

Minutes

A public meeting held at the Town of St. George's Town Hall on Thursday November 9th, 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

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 #126/23 Deputy Mayor Tobin 2nd by Councillor Vincent

Be it resolved that the council of the town of St. George's does adopt the agenda dated November 9th, 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 October 12th Minutes:

A correction in the minutes was made by Councilor Vincent regarding the softball field.

Motion #127/23 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. Proclamation- Nothing to Report

5. Action Report:

Issue with farm animals on Court House Road- Animals still there. The three pigs escaped from their pen and ended up in the Catholic graveyard where they were digging at the ground of some graves. This caused lots of upset within the town. Manager Conway to send a registered letter to occupants of the home enforcing the by laws. The letter will be cc'd to the Provincial Vet, Provincial Wildlife and also the Provincial Health Department.

Issue with Resident and Garbage on Steel Mountain Road- Another letter (registered) will be sent to resident to clean up the property. Again, acknowledging the by laws.

Hayes Lane, Farm Road, and Chestnut- has now been completed. Councillor Vincent inquired about the work to Hayes Lane asking why it was not paved all the way. He was informed that it was just a continuation.

MNL Conference- There was a handout report from Councillor Vincent regarding session that he attended while at MNL.

Softball Field- Is completed and ready for use. With regards to this Councilor Vincent stated that the council did not authorize the expenditure. Council did approve to pay.

Scada System – Equipment is being installed so much at a time as they work on it when they are in the area.

Letter for damage to Vehicle. A copy of letter was brought to council, and it was noted by Councillor Blanchard that another letter should be sent to resident that the town will indeed work on his property if need be.

Fire Hydrant on Farm Rd: Damage to fire hydrant on Farm Road is believed to have been caused by it being struck by a vehicle of some sort. There is a new hydrant ordered and it will have to be relocated further back.

6.General Business

(A)Correspondence

(ii) **Municipal Assessment Agency-** Memo regarding the update on the Municipal Assessment Agency. The Board of directors met on September 22,2023. The main item of business was the review and approval of the agency's 2024-2025 budget. This year the fees to municipal clients will remain at \$26 per assessed parcel of land.

(b) **Permits.** There was 1 General Permit for the month of October.

Motion #128-23 Councillor O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Councillor Legge

Be it resolved that the 1 General permit 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

Motion #129/23 Councillor Vincent by 2nd Deputy Mayor Tobin

Be it resolved that the list of accounts for payment be accepted as presented in the amount of \$34,064.05.

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

All in Favor Motion Passed

Motion #130/23 Councillor Vincent 2nd by Councillor Blanchard

Be it resolved to accept \$276,230.12 for local roads Project pending approval.

(D) Committee Reports

(a) Finances

(1) Bank/ Loan Balances-

Balances were given effective 31 October,2023.

(2) Aged Receivables

Balance was given effective 31 October 2023.

(b) Stadium/ Recreation

Ice is ready.

(c) Fire Department

10 Calls for month of October

8. Unfinished business

a) **Appointment of Auditor-** 2 quotes were presented to council regarding the upcoming 2023 audit.

Motion 131/23 by Councillor Vincent 2nd by O'Neil-Parsons

Be it resolved that Town of St. George's accept the quote from Janice Kennedy to audit the town for the 2023 operating year.

9. Round Table

Councillor O'Neil Parsons asked the council about getting the trees etc. cleaned up along the sidewalk. There was discussion regarding this. It was determined that a letter will be written to the government requesting a blanket permit for a 66 foot right away to be able to maintain the trees around our sidewalks, storm drains, and town infrastructure through town.

Cut out in new pavement- Councillor Blanchard asked if the cut out was going to be repaired before winter. It was determined that the cut out would be replaced but the driveway would wait until next year to be paved.

Molly Ann's Brook- Mayor White let it be known that there was a Beaver Dam in the brook and that water was rising because of it. The Highways are concerned that if too much water rises the road will collapse.

