

**Town of St. George's
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of Council
of St. George's held on
January 10th, 2022**

Members Present Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor C. White

Councillors J. Legge
S. O'Neil/Parsons
R. Sheppard
J. Blanchard
A. Tobin

Others Present Acting Town Clerk S. Bennett

Call to Order Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed Deputy Mayor, Councillors and the public who attend through electronic means via Facebook Live and Zoom.

Adoption of Agenda Motion #22 – 1 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor R. Sheppard
Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Regular Meeting of December 6th, 2021

Adoption of Minutes Motion #22 – 2 Deputy Mayor C. White/Councillor J. Legge
Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of Regular Council meeting that was held on December 6th, 2021.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports
a) Finance 1) Motion #22 – 3 Councillor R. Sheppard/Councillor S. O'Neil/Parsons
Be it resolved to approve General Invoices in the amount of \$37,317.98 for payment.
All in favor. Motion carried.

2) Motion #22 – 4 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor S. O'Neil/Parsons
Be it resolved for post approval to pay Greatario Industrial Storage Systems for Claim #4 Project 17-GI-20-00043 Water Storage Tank Replacement in the amount of \$81,592.50 from the Projects Account.
All in favor. Motion carried.

3) Motion #22 – 5 Councillor J. Legge/Councillor J. Blanchard
Be it resolved for post approval to pay Western Pump for the hold back on New Drilled Well in the amount \$26,238.91.
All in favor. Motion carried.

4) Current bank balances were given for the month of December 2021.

5) Aged Receivables reports show that as of December 31, 2021 Property Taxes 96.87%, Water & Sewer taxes 95.63% and Business at 100 %.

6) Expense report as of December 31, 2021 shows Income @ 106.86 used and Expense @ 111.21 budget used.

b) Projects **New Drilled Well/Emergency Generator and Chlorination Building**
Mayor Conway gave an update on recent Projects and stated New Drilled Well has been completed and the emergency generator is on order.

c) Fire Department **Fire Call Reports for December 2021**
There was a total of 4 fire calls for the month of December 2021.
1) Mutual Aid at 1 White's Road on November 30, 2021.

- 2) Structure Fire at 11 Fillatre's Lane on December 14,2021.
- 3) Mutual Aid at 107 Main St. Mobile Home, on December 22,2021.
- 4) Mutual Aid at St. George's on December 28,2021.

d) Stadium & Recreation Report

Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium

As of December 31, 2021 the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium has a deficit of \$19,898.45.

e) Roads

Councillor Blanchard gave an update on the roads, he stated that he received 3 calls from residents with concerns.

1) One call was from a resident on Bayview Ave with complaints regarding rocks and sand on his property from snow clearing, it was also suggested that Bayview Ave will need of an upgrade which will be looked into in the Spring.

2) Another complaint from residents on Farm Road and Chestnut Ave regarding water pooling. Town will have public works install a stop sign on Farm Road so as to separate it from Chestnut Rd.

Councillor Blanchard also stated that he does not have the authority to direct the Public Works but if residents do have concerns they should contact the town office.

Appointment of Acting Town Clerk for meeting held January 10,2022

Motion #22 – 6 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor J. Legge
 Be it resolved that the Town of St. George's appoint Sherry Bennett as Acting Town Clerk for the Regular Town Meeting held on January 10,2022.
 All in favor. Motion carried.

Permits

Demolition Permits

Motion #22 – 7 Deputy Mayor C. White/Councillor R. Sheppard
 Be it resolved that Demolition Permit #1311 be accepted as presented.
 All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business NA

New Business

a) Monthly Public Meetings and Statutory Holiday Schedules

The schedule has been published for Regular Council Meeting Dates for 2022. If a holiday should fall on a Monday, the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday.

7:36 p.m. Mayor Conway and Deputy Mayor White left room.

b) Conflict of Interest against Mayor Danny Conway In the matter of paving program on Chestnut Crescent , St. George's

A conflict of Interest was filed against Mayor Danny Conway of the Town of St. George's for participating and voting on public meetings November 16 & 24th, 2021. Councillor J. Blanchard proceeded to take over the meeting and asked Councillors to make a decision on whether it was a Conflict of Interest.

Special Meeting held November 16th,2021

Motion #21 – 230 Deputy Mayor T. Messervey/Councillor C. White

Since this Motion's wording did not include or single out any street names it was decision was made by Council.

