**Town of St. George's**
**Regular Council Meeting, May 12th, 2026**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of St. George's held in the Town Hall Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, at 6:30 pm

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| **Members Present:** | Mayor: | Conrad White |
| | Deputy Mayor: | Bernie Mason |
| | Councillor: | Selina White |
| | Councillor: | Joe Blanchard |
| | Councillor: | Sharon O'Neill-Parsons |
| | Councillor: | Jean Legge |
| **Also Present:** | Town Manager: | Danny Conway |
| | Town Clerk: | Jennifer Hobbs |
| **Not Present:** | Councillor: | John Pittman |

**MINUTES May 12th, 2026:**

1. **Call to Order**

   Mayor Conrad White called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

   **Motion#29/26** – S. O'Neill-Parsons/B. Mason

   Be it moved that the council of the Town of St. George's does adopt the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting dated May 12th, 2026, with the addition of an Ancillary Building Permit Application for 7 Alexander's Lane and the Marina to the Action Report.

   Mayor C. White, Deputy Mayor B. Mason, Councillors, S. White, J. Blanchard, S. O'Neill-Parsons, and J. Legge
   In Favor: 6 Against: Nil **Motion Carried**

3. **Adoption of the Minutes of April 14th, 2026**

   **Motion#30/26** – B. Mason/S. O'Neill-Parsons

   Be it moved that the council of the Town of St. George's does adopt the minutes of April 14th, 2026, as read.

Mayor C. White, Deputy Mayor B. Mason, Councillors S. White, J. Blanchard, S. O'Neill-Parsons, and J. Legge
In Favor: 6 Against: Nil **Motion Carried**

4. **Proclamation**
   (a) **National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2 Spirit** – May 5th – The Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network is based on a vision that the people of our province will live in safe, caring communities, where there is an inherent respect for each other and violence of any sort is unacceptable. Violence against women is violence against sisters, daughters, mothers, grandmothers, granddaughters, girlfriends, wives and partners. Violence against women devastates those who love and support women as well as relationships, families, communities, neighbourhoods, workplaces, schools, villages, cities and towns the world over. The National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, 2 Spirit and Gender diverse provides an opportunity for individuals, community organizations and governments to work together in solidarity and draw upon this period of heightened attention to gain support for their local efforts to eliminate violence against women. The Town of St. George's stands in solidarity with organizations worldwide who desire change for a better, more equal and more just world for women. It is only through raising awareness and changing attitudes that violence against Indigenous women can be stopped and prevented.

   I, Conrad White (Mayor), on behalf of the Town of St. George's, do hereby proclaim May 5th as the National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & 2 Spirit in Bay St. George.

5. **Business Arising from Minutes (Action Report)**
   (a) **Request for meeting with Premier** – Still waiting on a date. Mayor White indicates all should make every effort to attend for when a date is secured.
   (b) **Expropriation of Land –** Notice of Intent to Expropriate was posted on April 30th, 2026. No one has come forward as of yet indicating ownership of the land. Have until May 30th, 2026 before moving on with the process which involves a survey of the land to expropriate and a letter to the Minister.
   (c) **Audit 2025** – Continuing work being done for the 2025 Audit. Auditor to come out to the office in June.
   (d) **Water Service Laterals** – The project has been awarded to OnGrade Construction. Bid Deposit has been received.
   (e) **Main St. Water Upgrades** – Meeting with consultant and contractor scheduled for May 14th, 2026, at 2:00 pm. Discussion regarding this and a member of Council to attend this meeting as well. Councillor Blanchard will attend along with the Town Manager and Lead Hand.
   (f) **School Road Project** – Estimates are being redone. Cost estimates came in at $154,000 over budget. Main Water Line will need to be removed from the scope of work. Gone back for a change order through Municipal Affairs.
   (g) **Water Leak Repairs** – There were three water leaks repaired. 2 on Mission Cross Road and 1 on Old Mill Road.
   (h) **Stadium Committee** – Purchase of nets is the highest priority right now for the Stadium. The cost for purchase and delivery is $5600.00.

**Motion#31/26** – J. Blanchard/S. White

Be it moved that the council of the Town of St. George's does approve the purchasing of nets for the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium at the approximate cost of $5,600.00.

