

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 1, 2016

Members Present

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

Also Present

Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Public in Attendance

Three residents of the town were in attendance.

Call to Order

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

*Adoption of Minutes:
Reg. Mtg. of January 4, 2016*

Regular Meeting of January 4, 2016

Motion #16 - 11 Foote/Tobin

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of January 4, 2016 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

New Business

Mayor Conway decided to deal with the following issues first for the convenience of the residents in attendance.

6) Crown Lands Applications

Motion #16 - 12 Alexander/White

Resolved that the four Municipal Recommendation Forms for Crown Land Applications within Municipal and Planning Area Boundaries be approved. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Request for Minimum Property Tax Exemption

A property had been divided into two parcels in 1972 when the owners turned a portion over to the Town to extend Mercer's Lane. The owners were told at the time that future billing would take that into consideration. When council made the motion in December to apply minimum property tax to all parcels, the owners received an invoice for \$300 on the vacant piece. They are asking council to look into the matter.

The town clerk was directed to check with Municipal Affairs, the Municipalities Act, and minutes from that period.

At this point, the three residents left the meeting.

Proclamations

Mayor Conway read the declaration proclaiming February 15, 2016 as Heritage Day.

Committee Reports:
a) *Finance*

Motion #16 - 13 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that general invoices totaling \$15,659.33 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) *Projects*

The only thing left to do on Tobin's Lift Station is the installation of the SCADA system.

New Business (cont'd)

1) Recommendation - Town Manager's Position

Twelve applications had been received for the position of town manager. Mayor Conway, Councillors Foote and Lee screened the applications and decided to interview six applicants. Mayor Conway, Councillor Lee, and the town clerk interviewed five of the applicants in council chambers (one had withdrawn), and later conducted one telephone interview. Mayor Conway and Councillor Lee then gave their recommendation to council.

Motion #16 - 14 Alexander/Foote

Resolved to offer the position of town manager to the person recommended by Mayor Conway and Councillor Lee for a probationary period of six months with a starting salary of \$44,500 per year. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Retroactive Pay - Town Clerk

Motion #16 - 15 Lee/Foote

Resolved that the town clerk be compensated at the manager's rate of pay for December and January and until a new manager is in place. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Quote for Audit 2015

Motion #16 - 16 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that we accept the quote from Keith A. Penney & Associates of \$6,300 plus HST for audit of year ended December 31, 2015. All in favour. Motion carried.

5) Quotes for New Truck

Several quotes had been received for the purchase of a new truck. Council recommended checking out a few more places to find the best deal available and checking on terms for leasing.

Incoming Correspondence

1) A letter from Arthur Skinner, Western Regional Manager with Department of Municipal Affairs, acknowledging receipt and acceptance of our Municipal Budget Submission for 2016.

2) A memo from Fire and Emergency Services announcing the dates and location for the Spring 2016 Training School in Grand Falls-Windsor from May 28-June 3, 2016.

3) Kids Help Phone requesting a donation.

Motion #16 - 17 Foote/Tobin

Resolved that we donate \$25 to the Kids Help Phone. All In favour. Motion carried.

4) Information on Bidding.com, Canada's leading Governmental Contract Portal for paperless bidding technology.

5) Department of Environment and Conservation - Nomination Form for 2016 Operator of the Year Award.

6) A fax from a resident with comments on information received through the Access to Information Act.

Adjournment

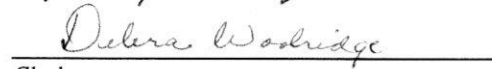
Motion #16 - 18 Lee/Tobin

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on March 7, 2016. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk