

**Town of St. George's
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of Council
of St. George's held on
April 4th, 2022**

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor Deputy Mayor Councillors	D. Conway C. White J. Blanchard A. Tobin S. O'Neil/Parsons J. Legge R. Sheppard
<i>Via Bell Conferencing</i>		
<i>Others Present</i>	Acting Town Clerk Account Receivable Clerk	J. Deluney P. Callahan
<i>Call to Order</i>	Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all members of council who were present, as well as Councillor Sheppard who was joining through teleconference. Also members of the public who joined through FaceBook Live.	
<i>Adoption of Agenda</i>	Motion #22 – 56 Councillor A. Tobin/Deputy Mayor C. White Be it resolved to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.	
<i>Delegations & Proclamations</i>	Motion #22 – 57 Deputy Mayor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin Be it resolved to accept April 7 th , 2022, as Green Shirt Day. All in favor. Motion carried. Motion #22 – 58 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor J. Legge Be it resolved to accept National Organ & Tissue Donor Awareness Week for April 24 th – 30 th , 2022 All in favor. Motion carried.	
<i>Adoption of Minutes</i>	Motion #22 – 59 Councillor J. Legge/Councillor S. O'Neil/Parsons Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on March 7 th , 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.	
<i>Business Arising from the minutes</i>	Letter/email to be submitted to the Minister of Transportation regarding the main road concern & road repair. Hoping to talk with the MHA after Easter.	
<i>Committee Reports</i>		
<i>a) Finance</i>	1. Motion #22 – 60 Councillor A. Tobin/Deputy Mayor C. White Approved to pay General Invoices in the amount of \$25,503.52 All in favor. Motion carried. 2. Motion #22 – 61 Deputy Mayor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin Hold payment to be made to Dillon Consulting Ltd. In the amount of \$15,155.30 Project #17 – GI – 21 – 00058 New Drilled Well. All in favor. Motion carried. 3. Current Bank Balances were given for the month of March 2022 4. Aged Receivables report shows as of March 31, 2022 taxes collected are 39.39% for Property Tax, 30.13 % for Water and Sewer Tax, and 8.08 % for Business Tax 5. Expense Report shows 25.78% of Budget used to date.	

c) Fire Department

There were four Fire Call Reports for the month of March.

1. Medical Call – March 12th, 2022
2. Medical Call – March 15th, 2022
3. Structure Fire – March 18th, 2022
4. Chimney Fire – March 20th, 2022

*Stadium
& Recreation Report*

a) As of March 31, 2022 the stadium has a deficit of \$7,418.69 We are waiting on a bill for rates, and a cheque is to be issued to the Town of St. George's for their share. The committee is here to help assist with revenue and town workers need to be present during activities organized by the committee, they will need a key to conduct their business.

Motion #22 – 62 Deputy Mayor C. White/Councillor S. O'Neil/Parsons Be it resolved that the Town of St. George's do agree to give the Stadium Committee, namely Reggie Colombe as chairperson a key to the SiKi Bennett Memorial Stadium a key and a code for the alarm in which they can conduct their business. They are aware that at anytime a function is happening at the stadium rink area a member of the unionized staff must be present in the building. All in favor. Motion carried.

Roads

Councillor Blanchard gave his update on the road conditions. There was not much to update as the road conditions have remained relatively the same and that they are waiting for the frost to leave the ground to properly fix the town roads.

*St. George's
Marina*

The St. George's Marina is closed for the season, with a possible reopening for the first or second week of May 2022.

Permits

General Repairs Permit

Motion #22 – 63 Deputy Mayor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin Be it resolved to accept General Repairs Permit #1319 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carried.

*Unfinished
Business*

no unfinished business at this time *DISCUSSION ON ROADS.*

New Business

A) Report for HR

An informal meeting was held with Councillor Blanchard, Councillor Tobin Committee and Acting Town Clerk, a review of all town staff duties was discussed, the town clerk who was consulted on whether she wanted to take on the role of manager, she has declined, and it was recommended that the Town of St. George's hire a manager if a suitable candidate could be found, preferably someone local. The Acting Town Clerk would become the Town Clerk and resume the duties of the outside office. The office structure would then be Town Clerk, Manager, and the casual call in Accounts Receivable Clerk. The recommendation of Councillor Blanchard was that a winter outside worker be laid off until the spring maintenance starts. Councillor Blanchard also requested that the Town Clerk request from the lead hand of public works a list of what is required to start our spring maintenance and submit it for review as well as a list of supplies needed to replenish what has been used over the winter.

