

MINUTES

A public council meeting held at the Town of St. George's Town Hall on Thursday November 10, 2022 with the following in attendance.

Mayor Conrad White

Councilors: Joe Blanchard
Sharon O'Neill Parsons
Jean Legge
Rhonda Sheppard
William Vincent

Via Teleconference:

Absent:

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin

Also present: Manager Danny Conway
Town Clerk: Jocelyn Deluney-King
4 members of the public

Call to Order: Mayor Conrad White called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed all members of council, staff and residents present.

Adoption of agenda:

Motion #22- 189 Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons-2nd Councilor J. Legge

Be it resolved to adopt the agenda as presented.

In Favor : 6

Abstained: 0

Adoption of the minutes:

Motion #22- 190 Councillor J. Legge -2nd Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons.

Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13th, 2022, as presented.

In Favor : 5

Abstained : 1

Business Arising From Minutes- Action Report:

A) Motion #22- 191 Councilor J. Legge 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the council of the Town of St. George's, does accept the Code of Conduct for Councillors as presented in an email from the office of the Hon. Krista Lynn Howell, Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs with templates attached, received on August 13th, 2022.

Training to be completed by all councilors, as per the Act, municipalities are required to establish a Code of Conduct that applies to all councilors. A Code of Conduct must be adopted within 6 (six) months, on or before March 1, 2023.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

B) Motion #22- 192 Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councilor R. Sheppard

Be it resolved that the council of the Town of St. George's, does accept the Code of Conduct for Municipal Officials as presented in an email from the office of the Hon. Krista Lynn Howell, Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs with templates attached, received on August 13th, 2022. Training to be completed by all councilors, as per the Act, municipalities are required

to establish a Code of Conduct that applies to all municipal officials (chief administrative officer, an employee of a municipality, or any person acting with or without remuneration, under the direction of a municipality, including fire chiefs and fire fighters providing services for or to a municipality. A Code of Conduct must be adopted within 6 (six) months, on or before March 1, 2023.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

Finance Report

A) Motion #22- 193 Councilor J. Blanchard 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the finance committee does recommend the approval of accounts payable from the General Account in the amount of \$ 67, 831.47

In Favor: 6

B) Motion #22- 194 Councilor J. Legge 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the finance committee does recommend the approval of invoice # payable to Cimco Refrigeration for dehumidifier from the GAS Tax Account in the amount of \$ 22,499.75

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

C) Motion #22- 195 Councilor J. Blanchard 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the finance committee does recommend the approval of invoice # _____ payable to Cimco Refrigeration for the replacement of valves at the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium from the GAS Tax Account in the amount of \$ 726.52

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

D) Motion #22-196 Councilor W. Vincent 2nd by Councilor J. Blanchard

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of St. George's does request that an interest bearing savings account be opened under the operational account at the Atlantic Edge Credit Union, It was suggested that \$20, 000 be left in the operational account, transfers will be handled by town management when there are excess funds in the current operational chequing account and transferred back from the Savings account when required for expenses.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

E) Motion #22-197 Councilor J. Legge 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the funds in the surplus shares and the current HISA that are held in the AECU as part of the bank accounts be combined as 1 (one) as a HISA to earn interest.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

F) Motion #22-198 Councilor J. Blanchard 2nd by Councilor J. Legge

Be it resolved that Councilor W. Vincent is appointed to the Finance Committee.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

G) Motion #22-199 Councilor W. Vincent 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the council of the Town of St. George's does authorize the manager to spend approximately \$10,000.00 in legal fees to begin the prep work necessary to start a public auction for about 5 parcels of property. This expense will be added into the 2023 budget each year as necessary to bring more revenue to the town for property taxes considered uncollectable.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

Projects

Mayor White stepped away from the table on this discussion as the road project that was approved was Chestnut Street (on which he resides), Hayes Lane and Farm Road. Councilor Blanchard, who oversees the roads portfolio, in the absence of Deputy Mayor Tobin explained this project to the remaining council members.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program

At the meeting on November 10th, 2022, the Council of the Town of St. Georges passed the following motion as it relates to the Project number 17-RN-23-00015, Project Name : Upgrade and Pave Local Roads.

Motion #22-200 Councilor J. Blanchard 2nd by Councilor R. Sheppard

Be it resolved that, we the Ultimate Recipient, Town of St. George's, accept cost-shared funding as outlined in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure project approval letter dated October 1, 2022, Project number 17-RNC-23-00015 Project Name: Upgrade and Pave Local Roads, with a total project value of \$262,405. This council agrees to provide the Ultimate Recipient the share value of \$ 79,311 in funding for this project and authorizes the Mayor and Town Clerk to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure on behalf of the Town of St. George's.

In Favor: 5

Abstained: 1

Fire Department

Motion #22- 201 Councilor J. Blanchard 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of St. George's does recommend the approval of the annual donation to the Volunteer Fire Departments' Fire Persons Ball, in the amount of \$1000.00.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

Motion #22- 202 Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councilor R. Sheppard

Be it resolved that the council of the Town of St. George's does recommend that the motion made at the Fire Persons meeting on November 6th, 2022 with the wording, " Motion by Theodore Bennett 2nd by Jeffrey Lee, No kids to be allowed at the hall for meetings, practice or any other reason than invited by the fire department for a function. All in favor, motion carried. This motion be adopted by council and added to the Town of St. George's Volunteer Department Constitution and By Laws.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

Permits

Motion #22-203 Councilor S. O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councillor J. Legge

Be it resolved that the committee does recommend approval and acceptance of all General Repairs and Building permits issued for the month of October 2022.

General Repairs #s- 1412, 1413, 1418; Building Permits #s- 1414, 1415, 1416,1419

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

New Business

Motion #22- 204 Councillor J. Blanchard 2nd by Councillor J. Legge

Be it resolved that the Finance Committee and the Town Manager will begin the process of preparing the 2023 Budget.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

Motion #22- 205 Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councillor R. Sheppard

Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of St. George's does approve that the Christmas Vouchers for council, office and outside staff and the fire department members will be given as per the usual in the amount of \$30.00

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

Motion #22- 206 Councilor W. Vincent 2nd by Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the Town of St. George's does begin the process of seeking new legal representation to assist in any town legal matters that may arise in the future.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

Motion #22- 207 Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councillor R. Sheppard

Be it resolved that the town office be closed to the public from December 23, 2022 thru Jan 2, 2023 with staff taking annual leave in addition to the statutory holiday observed during Christmas.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

Incoming Correspondence

BEST Bus Donation

Motion #22- 208 Councillor J. Legge 2nd by Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons

Be it resolved that the Town of St. George's will continue with the partnership renewal and donate \$1000.00 to the Bay St. George Extended Seniors Transportation (BEST), this partnership is reviewed on a yearly basis.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0

Adjournment

Motion #22- 209 Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councillor J. Legge


Be it resolved, as there is no more business to discuss that the meeting will adjourn at 8: 57 p.m. The next meeting of council will be December 8th, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

In Favor: 6

Abstained : 0



MAYOR



TOWN CLERK