

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 2, 2015

Members Present

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

Also Present

Town Manager R. Chant
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Public in Attendance

Two members of the public were in attendance.

Call to Order

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

*Adoption of Minutes:
Regular Meeting of Oct. 5, 2015*

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Motion # 15 - 100 Tobin/Foote

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2015 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business Arising

Teck Resources are quite happy with council's decision to defer taxes for 2016. Meeting with Small Craft Harbours re slipway will take place after the election.

Delegations

One resident in attendance addressed council with concerns she had during a recent water shut-off due to a repair in October. She has a disabled person in her care and was left without water for approximately 29 hours without being notified. Mayor Conway apologized on behalf of the Town and informed her that, in addition to being announced on the local radio station, notices are posted on the Town's website and residents can subscribe to an email notification. Several other points were expressed; also complaints about the condition her property was left in. Town workers will clean up the property.

Some councillors suggested a newsletter be sent to residents informing them that they can subscribe to emails on our website with regard to water shut-offs, boil orders, etc.

The other person in attendance had purchased property and submitted an application to build a house in an area that has been zoned Rural in the new Town Plan. The resident was advised to re-submit the application in compliance with the zoning regulations. Council will consider having the area re-zoned to Residential to encourage more homes.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

Motion #15 - 101 Tobin/White

Resolved that general invoices totaling \$14,877.29 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Projects

Tobin's Lift Station has been started and the paving of Harvey's Lane, Sullivan's Lane, and Harview's Lane Extension has been completed. Four cuts on Main Street were paved at the same time.

d) Stadium/Recreation

1) An Approval to Award the contract for Recreation Upgrades to Harvey Gale & Son Ltd. was received from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs.

2) An email from the Design Approval Tech with DMIA states the bidder has requested a delay until spring 2016 for the start of the project.

Motion #15 - 102 White/Tobin

Resolved that we accept the delay for the start of the Recreation Upgrades until April 1, 2016. All in favour. Motion carried.

Ice is on at the RecPlex. Numbers are up from last year for the Kids' Program.

e) Roads

Snowgear is on the ton-truck and loader will be ready this week.

Building Applications

This item was dealt with under *Delegations*.

New Business

1) Purchase of Projector

The purchase of a projector will be included in next year's budget.

2) Tax Recovery Plan

As part of the new Community Sustainability Partnership, a Tax Recovery Plan has to be submitted to DMIA to receive the October MOG and November Gas Tax payments.

Motion #15 - 103 Foote/Lee

Resolved that we accept the Tax Recovery Plan. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Christmas Hours

The town office will be closed from December 21, 2015 to January 1, 2016, and will re-open on January 4, 2016.

4) Stephenville Crossing

A meeting will be arranged with the council of Stephenville Crossing, members of the Local Service District of Barachois Brook, Chris Power of Municipal Affairs, and our council to discuss a plan and apply for funding for a regional sewer treatment plant.

5) Projects 2016

Motion #15 - 104 Tobin/Foote

Resolved that funding be applied for under the 2016-17 Municipal Capital Works Program for Wells, Paving, Sidewalks, and Town Hall Retrofit. All in favour. Motion carried.

6) Tender - Garbage Contract

Two tenders had been received but remained unopened for the Garbage Contract upon recommendation from Western Regional Waste Management that we continue with the existing contractor on a month-to-month basis.

Other Business

Councillor Lee commented on the assessments for 2016 by the Municipal Assessment Agency and wondered how they could justify the 23% increases in property values. He suggested council consider using some other way to assess properties to save costs.

Incoming Correspondence

1) A letter was received from Ronald McDonald House requesting a donation.

Motion #15 - 105 Foote/Lee

Resolved that, if each councillor is in agreement, \$25 be taken from each councillor's remuneration and donated to the Ronald McDonald House. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Alexander will be contacted tomorrow.

2) A memo from MNL re Human Resource Advisor Services for members.

3) An invitation from the Royal Canadian Legion, Stephenville, to council, staff, and guests to attend a Community in Remembrance Celebration in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Gallipoli on Nov. 7, 2015.


4) A letter from Keith Sullivan, President FFAW-Unifor, requesting the opportunity to speak to council re the Rural Works initiative. Ray will inform Mr. Sullivan of the date for our next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion #15 - 106 Tobin/Foote

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. to meet again on December 7, 2015.



Mayor



Clerk