

Minutes

A public meeting was held at the Town of St. George's Town Hall on Thursday September 14, 2023 with the following in attendance.

Mayor: Conrad White
Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin

Councilors: William Vincent
Sharon O'Neil/Parsons
Joe Blanchard
Rhonda Sheppard

Also present: Acting Town Manager: Mary Spicer
Acting Town Clerk: Sherry Bennett

2 members of the public were in attendance.

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Conrad White called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all members of council, staff and the public present.

2. Adoption of the agenda:

Motion #93/23 Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons 2nd by Deputy Mayor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that the agenda of the September 14th, 2023 meeting be accepted as presented.

Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, W. Vincent, R. Sheppard and J. Blanchard.
All in favor. Motion passed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion #94/23 Deputy Mayor Tobin 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons

Be it resolved that the minutes of the August 10th, 2023, meeting be adopted as presented.

Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, J. Blanchard, R. Sheppard and W. Vincent.
All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion #95/23 Deputy Mayor Tobin 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons

Be it resolved that the minutes of the August 25th, 2023, special public meeting be adopted as presented.

Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, J. Blanchard, W. Vincent and R. Sheppard.
All in favor. Motion passed.

4. Proclamation: Resident #1

A resident in attendance spoke on issues with roaming dogs in the Shallop Cove area, the R.C.M.P. had been contacted.

5. Business arising from Minutes (Action Report)

1. Signage on Hudson's Lane is all settled, there was never a motion made to erect signs only a suggestion. Town Manager. Complete.

5. Issues with the property owner about wrecked vehicles have been resolved by the owner who has moved out of town and plans are to have vehicles moved with him and contacts the town weekly about progress. Town Manager. On going.

6. Hayes Lane, Farm Road and Chestnut Ave project has been awarded and waiting on pre site meeting prior to starting project. Town Manager.

Mayor White confirmed that will meeting will take place next Friday, September 22nd, 2023, to for preside meeting prior to starting the project.

Councilor Blanchard asked if they could have an employee on site from the town to make sure the loads are monitored.

7. Contacted resident about permit for home was not supplied with building permit for approval yet. Town Manager. On going.

8. Rules and Procedure for meetings waiting approval by Municipal Affairs. Completed, will be handed out to council members.

9. Staff was advised of jobsite issues that were discussed, and I will keep checking on project sites to ensure safety procedures are followed. Town Manager. Complete.

10. Credit card charges were checked into, and fees were minimal as info was sent out to council ½ cent charge per transaction. Complete. Get Information on Contract.

11. Registration and hotel has been booked for councilor Vincent for AGM Conference held in St. John's. Town Manager. Complete.

12. Softball field infield has been recapped with proper materials and dugout repaired and painted for students to start practicing. Town Manager. Complete

13. Gathering information for consultants about starting of replacement of water valves throughout town and installing water meters in different parts of town, this would be a multi year project replacing so many each year. Town Manager. On going.

14. Gathering information of water lateral and storm sewer for school road along with valve replacement and manhole upgrades for Tank Hill Road and level sidewalk to pedestrians only. Town Manager. On going.

15. Gathering information for local road upgrades Butts Lane, Pieroway's Lane and Pelly's Lane. Town Manager. On going.

Councilor Blanchard suggested we apply for two instead of three because Pelly's Lane is still underdeveloped and no need to hold up the other two while waiting for Pelly's Lane.

16. Contract has been signed by all parties and will be implemented in the coming weeks. Town Manager. Completed.

Councilor Vincent asked about Severance Pay when it will be paid out. Mayor White said it would be up to employees when they decide to take it.

17. Councilor Vincent inquired about previous Lead Hands last severance pay, it has not been completed yet.

18. Started discussions with stadium workers and our Lead Hand of getting plant up and running for 2023/2024 Skating Season. Town Manager. On going.

6. General Business

manager. An email will be sent to the resident to inform him that we will be responding once we have a full report from the town manager.
Councilors Blanchard and Vincent stated that there should be a meeting held with the Lead Hand and discuss that before they park town equipment on private property they should have written permission from the property owner.

3. Resident concerned about water and debris on land.
Council has decided this is considered a land dispute and the town should not be involved.
4. Resident questioning land.
Council has decided that this is a civil matter and not a town issue between the two parties.
5. Credit Union Donation Request.
A letter was received from Atlantic Edge Credit Union requesting a donation for **RE: WARM COATS FOR KIDS.**

Motion 96/23 Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons 2nd by Councilor R. Sheppard

Be it resolved that council approve a donation for Credit Union – Coats for kids in the amount of \$100.00.

Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, R. Sheppard, W. Vincent and J. Blanchard.

All in favor. Motion passed.

b) Permits: General

Motion #97/23 Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons 2nd by Councilor J. Blanchard

Be it resolved that General permit # 1503, 1504, 1505, 1506, 1508 and 1509 be accepted as presented.

Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, R. Sheppard, W. Vincent and J. Blanchard.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Demo Permit

Motion #98/23 Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons 2nd by Councilor J. Blanchard

Be it resolved that Demo Permit # 1501 be accepted as presented.

Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, R. Sheppard, W. Vincent and J. Blanchard.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Building Permit

Motion #99/23 Councilor J. Blanchard 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons

Be it resolved that Building Permit # 1499, 1500, 1502 and 1507 be accepted as presented.

Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, R. Sheppard, W. Vincent and J. Blanchard.

All in favor. Motion passed.

c) Payables

Motion #100/23 Councilor W. Vincent 2nd by Councilor S O'Neil/Parsons

2. Aged Receivables
Aged Receivable reports were given at the end of report.

b) Stadium/Recreation

Bank balance was given effective August 31st, 2023.

c) Fire Department

There was a total of 9 calls for the month of August 31st, 2023.

Fire Department SOP

Motion #101/23 Councilor J. Blanchard 2nd by Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons

Be it resolved that the St. George's Fire Department SOP be accepted as presented.

Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, R. Sheppard, W. Vincent and J. Blanchard.
All in favor. Motion passed.

Mutal Aid Agreement

Motion #102/23 Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons 2nd by Councilor R. Sheppard

Be it resolved that the Fire Dept Mutual Aid Agreement be accepted as presented.

Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, R. Sheppard, W. Vincent and J. Blanchard.
All in favor. Motion Passed.

A Motion was made to extend fire services as far as Danny Lees cabin.

Motion #103/23 Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons 2nd by Councilor W. Vincent

Be it resolved that the motion to extend fire protection in the existing Flat Bay Brook area be accepted as presented.

In Favor: 4

Against: 0

Abstained: 1

Councilor J. Blanchard was abstained because of a Conflict of Interest.

Deputy Mayor Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, R. Sheppard and W. Vincent.

All in favor. Motion passed.

Questions were asked by the Fire chief as to whether the Dump and Dept. of Transportation should be covered under the Mutual Aid Agreement. The Fire Chief stated that she did approach and asked before, but the answer was No. Mayor White suggested she approach them again. Council said it would be the fire chief's discretion if she decided to provide services.

A discussion regarding cabin owners on the bridge side (West) of Flat Bay Brook for fire services is tabled until all cabin owners are contacted and in agreement with paying the service fee.

The cost per year for each cabin owner is \$100.00.

7. Unfinished Business

Chairman & CEO from Atlantic Salt Mine would like to meet with Council within the next 3 weeks to discuss the development of the mine, because its 'not' if its going to happen, it's when it's going to happen.

Councilor Vincent inquired as to what was happening with the legal action with one of the

Annual Materials & Equipment Quotes

The Annual Materials & Equipment quotes have been deferred until they get more information.

Councilor W. Vincent also inquired as to how did they decided on Tenders. Councilor S. O'Neil-Parsons said she was in attendance, they had 3 signed envelopes on table which were sealed and then opened by Town Manager in her presence.

Dust conditions in Seal Rocks. A discussion took place, and it was stated by Deputy Mayor Tobin that over the years people asked to take cash in hand to move from the area or stay. It has been an ongoing issue for about 60 years.

Sandy Point Tourism

Discussion took place regarding Sandy Point Tourism development, the only property not considered privately owned is around the light house, the rest is private land.

Treatment plant

Councilor Vincent asked about the Treatment plant. Deputy Mayor Tobin stated that they looked into it before and it would have cost \$10 million, right now it could be at a cost of \$12 million which would be costly for the town and our taxpayers.

Next Council Meeting

Next meeting will be held on October 12th,2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion #104/23 Councilor S. O'Neil/Parsons 2nd by Deputy Mayor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that there is no more business to discuss the meeting will now adjourn @ 7:57 p.m.

All in favor. Motion Passed.

Deputy Mayor A. Tobin, Councilors S. O'Neil/Parsons, R. Sheppard, W. Vincent and J. Blanchard.



Acting Town Clerk

Mayor