

**Town of St. George's
Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting
held on June 13th, 2022**

Members Present	<p>Mayor C. White</p> <p>Deputy Mayor A. Tobin</p> <p>Councillors J. Blanchard S. O'Neill Parsons J. Legge R. Sheppard</p>
Others Present	<p>Manager D. Conway</p> <p>Town Clerk J. Deluney-King</p> <p>3 residents in attendance</p>
Call to Order	<p>Mayor C. White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed all members of council, and all who were in attendance from the public.</p>
Adoption of Agenda	<p>Motion #22- 87 Councillor J. Blanchard /Councillor S.O'Neill Parsons Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.</p>
Delegations and Proclamations	<p>The Town Clerk conducted the appointment of the new mayor and and the election of the new Deputy Mayor as per Section 19-1 of the Municipality's Act regarding vacancies within the mayor's office.</p> <p>Motion #22- 88 Councillor J. Legge/ Councillor A. Tobin Be it resolved that effective immediately, due to the vacancy in the mayor's office Acting Mayor C. White as per Section 19-1(a) of the Municipality's Act has been officially declared Mayor of the Town of St. George's. All in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>Nominations were taken for the Deputy Mayors seat. Councillor A. Tobin nominated by Councillor J. Blanchard. seconded by Councillor J. Legge Councillor J. Blanchard nominated by Councillor A.Tobin , seconded by Mayor C. White. Councillor J. Blanchard declined the nomination as he felt that Councillor Tobin would be a better fit and would have more time to take on this role. Councillor A. Tobin accepted the nomination and was appointed Deputy Mayor of the Town of St. George's.</p>
Adoption of the Minutes	<p>Motion # 22-89 Deputy Mayor Tobin / Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of a regular meeting held on May 2nd, 2022 All in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>Councillor R. Sheppard entered the meeting at 7:45p.m. and Mayor C. White explained what had taken place with the election of Deputy Mayor A. Tobin and also his appointment to the mayor's office. He also explained that council is in process of adopting the minutes from previous meetings.</p> <p>Motion #22-90 Councillor J. Legge /Councillor S.ONeill Parsons Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of a privileged meeting on May 5th, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.</p>

Motion #22- 91 Councillor S.O'Neill Parsons/Councillor R. Sheppard
Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of a special meeting held
May 27th, 2022
All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #22- 92 Deputy Mayor A. Tobin/Councillor S. O'Neill
Parsons
Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of privileged meeting on
May 28th, 2022
All in favor. Motion carried.

**Business Arising
from the minutes**

Council of the Town of St. George's hired LW Consulting to conduct interviews and recommend to the town the person who would be become the manager. The person hired by the Town was Danny Conway. Council welcomed D. Conway who expressed his pleasure in obtaining this position and he welcomes the opportunity to work side by side with staff and council for years to come. The manager explained he met with all staff and explained that he is willing to work with them with the direction of council.

Committee Reports

(a) Finance

1. **Motion #22- 93** Councillor /Councillor
Be it resolved to pay General Invoices in the amount of \$ 47,377.32 from the operational account.
All in favor. Motion carried

2. **Motion #22-94** Deputy Mayor Tobin /Councillor
Be it resolved to pay Eco Contracting Ltd for Invoice # 4634 Project 17-MCW-21-00027 Chlorination Building Emergency Generator Claim #2 in the amount of \$ 37,260 from projects account.
All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Current Bank Balances given for the month of May 2022 by the Town Manager

4. Aged Receivables report shows as of May 31st 2022, taxes collected are 65 % for Property Tax, 55 % for Water and Sewer Tax, and 49.91 % for Business Tax. Aged Payables are 39 % of our Budget used to date.

5. Expense/ Income report as of May 31st, 2022 shows Income at % and Expenses at %.

(b) Projects

Town manager gave an update on the projects, we still don't have the manuals or the parameters needed to operate the New Drilled Well.

(c) Fire Department

There was One (1) medical Fire Call for the month of May 2022
Councillor Blanchard is going to be the fire department liaison for the town of St. George's.

