

**Town of St. George's
Special Council Meeting**

**Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council of
The Town of St. George's held in
Town Hall, Nov 26, 2018**

Members Present

Mayor	D. Conway
Deputy Mayor	T. Messervey
Councillors:	R. Williams R. Blanchard A. Tobin M. Fleming C. White

Also present

Town Manager/Clerk	J. Butt
Assistant Town Clerk	T. Garnier

Public in Attendance

Three residents in attendance.

Call to Order

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

The Mayor welcomed the general public.

Purpose

There were three items on the agenda, Budget 2019, Municipal Tax Structure & Snow Blade Purchase.

1) Budget 2019

Councillor M. Fleming asked Town Manager to discuss each item line on the budget. It was advised that all notes and explanations to each item is included in the Budget package.

Town Manager went through budget and explained that the actuals are up until end of October 2018 and we have two months of data not yet reflected until the new year. As of Nov 26, 2018, 70 percent of the budget was spent, and 89 percent of revenue has been received. The Town Manager went over the accumulated deficits from the Unaudited Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Surplus for years 2013 – 2017.

There are no tax increases to the budget, apart from the tax rate for the school's water and sewer changed to a flat rate of 460.00/yr. plus 6 mils of access value.

Councillor M. Fleming requested a decrease in mil rate due to the property assessment increase. It was discussed that because of new builds and upgrades to residents, the property assessments went up less than \$8,000, this is something that tends to happen each year. The Mayor stressed that because of aging infrastructure we cannot decrease the mil rate.

Councillor M. Fleming did not support the budget due to the noted reasoning as stated in the paragraph above.

Motion # 18 – 202 Williams/ White

Be it resolved that we do accept the budget as presented of \$1,215,866.28 for Budget 2019.

In favor: A. Tobin, R. Blanchard, R. Williams, T. Messervey, C. White, D. Conway

Opposed: M. Fleming

Deputy Mayor T. Messervey made council aware that there needs to be a meeting held in the new year regarding the Rec Plex. Councillor A. Tobin agreed and stated, the ice is a major burden on our tax payers.

It was recommended by Deputy Mayor Messervey that research be done such as, statistics on who uses the facilities, the renovations required, equipment maintenance & needed equipment, etc.

A date for a meeting will be discussed in the new year.

2) **Municipal Tax Structure**

Mayor Conway discussed the Municipal Tax Structure and the only change would be the tax change to the schools. This will be a flat rate of 460.00/yr. plus 6 mils of assessed value.

Motion # 18 – 203 White/ Williams

Be it resolved that we do accept the Municipal Tax Structure for 2019 as presented.

In favor: A. Tobin, R. Blanchard, R. Williams, T. Messervey, C. White, D. Conway

Opposed: M. Fleming

3) **Snow Blade Purchase**

The town currently has a Snow Blower attachment for the skid steer that is ten years old, that has only been used a handful of times.

It was requested by Public Works to trade in the snowblower for a snow blade which would be easier for clearing near fire hydrants, sidewalks, and in front of the Town Office/Fire Hall/Stadium. There were also notifications received by residents that the snow blower has the tendency to shoot rocks towards their houses which is a safety hazard.

Councillor M. Fleming mentioned that the plows on the trucks we have now should do fine for the job. Also, he mentioned the bucket on the Skid steer or shovels should be used and he does not see any use for a new snow blade for the skid steer.

Motion # 18 – 204 Williams/ Blanchard

Be it resolved that we do purchase a blade attachment item SB300008BO50 from Toromont to replace the snow blower attachment for \$1,649.00 plus HST this price includes a trade in allowance of \$2,750.00 plus HST for the snow blower attachment.


In favor: R. Williams, R. Blanchard, T. Messervey, A. Tobin, C. White, D. Conway

Opposed: M. Fleming


Adjournment

Motion # 18 – 205 White/ Blanchard
Resolved that the meeting does now adjourn. All in favor. Motion
carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk