Meetings 2021

The schedule has been published regarding Regular Council Meeting Dates for 2021. If a holiday should fall on a Monday, the meeting will be held on a Tuesday.

11 January,2021 – Monday
01 February,2021- Monday
01 March ,2021- Monday
05 April,2021 – Monday
03 May,2021 – Monday
07 June,2021 – Monday
05 July,2021- Monday
03 August,2021- Tuesday
07 September,2021- Tuesday
04 October,2021 – Monday
01 November,2021 – Monday
06 December,2021 – Monday

Other Business

N/A

a) Letter – ECCM Municipal Finance Division – Approval to Borrow HST/GST Portion ¾ Ton truck

A letter was received from ECCM Municipal Finance Division which stated "Pursuant to the provisions of the Municipalities Act, 1999, approval is hereby given to the Town of St. George's to borrow from the Leading Edge Credit Union an amount not exceeding six thousand, thirty-five dollars and fifty-two cents (\$6,035.52) repayable in full by Council over a term and amortization period of one year: the said loan is to be used to finance the HST/GST of the purchase of 2021 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4WD ¾ Ton Truck".

b) Letter – ECCM Municipal Finance Division – Approval to Borrow Principle ¾ Ton truck

A letter was received from ECCM Municipal Finance Division which stated "Pursuant to the provisions of the Municipalities Act 1999, approval is hereby given to the Town of St. George's to borrow from the Leading Edge Credit Union an amount not exceeding fifty-eight thousand, seven hundred and forty-seven dollars and forty-three cents (\$58,747.43) repayable in full by Council over a term not exceeding one year with an amortization period of six years: the said loan is to be used to finance the purchase of a 2021 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4 WD Crew Cab ¾ Ton Truck".

c) Letter – Southwest Coast SPCA – Donation Request

A letter was received from the Southwest Coast SPCA requesting a donation to help support the shelter. Council agreed to give a donation of \$500.00.

Motion #21 – 19 Councillor R. Blanchard/ Councillor R. Williams
Be it resolved that the Town of St. George's give a donation of \$500.00 to the Southwest Coast SPCA.
All in favor. Motion carried.

d) Letter – FCM – Payment Reminder Interest

A letter was received from FCM regarding payment reminder.

e) Circular – DT&I Municipal Infrastructure

A circular was received from DT&I RE: Municipal Infrastructure Master Specification Front End Website Relocation. As of December 1, 2020 the Municipal Infrastructure portfolio was moved to the new web address <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ti/mi/>. All documents relating to the new procurement can now be found at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ti/mi/mwsr/> under Front End Documents and MERX Forms.

f) Letter – MNL – Membership Renewal

A letter was received from MNL as a reminder to renew membership with Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador for 2021.

g) Letter – Heritage NL – Historic Preservation Pays in Newfoundland and Labrador

A letter was received from Heritage NL regarding Historic Preservation Pays in Newfoundland & Labrador.

h) Memo – Update on Municipal Assessment Agency

A memo was received from MAA informing us that the Board of Directors for MAA met via teleconference on December 3rd, 2020. The main item of business was the review and acceptance of the 2021 -2022 budget. Please note that the Agency's fee per parcel remains unchanged from \$26.00 per assessment, with no charge for parcels with low value or Crown Land.

*Outgoing
Correspondence*

N/A

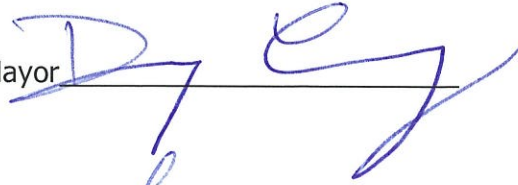
Adjournment

Motion #21 – 20 Deputy Mayor T. Messervey/ Councillor R. Blanchard
Be it resolved that the meeting does now adjourn.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Monday February 1st, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor

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Clerk

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