10. New Business

a) **Rezoning of land for Atlas Salt**

Motion #132/23 Councillor O'Neil Parsons 2nd Councillor Legge

Be it resolved to begin the process to change from rural and residential to industrial for the purpose of rezoning.
Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard, J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Passed

Motion #133/23 Councillor O'Neil Parsons 2nd Councillor Legge

Be it resolved to adjourn the public meeting at 7:43 to go into a privileged meeting.
Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, W Vincent, J. Legge, R. Sheppard, J. Blanchard

All in Favor Motion Passed

In Favor 5

Against 1

Councilor Vincent stated that he was not given enough time to review the documents.

Motion #163/23 Councilor O'Neil Parsons 2nd Councilor Legge

Be it resolved to adjourn the public meeting at 7:30 to go into a privileged meeting.

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

All in Favor Motion Passed

Back into an open public council meeting at 8:25pm

Discussions on the Code Of Conduct complaints.

#1. Against Town Manager regarding outside workers moving the trees etc on Forest Drive. This is not a Code of Conduct, it is a complaint.

Motion #164/23 Councilor O'Neill-Parsons 2nd Councilor Blanchard.

Be it resolved to dismiss the Code of Conduct.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councilors O'Neill Parsons, J. Legge, J. Blanchard

5 in favor 1 Abstained- Councilor Vincent due to Conflict of Interest as he is the complainant.

Motion Carried

#2. Against Town Manager regarding Town website not up to date. This is not a Code of Conduct but a complaint.

Motion # 165/23 Councilor Blanchard 2nd Deputy Mayor Tobin.

Be it resolved that the Code of Conduct complaint be removed.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councilors O'Neill Parsons, J. Legge, J. Blanchard

5 in favor 1 Abstained- Councilor Vincent due to Conflict of Interest as he is the complainant.

Motion Carried

#3 Against Town Manager regarding complaint of Rose Bushes and lack of respect of Rose Bushes. Not a Code of Conduct complaint but a performance issue.

Motion #166/23 Deputy Mayor Tobin 2nd Councilor O'Neill -Parsons.

Be it resolved that the Code of Conduct be removed.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councilors O'Neill Parsons, J. Legge, J. Blanchard

5 in favor 1 Abstained- Councilor Vincent due to Conflict of Interest as he is the complainant.

Motion Carried

#4 Against Town Manager regarding the missing funds. Town Manager was never blamed for the missing funds.

Motion #167/23 Councilor Legge 2nd Councilor O'Neil Parsons

Be it resolved that the complaint against town Manager be dismissed for criminal behaviour regarding the missing funds.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councilors O'Neill Parsons, J. Legge, J. Blanchard

5 in favor 1 Abstained- Councilor Vincent due to Conflict of Interest as he is the complainant.

Motion Carried

#5 Code of Conducts made by Town Clerk

Motion #168/23 Councilor Blanchard 2nd Deputy Mayor Tobin

Be it resolved to dismiss the first Code of Conduct.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, J. Legge, J. Blanchard

5 in favor 1 Abstained- Councilor Vincent due to Conflict of Interest as he is the recipient.

Motion Carried

Motion #169/23 Councilor Blanchard 2nd Deputy Mayor Tobin

Be it resolved to dismiss the second Code of Conduct.

Deputy Mayor: Andy Tobin Councillors O'Neill Parsons, J. Legge, J. Blanchard

5 in favor 1 Abstained- Councilor Vincent due to Conflict of Interest as he is the recipient.

Motion Carried

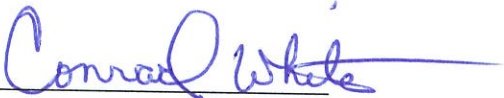
All in Favor Motion Carried

Motion#170/23 Councillor O'Neill Parsons 2nd by Deputy Mayor Tobin

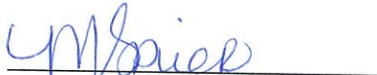
Be it resolved that the meeting will now adjourn @ 8:50p.m. Next Meeting January 11th, 2024.

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

All in Favor Motion Carried



Mayor- Conrad White


Town Clerk- Mary Spicer