Special Meeting held November 24th,2021

Motion #21 – 235 Deputy Mayor T. Messervey/Councillor R. Blanchard

Since these Motion's wording did not include or single out any street names and no monetary value a decision by Councillor are as follows.

Motion

Motion #22 – 8 Councillor R. Sheppard/Councillor J. Legge

Be it resolved that there was no Conflict of Interest against Mayor Danny Conway for participating and voting on public meetings held November 16th and 24th,2021.

Councillor J. Legge

No Conflict

Councillor R. Sheppard	No Conflict
Councillor S. O'Neil/Parsons	No Conflict
Councillor J. Blanchard	No Conflict

All in favor. Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest against Councillor Conrad White and former Councillor Rhonda Cramm-Blanchard by participating and voting at a public meeting of paving program on Chestnut Crescent, St. George's November 16th and November 24th, 2021

Special Meeting held November 16th, 2021
 Motion #21 – 230 Deputy Mayor T. Messervey/Councillor C. White
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 Special Meeting held November 24th, 2021
 Motion #21 – 235 Deputy Mayor T. Messervey/Councillor R. Blanchard
 Since these Motion's wording did not include or single out any street names and no monetary value a decision by Councillor are as follows.

Motion

Motion #22 – 9 Councillor J. Legge/Councillor R. Sheppard
 Be it resolved that there was no Conflict of Interest against Councillor Conrad White and former Councillor Rhonda Cramm-Blanchard for participating and voting on public meetings held November 16th-24th, 2021.

Councillor J. Legge	No Conflict
Councillor R. Sheppard	No Conflict
Councillor S. O'Neil/Parsons	No Conflict
Councillor J. Blanchard	No Conflict

All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Danny Conway and Deputy Mayor Conrad White re-entered the room @ 7:36 p.m.

c) Youth Bowling League

The letter was received from Michelle Stoddard an employee at the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium who is interested in forming a youth bowling league for youth ages 7 – 12 years.
 Council agreed they will support them. The Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium is now closed since we are at Level 4 Covid – 19 will reopened when levels are lowered.

d) Fitness Group

An email was received from a resident who is wondering if the Town would be interested in a fitness facility at the stadium. Since it is closed because of Covid – 19 the matter will be looked into when levels are lowered.

e) Casual Call in Hiring Committee

A casual call-in hiring committee was formed which will include Mayor Conway, Councillor S. O'Neil/Parsons and Acting Town Clerk Jocelyn Deluney.

Incoming Correspondence

a) Email – Municipalities NL Staff Working Remotely

An email was received to inform members in accordance with the public health recommendations, the MNL office will be closed and work remotely.

b) Email – Fisheries and Oceans-Costal Community Resource Inventory

An email was received to inform us they will be conducting interviews to gather information for the St. Georges Bay – Port au Port area.

c) Email – RPATC – Municipal Drone Training

An email was received to advise the continuation of its municipal drone training program into 2022.

d) **Letter – Brian Hillier – outline terms of engagement to audit**

Motion #22 – 10 Deputy Mayor C. White/Councillor S.O'Neil/Parsons
Be it resolved that we do sign the Letter of Engagement to Audit Financial Statement year ended December 31st,2021 as provided by Brian N. Hiller Chartered Professional Accountant.
All in favor. Motion carried.

*Outgoing
Correspondence*

a) **Western Regional Service Board Member Nomination Form**

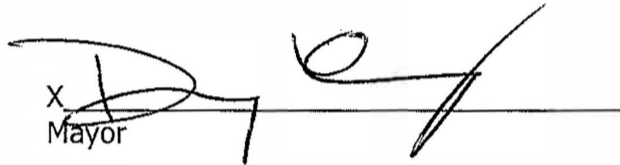
A letter was received to determine if they would like to submit a nominee from Council to run to represent your ward as a member of next WRSB.

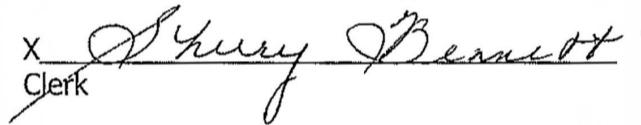
Adjournment

Motion #22 – 11 Councillor R. Sheppard/Councillor S. O'Neil/Parsons
Be it resolved that the meeting do now adjourn.
All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, February 7th,2022

X 
Mayor

X 
Clerk