Motion #22 – 64 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor J. Blanchard Be it resolved that the Town of St. George's begin the process of hiring a town manager. All in favor. Motion carried

B) Office Hours

Office hours will be changed to 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Half hour lunch breaks starting April 15th, 2022. The town office will not close for lunch breaks. Motion #22-53 to change hours was made at the March 7th, 2022 meeting. It was decided at that time if the new hours of operation aren't acceptable to residents

needs the hours would revert to the original 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

C) Letter from Resident

At 7:30 p.m. Councillor J. Blanchard left the meeting due to conflict of interest as his company was the contractor hired to complete the job by the resident. Mayor Conway explained that the letter stated that the resident was asking the town to cover the cost of what would be 4 hours of labor, the recommendation of the town public works was if the town were to cover any costs of this it would be 2 hours as that is what the town had paid in previous years if they felt it was the towns responsibility. Mayor Conway stated that the public works lead hand had advised that his suggestion again was to replace 2 curb stops, discontinue 1 and that 1 was good. After discussions with the remaining councillors, it was decided that the town would cover the entire 4 hours at a cost of \$ 795.80 payable to TJB2 Construction LTD, Councillor Blanchard was then asked to re3-enter the meeting and returned at 7:38 p.m.

Motion 22-65 Deputy Mayor White/Councillor S.O'Neill Parsons Be it resolved that the Town of St. George's does agree to pay for 4 hours of the contractor's bill for the water line break/repair on 145 Main St, St George's.

In Favor: Mayor Conway, Deputy Mayor White, Councillor A. Tobin, Councillor J. Legge, Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons, and Councillor R. Sheppard

Abstained: Councillor J. Blanchard

D) St. George's Clean-UP Week

Containerized Sanitation sent an email to the Town of St. George's announcing that Clean-up Week will be from May 2nd to May 6th, 2022, an announcement was listed on our town FaceBook page as well as a newsletter being sent to every household in town, listing the acceptable and unacceptable items.

E) Review Variable Loans

The Acting Town Clerk has alerted the council to the fact that Rates for there is going to be an increase in the variable rate within the very near future and it might be a good idea to look into consolidating some of the variable rate debt into fixed rate loans. The Town wouldn't be acquiring any new debt just putting most of the long-term debt into fixed term loan. She will contact the ALCU and see what the payments/rates on fixed rate loans will be for us and if it will be to the towns benefit.

F) Letter from Resident Garbage

At 7:47 p.m. Councillor A. Tobin left the meeting after declaring a conflict of interest due to the fact that it was on his property that the Garbage truck was refusing to enter to pick up the trash of the other resident that lives in the same lane as Councillor Tobin. The acting town clerk explained that she had spoken to the contractor on numerous occasions about the concerns of residents with the big truck tearing up their property and the contractor explained that they only go onto roads that are deemed town roads, they don't enter private driveways to pick up trash. Residents are to bring trash to the side of the road. She said that she had sent public works to this address as there was no phone number on file to reach the resident currently living at the residence but there was no one home at the time of their visit. The contractor stated he wouldn't be entering the driveway to pick up the trash. There was some discussion among the remaining councillors about what how to handle this situation.

A) **Option 1** open pit road for garbage pickup for the resident,

B). **Option 2** would be for the truck to continue down the road unless weather conditions deem it too difficult/hazardous.

Council decided that the second recommendation would be in the best interest of the resident. The contractor would be contacted and asked to continue picking up the residents' trash by going onto the property. Councillor Tobin was asked to enter the meeting again at 7:55p.m.

Other Business N/A

*Outgoing
Correspondence*

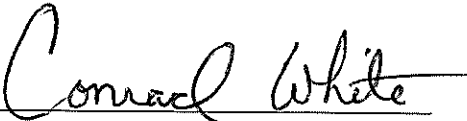
A letter was sent to the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Circle of NL on behalf of the Town of St. George's expressing interest and support for the Community Sport for All Initiative. This is an excellent way for the town to utilize the SiKi Bennett Memorial Stadium by offering to provide space for the proposed Sport Facilitator and storage for the equipment that will be purchased for this venture. This will come at no monetary cost to the town but will provide the opportunity for our residents to become active and get the stadium opened up again as it was in the past.

*Incoming
Correspondence*

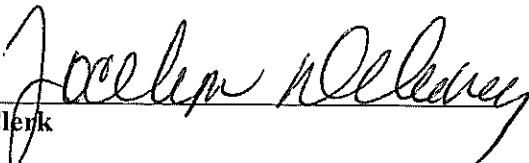
- a) Circular Year End Claims for Municipal Infrastructure Programs March 31st, 2021 – 2022
- b) Email – Western Health, Kids Have Stress Too – Virtual Session – April 6th, 2022
- c) Email – Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador – Regionalization on Radio
- d) Circular – Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador – 2022 Municipal Symposium
- e) Circular – Municipalities Newfoundland & Labrador – Municipal Leadership Governance
- f) Email – Western Health – Food First NL – Community Food Program Support Fund Spring 2022
- g) Email – Proposed Flat Bay Brook Cottage Development
- h) Email – Bishops Roadworks
- i) Email – SAM 2022 Spring AGM – Friday May 6th – Saturday May 7th, 2022
- j) Letter – Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce

Adjournment

Motion #22 – 66 Councillor J. Blanchard/Councillor S. O'Neil/Parsons
Be it resolved that this meeting does now adjourn.
meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.
All in favor. Motion Carried.



Mayor



Clerk