

Town of St. George's
Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of a regular meeting of the council
of the Town of St. George's, held in the
Town Hall, March 4, 2013

Members Present

Mayor F. Alexander
Deputy Mayor D. Conway
Councillors: S. Lee
A. Tobin
W. Harview
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:

Reg. Mtg. of February 11, 2013

Regular Meeting of February 11, 2013

Motion #13 - 24 Conway/Foote

Resolved that minutes of the regular council meeting of February 11, 2013 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business Arising

The question had been raised whether the Fire Department would be insured when attending a fire past the bridges in Flat Bay Brook. Ray had inquired and the truck and volunteers can go anywhere and still be covered.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

1) Motion #13 - 25 Conway/Lee

Resolved that general invoices of \$9,348.79 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #13 - 26 Foote/Lee

Resolved that 2nd Interim Invoice of \$5,607.87 from Arvo McMillan, Planning Consultant, be approved for payment from the Gas Tax Funding. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Callahan entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

b) Projects

Sewer Treatment Plant

Dan Hynes and Chris Power from Municipal Affairs were out last week to discuss the sewer treatment plant. Funds have been approved and the project has to be completed by 2016. Municipal Affairs needs to know who the official engineering firm will be. After the design concept has been decided, council has to determine whether they can afford the operating costs, which could be between \$50,000 and \$150,000.

Motion #13 - 27 Conway/Lee

Resolved that we use **exp. Architects Inc.** to handle the RFP for the Sewer Treatment Plant.

In favour: Mayor F. Alexander
Deputy Mayor D. Conway
Councillors: S. Lee, C. Foote, W. Harview,
A. Tobin
Opposed: Councillor D. Callahan
Abstaining: 0
Motion carried

c) Fire Dept.

The new Fire Hall will go to tender mid-March.

d) Stadium

Receipts lists were distributed for the same period during 2012 and 2013 showing a significant increase in revenues for the stadium. A truer picture will be available when the season is over Mar. 17.

e) Roads

Ray will contact the Department of Highways regarding repairs to the shoulders of the roads that are washed away in various places in town.

Building Applications

Road Extension

An email was received from a resident requesting permission to reconstruct an older portion of Farm Road to access his home instead of the unsafe access he is currently using. Council will defer the matter until the next meeting and request that the resident submit a survey showing the right of way on the drawings for them to review.

Unfinished Business

1) Animal Control

Arrangements had been made with the Town of Stephenville to have the Animal Control Officer increase his visits to twice a day for two weeks. No animals were found to be roaming during the extra visits.

2) Town Properties

Ray contacted Municipal Affairs with regard to Town properties. If the property had been previously auctioned, the Town could consider an offer. If the property was turned over to the Town for taxes or donated, it would have to be auctioned or tenders called. Council is to consider other possible uses for the property other than selling.

New Business

1) Fracking

A lengthy discussion took place on the process of fracking and possible contamination of the environment and water supply if this occurred in our area.

Incoming Correspondence

1) A letter from Bob Miller, Treasurer of Bay St. George Sick Children's Foundation, thanking us for the contribution.

2) Anna Simon, Development Director, Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Foundation, extending appreciation for support provided to the Tree of Love campaign.

3) Minister Keith Hutchings, Office of Public Engagement, re Urock Volunteer Awards recognizing young volunteers who have made outstanding contributions.

4) A letter from a business owner who feels he should not have to pay business tax because he is in an area where no services are provided and he has to pay waste site fees. Council feels the taxes apply because the business is within the Town Planning Boundary. Other businesses in the area that have not been taxed will be invoiced for 2013 onward.

5) An email from Rebekah Cluett-Chan of Emera confirming that geotechnical testing activities will be sampled using test pits instead of boreholes as outlined on their application.

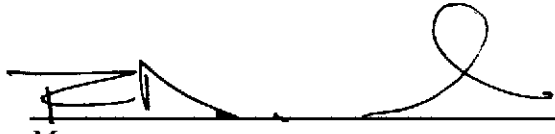
6) Jeffrey Blundon, Chair, Safe Prom Committee, Appalachia High School, requesting our support for the 2013 Safe Prom on May 3, 2013.

Motion #13 - 28 Conway/Tobin

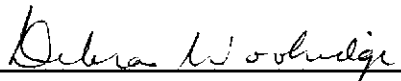
Resolved that we donate \$25 toward the safe prom. All in favour. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. to meet again on April 1, 2013.



Mayor



Clerk