Mayor C. White, Deputy Mayor B. Mason, Councillors S. White, J. Blanchard, S. O'Neill-Parsons, and J. Legge

In Favor: 6 Against: Nil **Motion Carried**

(i) **ATIPP Requests** – There have been 4 new requests since last meeting with 1 complaint regarding costs that has since been resolved with a reduction in the scope of the requested information. 2 have been completed with 2 left to complete.
(j) **Fire Department** – Request to go to Tender for used truck. Fire Department has approximately $6,000.00 to go towards it and have indicated that they will have further fundraising initiatives. Discussion took place. Tabled at this time.
(k) **Man O War Brook Lift Station** – Still waiting on pump repair.
(l) **Marina** – Get the Marina ready with gangways for the May long weekend.

**6. Delegates**

No delegates.

**7. Correspondence**

(a) **St. George's Indian Band** – Letter regarding land. Letter reviewed and discussed by Council. Indication that there isn't enough of a plan in place regarding groundwork, operational costs, etc. Council would need to see a development plan. Town Manager to write them regarding these issues.
(b) **Western Regional Waste Management –** Email requesting waiver of annual Fire Protection Fee. Discussed by Council. The fee is to remain in place. Town Manager to write them accordingly.

**8. Permits**

(a) **General Repair Permit** – 5 General Repair Permits granted for the month of April 2026.

**Motion #32/26** – S. O'Neill-Parsons/J. Legge

Be it moved that the council of the Town of St. George's approve the General Repair Permits filed in the month of April 2026.

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In Favor: 6 Against: Nil **Motion Carried**

(b) **Building Permit** – 1 Building Permit granted for the month of April 2026.

**Motion #33/26** – J. Legge/S. O'Neill-Parsons

Be it moved that the council of the Town of St. George's approve the Building Permit filed in the month of April 2026.

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In Favor: 6 Against: Nil **Motion Carried**

**(c) Building Permit Application –** Building Permit application reviewed for the building of a shed on 7 Alexander's Lane. Needs to be approved by Council as a Permit under Discretionary Use. Council wish for the neighbours to be contacted first as a courtesy to see if there are any issues with the proposed build. Tabled.

**9. Payables**

The current payable balance is $27,477.09. Payables reviewed by Councillor J. Blanchard.

**Motion#34/26** – J. Blanchard/S. O'Neill-Parsons

Be it moved that council has given the approval to pay these pending Accounts Payable Invoices.

Mayor C. White, Deputy Mayor B. Mason, Councillors S. White, J. Blanchard, S. O'Neill-Parsons, and J. Legge
In Favor: 6 Against: Nil **Motion Carried**

**10. Committee Reports**

**(1) Finances**

**(a) Bank/Loan Balances & Payroll Comparison 2025/2026 –** A financial overview was provided giving a revenue and expense report to date. Payroll comparison between 2025 and 2026 was provided as well. Same was reviewed by councillors and discussed.

**(b) Aged Receivables –** Aged Receivables Report provided and reviewed.

**(2) Stadium/Recreation**

**(a) Financial Report –** Financial report reviewed.

**(3) Fire Department**

**(a) Calls for April 2026 –** There were 9 calls in the month; 3 Alarms, 2 Fires and 4 Medicals.

**11. Unfinished Business**

No current unfinished business to discuss

**12. New Business**

**(a)** **<u>Town Manager 5 year Plan –</u>** The Town Manager presented a five year plan based on need/priority. Reviewed and discussed.

**(b)** **<u>MNL Conference –</u>** The Town Clerk advised Council that this year's MNL Conference is scheduled for November 5th to November 7th in St. John's. There was much interest expressed in attending with five councillors indicating they would like to attend.

**13. Round Table**

**(a)** Deputy Mayor B. Mason asks how we charge for excavator rental, if it's by the day or hourly. Town Manager advises it's an hourly rate.

**(b)** Mayor C. White brings forth two complaints regarding rocks on Paul's Hill and Seal Rock's Hill posing a danger to motorists. Remedies discussed.

**(c)** Councillor J. Legge brings forth a complaint regarding the shoulder washout on Steel Mountain Road and Muise's Road as well. Reminder to be sent to the department of highways.

**14. Privileged Meeting**

**15. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

**16. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion#35/26** S. O'Neill-Parsons/S. White

Be it moved that council has confirmed that the Regular Meeting has concluded. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Mayor C. White, Deputy Mayor B. Mason and Councillor's S. White, J. Blanchard, S. O'Neill-Parsons, and J. Legge

In Favor: 6 Against: Nil **Motion Carried**