(d) Stadium/
Recreation

Finance Report

(a) The town manager read the financial report for the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium, as of May 2022 the Stadium has a deficit of \$1340.70.

(b) The manager read a letter from the stadium committee. Councillor Blanchard has some reservations with some of the items on the stadium committee objectives. He stated that the responsibilities of the town have to be in writing so that the workers are aware of what is happening at all times. The manager recommended that council put their full support behind this group. The manager explained to the public service workers about the stadium committees' objectives

where they are concerned, and what activities they will be involved in and won't be involved in.

Motion #22- 95 Councillor R. Sheppard /S. O'Neill Parsons Councillor
Be it resolved that The Town of St. George's will adopt *in principle* the St. George's Committees guidelines that was presented, and will support them in their functions.

All in favor. Motion carried.

(c) Email from the stadium committee requesting a donation to purchase items for the Canada Day festivities. It was decided to donate \$200.00 toward the event.

Motion #22-96 Councillor J. Blanchard /Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of St. George's does donate to the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium Committee \$200.00 for Canada Day Festivities.

All in favor. Motion carried.

(e) Roads

Mayor White sent a letter to the Department of Transportation, regarding the condition of the roads of St. Georges and what was required to help with this problem. He stated that he was told that there was nothing planned for St. George's for at least the next 2 to 3 years. We need to get the road by the fire hall repaired as that is extremely dangerous. There is a meeting being arranged with government officials in near future to see what can be done before the 3 years. Councillor Blanchard gave an update of the roads, he suggested that the town shouldn't start doing work that is Dept of Transportation responsibility because it will set a precedent that the town will take responsibility for work that needs to be done by DOT.

He then gave an update on the ditch issue on Shore Road. He suggested that we install French drains, we need to control the speed of the water that is flowing down the hill. He suggested that the Department of Highways be kept informed as to what solution the town has decided they will use to correct the issue.

The issue with Garniers Hill needs to be addressed ASAP, Department of Transportation wants the town to do what is needed to be done by them before they start fixing Main Street issue. Councillor Blanchard gave his recommendations and what supplies will be needed to purchase.

He then spoke of the issue that a landowner is facing with needing to dig a ditch on his property because of water, landowner is landlocked on either side. Manager will see what has to be done to make an informed decision.

(f) St.George's
Marina

Mayor White gave an update on the Marina, there was One (1) Seasonal Recreational Launch permit sold for May 2022. A meeting is needed to see what can be done to bring all residents on board as it appears not everyone is paying fees to use the facilities. If we cant get everyone involved then the town will be forced to lock the marina and only paying persons will be permitted to use it.

(g) Permits

1). **General Repairs x 18**

Motion #22- 97 Councillor J. Legge/Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons
Be it resolved to accept General Repairs permits with #s 1332,1333,1334,1335,1336,1337,1338,1339,1341,1342,1344,1345, 1346,1347,1348,1349,1350,1351 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carried.

2). **Building Repairs x 2**

Motion #22- 98 Deputy Mayor A. Tobin/Councillor S.O'Neill Parsons
Be it resolved to accept Building Permits with #s 1340 and 1343 as presented.

All in favor. Motion carried

Unfinished Business

Manager gave an update as per the request from the auditor to consolidate the loans we currently hold at C.U. and payoff a number of loans that are carrying small balances as well as the HST loans. Manager and Town Clerk will update council this week once the credit union commercial loans officer gets back to them with the information required.

New Business

(a). Letter from Resident- Re: Building Permit to extend current shed.

Motion #22-99 Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons/Councillor R. Sheppard
Be it resolved that council use discretionary use to approve the residents request to extend their current shed.
All in favor. Motion carried

(b) Letter from resident complaint of roaming dogs

Town manager explained that we are now working with the animal control person in Stephenville to alleviate the roaming dog problem. The town manager has requested a meeting with RCMP, and we are hoping to be able to start fining residents through the RCMP. We have 7 problem animals in town but we will need the cooperation of the owners.

