

## Minutes

A public meeting held at the Town of St. George's Town Hall on Thursday October 12th, 2023, with the following in attendance.

Mayor: Conrad White

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin

Councillors: Joe Blanchard

Sharon O'Neill Parsons

William Vincent

Jean Legge

Rhonda Sheppard

Also present: Manager- Danny Conway

Town Clerk- Mary Spicer

1 Member of the public

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### 1.Call to Order:

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

### 2.Adoption of the agenda:

Motion #112/23 Councillor S. O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councillor Sheppard

Be it resolved that the council of the town of St. George's does adopt the agenda dated October 12 , 2023

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard, J.Blanchard

All in Favor Motion passed.

### 3.Adoption of the September 22nd Special Meeting Minutes:

Motion #113/23 Councillor J. Legge by 2nd Councillor O'Neil Parsons

Mayor White, Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard, J.Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Passed

### 4.Adoption of the September 14 Minutes:

Motion #114/23 Councillor O'Neil Parsons 2nd Councillor Legge

Mayor White, Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard, J.Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Passed

5. Proclamation: Nothing to report

6. Action Report:

Issue with farm animals on Court House Road- Animals still there. Department of Health to inspect property to determine if House is habitat for humans. Waiting for a report from them. Issue with property owner about wrecked vehicles- Vehicles are all moved but two and they are licensed.

Hayes Lane, Farm Road and Chestnut- has now been completed.

Rules and Procedure – Need to be redone to now included Code of Conduct.

MNL Conference- Danny to attend conference as well.

Softball Field- To be completed this week. Need one more load of mixture.

7. General Business

(A) Correspondence

1. Regional Aquatic Center Looking for a donation. We have never given a donation to this group before.

2. At the Miles for Smiles Foundation- Group looking for a donation. No to donation

3. Ronald McDonald House looking for a donation.

Motion #115/23 Councillor O'Neil Parsons by 2nd Deputy Mayor Tobin

Be it resolved that the council has approved a \$50 donation for Ronald McDonald House  
Mayor White, Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge,  
R. Sheppard, J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Passed

4. Municipal Assessment Agency-

(B) Permits.

Motion #116-23 Councillor O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councillor Legge

Be it resolved that the 5 General permits be accepted as presented.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard,  
J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion passed.

Motion #117/23 Councillor O'Neil Parsons by 2nd Deputy Mayor Tobin

Be it resolved that the 3 Building permits be accepted as presented.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard, J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion passed.

(C) Payables

Question was asked by Councillor Vincent regarding the cost of the mixture for the ball field and who approved it. It has been an ongoing project for two plus years. The first stuff that was put down was no good so it was decided that it would be done correctly this time.

Motion #118/23 Councillor Legge by 2nd Councillor Sheppard

Be it resolved that the list of accounts for payment be accepted as presented in the amount of \$35,092.86

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard, J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Passed

(D) Committee Reports

(a) Finances

(1) Bank/ Loan Balances-

Balances were given effective 30 September 2023.

(2) Aged Receivables

Balance was given effective 30 September 2023.

(b) Stadium/ Recreation

Kenny is back to work and getting the ice surface ready for ice, which should be ready first part of November.

(c) Fire Department

6 Calls for month of September – all medical

8. Unfinished business

a) Resident Claim- Report was given by Manager Conway regarding the claim. It was determined by the manager that there were lots of rocks on said piece of land as seen in the pictures. Much discussion took place on this matter. Town manager opinion is that he was using his lawn tractor on his property and damaged his vehicle.

b) Motion to borrow funding

Motion 119/23 Deputy Mayor Tobin 2nd Councillor Sheppard  
Be it resolved to rescind Motion #110/23.

Motion #120/23 Councilor Vincent 2nd Councillor Blanchard

Be it resolved that, The Town of St. George's borrow from the Atlantic Edge Credit Union, St. George's, \$75,617.85 for Project Number 17-RNC-23-00015, to upgrade and pave local roads, Hayes Lane ,Chestnut avenue, Farm Road, for a term of 60 months, amortization period of 120 months. Rate will be 9.45% with Monthly payments of 976.41. The loan includes our portion of the net amount 15,871.80 and the overrun amount of \$59,746.06.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard, J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Passed

#### 9. Round Table

Discussion took place by mayor White regarding the town dump cards and the usage of it. It is not to be used for businesses. It was determined that a cap of \$100 be household be allotted. It was tabled until next meeting in order to give time to determine how much was actually spent using the cards

#### 10. New Business

a) Policies- Social Media policy. Discussion took place regarding putting a social media policy in place.

Motion #121/23 Councillor O'Neil Parsons 2nd Councillor Legge

Be it resolved to send the social media Policy to Municipal Affairs to add to Code of Conduct.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard, J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Passed

b) Court Expenses- Discussion took place on whether when/if we are taken to court should we get the plaintiff to cover the court/lawyer cost if we win. It was decided to leave it as it is.

c) Move Funds from Hisa- Severance to Hisa Savings. Some discussion took place and councillor Blanchard was concerned that maybe only move the money as it is needed to pay out. He was concerned that the unused portion may get misplaced if n another account. It was determined that the money would all be paid out when moved.

Motion #122/23 Councillor O'Neil Parsons 2nd Councillor Sheppard

Be it resolved to move the funding from Hisa-Severance to Hisa-Savings to pay out severance.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard, J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Passed

Motion #123/23 Councillor Legge 2nd Deputy Mayor Tobin

Be it resolved to pay severance owing to town staff.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard,  
J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Passed

Motion#124/23 Councillor O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councillor Legge

Be it resolved that the meeting will now adjourn to go into a privileged meeting @ 7:47p.m.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard,  
J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Carried

Back into an open council meeting at 8:05pm

Council to accept the 3 Code of Conduct as presented.

Two Code of Conduct tabled until next meeting while Manager Conway does a report.

Motion#125/23 Councillor O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Deputy Mayor Tobin

Be it resolved that the meeting will now adjourn @ 8:10p.m. Next Meeting November 9th  
2023.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard,  
J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Carried

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