Minutes of a regular meeting of the council of the Town of St. George's, held in the Town Hall, February 11, 2013

Members Present
Mayor F. Alexander
Deputy Mayor D. Conway
Councillors: W. Harview
A. Tobin
S. Lee
C. Foote

Also Present
Town Manager R. Chant
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Public in Attendance
K. Young

Call to Order
Mayor Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes:
Regular Meeting of Jan. 7, 2013

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Motion #13 - 12 Tobin/Foote
Resolved that minutes of the regular council meeting of January 7, 2013 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Proclamation
Mayor Alexander read the proclamation making February 18, 2013 Heritage Day.

Committee Reports:
a) Finance
1) Motion #13 - 13 Conway/Tobin
Resolved that general invoices of $19,377.99 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #13 - 14 Conway/Foote
Resolved that exp. Services Inc. Inv. #134240, Professional Services/Expenses to Jan. 23, 2013 - 2011 Pressure Reducing Valve Bldg., in the amount of $3,768.14 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

Mayor Alexander stepped down from the chair for conflict of interest. Deputy Mayor called for the following motions.

3) Motion #13 - 15 Tobin/Harview
Resolved that EFCO Enterprises Ltd. Contract Payment No. 3 - 2010 Upgrading of 3 Lift Station Upgrades - in the amount of $90,689.21 be approved for payment.

In favour: Deputy Mayor D. Conway
Councillors: A. Tobin, C. Foote, S. Lee, W. Harview

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: Mayor F. Alexander

Motion carried
4) Motion #13 - 16  Foote/Lee

Resolved that **EFCO Enterprises Ltd.** Contract Payment No. 4 (Release of Holdback) - 2010 Upgrading of 3 Lift Stations - in the amount of $47,671.68 be approved for payment.

In favour:  
Deputy Mayor D. Conway  
Councillors: A. Tobin, C. Foote, S. Lee, W. Harview

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: Mayor F. Alexander

Motion carried

Mayor Alexander resumed the chair.

*b) Projects*

Mayor Alexander updated council on the ongoing projects.

**Correspondence**

3) **Offer to Purchase 511-515, 519 Main**

Because Mr. Young needed to leave soon, council decided to address this item next. Mayor Alexander opened an offer to purchase properties at 511-515 and 519 Main Street submitted by Mr. Young for the sum of $3200.00 + HST. This matter will be deferred until next month. Ray will contact Municipal Affairs to determine how council can sell properties that have been turned over to the Town for tax arrears.

c) **Fire Dept.**

Motion #13 - 17  Lee/Harview

Resolved that the Fire Department respond to all properties within the Town Planning Boundary. All in favour. Motion carried.

Ray will check with Municipal Affairs as to fees applicable for local service districts and livers outside the planning boundary for fire protection services, then approach these people to see if they would be satisfied to pay for this service.

d) **Stadium**

Closing date for the stadium will be March 17, 2013.

**Unfinished Business**

**Town Plan & Regulations**

Motion #13 - 18  Conway/Tobin

Resolved that we accept the Town Plan & Regulations as amended. All in favour. Motion carried.

**New Business**

1) **PVR Chamber**

Motion #13 - 19  Tobin/Lee

Resolved that council purchase property on Steel Mountain Road for a Pressure Reducing Valve Chamber. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) **Crown Land Application**

Motion #14 - 20  Conway/Lee
Resolved that we approve the Municipal Assessment Form for Crown Land Applications Within Municipal and Planning Area Boundaries submitted. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Offer to Purchase 311 Main Street
Mayor Alexander opened an offer to purchase 311 Main Street for $4,000. This will also be deferred until next month as the property was donated to the Town.

5) Dogs
Councillor Harview discussed his concerns with regard to roaming dogs and the amount of time spent in St. George’s by the animal control officer. Ray will check into it.

Incoming Correspondence

1) Kelli O’Brien, VP Long Term Care & Rural Health, Western Health, acknowledging receipt of our correspondence of Dec. 11, 2012 re wait times at St. George’s Clinic and advising us that the letter was forwarded to Dr. Ken Jenkins, VP Medical services.

2) Lorraine Mitchell, Regional Director Medical Services, Western Health, responding to said letter and stating that the average wait time of 2 - 3 weeks for an appointment in our clinic is not unreasonable and actually less than many other clinics. Dr. Porter also allocates spaces daily for emergency/same day appointments and they feel he manages his time very effectively between the clinic and the Long Term Care faculty in Stephenville Crossing.

3) Wooden Boat Museum, Winterton, NL, encouraging municipalities to Become a Friend of the Museum by purchasing a Community Membership.

4) MMSB - re subsidized compost bins partnered with composting training programs.

5) Paul Snow, President & CEO, Health Care Foundation, requesting support for the Jim Shields Memorial Garden - a therapy garden for veterans at the Dr. Leonard A. Miller Centre.


7) A letter from a resident with a proposal to buy portable basketball nets for the RecPlex by setting up donation boxes at local businesses. Council decided to present this idea to the Stadium Committee in the spring and look at the cost.

8) A letter from a concerned resident with regard to the proposed location of a new lift station impeding both his vision of traffic when entering the main street from his driveway and his view of the Bay. Council will address these concerns if the funds are approved for the lift station.

9) Bay St. George Sick Children’s Foundation - requesting support for their 18th Annual Telethon.
Motion #13 - 21  Conway/Harview

Resolved that we donate $25 to the Bay St. George Sick Children’s Foundation. All in favour. Motion carried.

10) Amanda LaSaga, Chairperson, School Council, Appalachia High School - request for free bowling passes for staff appreciation week.

Motion #13 - 22  Conway/Harview

Resolved that we donate passes for five individual games. All in favour. Motion carried.

11) Bay St. George Cultural Revival Committee Inc. requesting help in fund raising events for the annual Mi’kmaq Powwow.

Motion #13 - 23  Conway/Tobin

Resolved that we donate $25 toward the Powwow. All in favour. Motion carried.

Other Business

It was brought to council’s attention that Queen Jubilee medals would be presented to Mayor Alexander, Deputy Mayor Conway, and Jerome Bennett of the St. George’s Volunteer Fire Dept. by MHA Joan Shea on Sunday at the RecPlex at 2 p.m. (This was since changed to the following Thursday, Feb. 21, at Corner Brook and Premier Kathy Dunderdale presented the awards.)

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. to meet again on March 4, 2013.

Mayor

Debra Wolridge

Clerk