(c). Letter of resignation of the Mayor of St. George's

The Town of St. George's posted a job ad in April 2022, the current mayor at that time requested a leave of absence of Council to apply for the job of town manager. At a meeting of council, he was granted the 30-day leave. LW Consulting Ltd were hired to oversee the hiring of the manager. LW Consulting Ltd gave council their recommendations of the candidates and Council took all recommendations into consideration and the job was offered to Daniel Conway.

(d) Building Application- Permit for Garage

Motion 22- 100 Councillor J. Blanchard/Councillor J. Legge
Be it resolved that Council use discretionary use to approve a building permit for a resident to erect a shed.
All in favor. Motion carried

Other Business

Manager Spending Limit

Motion 22-101 Councillor J. Blanchard/Councillor J. Legge
Be it resolved to approve spending limit for manager in the amount of \$4000.00

The manager expressed interest in purchasing an iPad for the public works crew for checking the pumps via online as opposed to having to come back and forth wasting valuable time at least 5 times daily. council would prefer that these types of purchases be brought back to council for approval.

All in favor. Motion carried

Signing Authority

Motion 22-102 Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons/Councillor R. Sheppard
Be it resolved to make Deputy Mayor Andy Tobin as signing authority on bank accounts.

Recind motion

All in favor. Motion carried.

Western Health Initiative

Motion 22-103 Councillor

Be it resolved that the Town of St. George's does agree to offer to the Nurse Practitioner who will be starting at the clinic on a full basis starting July 2022, an incentive to remain in the town.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Student Scholarship Award

The student scholarship award deadline has been extended to June 24th, 2022, and the school will be asked to announce the date of the deadline again.

**Outgoing
Correspondence**

Letter to CFFI Ventures Inc.

A letter of support was sent to CFFI Ventures Inc. and Horizon Maritime Services from the Town of St. George’s, regarding the Development and implementation of it acquisition and future Ventures in the Stephenville and wider Bay St. George area.

**Incoming
Correspondence**

(a) Circular-Department of Transportation and Infrastructure
Re: Changes to the Staffing at Tendering and Contacts Division.

(b) Letter- Make a Wish Foundation- Run the Rock donation
Motion #22-103 Councillor J. Legge/Councillor S. O’Neill Parsons
Be it resolved that the council of St. George’s does donate to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, “Run the Rock” in the amount of \$50.00.
All in favor. Motion carried.

(c) Letter - Bayview Academy requesting donation for end of year awards
Motion #22-104 Councillor R. Sheppard/Councillor S.O’Neill Parsons
Be it resolved that the council of St. George’s does donate to the Bayview Academy year end awards in the amount of \$50.00.
All in favor. Motion carried.

(d) Letter – Containerized Sanitation requesting increase due to the current increase in fuel.
Motion #22-105 Councillor S. O’Neill Parsons/ Deputy Mayor A. Tobin
Be it resolved that the council of St. George’s does agree to the increase from Containerized Sanitation due to the increase in fuel prices in the amount of 25%.
All in favor. Motion carried

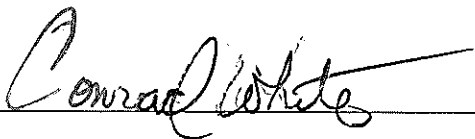
(e) Letter- Department of Natural Resources Mineral Lands Division Application/Notification

(f) Memo- Johnson Insurance launches 2022 Scholarship program

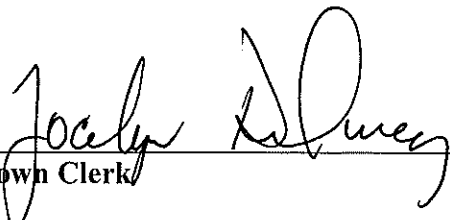
For more information or to apply visit Johnson.ca/scholarship

Adjournment

Motion #22- 106 Councillor/Councillor
Be it resolved that the meeting does now adjourn.
All in favor. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.
Next regular meeting of council will be July 14th 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.



Mayor:



Town Clerk