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, June 3, 2013

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

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

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

Adoption of Minutes:
Regular Meeting of May 6, 2013

Motion #13 - 52 Callahan/Conway

Resolved that minutes of the regular council meeting of May 6, 2013 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Special Meeting of May 27, 2013

Motion #13 - 53 Conway/Callahan

Resolved that minutes of the special council meeting of May 27, 2013 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

1) Motion #13 - 54 Callahan/Lee

Resolved that general invoices of $12,420.39 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #13 - 55 Conway/Foote

Resolved that exp. Inv. #1052, Project Status Report #11, Professional Services/Expenses to April 26, 2013 - St. George’s New Fire Hall - in the amount of $4,121.95 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #13 - 56 Callahan/Conway

Resolved that exp. Inv. #150012, Project Status Report #20, Professional Services to April 26, 2013 - New Wastewater Treatment Plant and Lift Station Upgrades - in the amount of $1,275.41 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Projects

New Fire Hall
Motion #13 - 57 Callahan/Foote

Resolved that we award the contract for the 2011 New Fire Hall to Whitestone Developments Inc. in the amount of $1,699,490.00. All in favour. Motion carried.

c) Stadium

Debris from the burned out Blueberry Festival stage and building have been removed. Insurance coverage will amount to $85,000 for the building. A meeting with the
amount to $85,000 for the building. A meeting with the insurance company will be held to finalize the amount for the contents.

e) Roads

Paving of Muise’s Lane has been completed.

Unfinished Business

1) Hydrant Update
Guidelines for Fire Hydrants state that hydrants should be spaced about 300’ apart. Council will consider replacing the missing hydrant in next year’s budget.

2) Town Plan
The new Town Plan has been gazetted and is now in effect. Ray will look into revamping our website and putting the Town Plan online.

New Business

1) Request for Donation
The Canada Day Celebrations Committee is requesting a donation of $100 toward the festivities on July 1, and 14 bicycle helmets for their annual Kindergarten program.

Motion #13 - 58  Conway/Foote

Resolved that we donate $100 towards Canada Day and 14 helmets to the Kindergarten class.

In favour:  Mayor F. Alexander
            Deputy Mayor D. Conway
            Councillors: S. Lee, C. Foote, D. Callahan

Opposed:    Councillor W. Harview

Abstaining: 0

Motion carried

2) Equipment Purchase
Ray presented a video of a mini excavator from Battlefield, for council’s consideration, that does brushcutting, ditching, etc.

3) Landfill Positions
The Waste Site Committee is considering two new positions for the landfill site: one position for 38 hrs./wk. and the other for 15 hrs./wk. Cameras are now in place at the site. There should be no more issues with fires so furniture, wood, etc., that were previously buried will now be separated. These positions will be posted in-house.

The interviewing committee will consist of Ray, Deputy Mayor Conway, Councillors Foote and Lee.

4) Summer Clean-up
Money was not budgeted this year for summer clean-up. We are awaiting approval from Service Canada for two summer students. Mayor Alexander recommended using money from the Green Fund Grant.

Incoming Correspondence:

1) Mayor Michael Patey, Town of Badger, seeking a contribution to the Badger Monument Fund. The monument will be dedicated July 31 and a) will honour the memory of Constable William Moss of the Newfoundland Constabulary, who died in the line of duty in the 1959 Newfoundland Loggers’ Strike and b) note a major turning point in the history of labour relations as a result of that strike.
2) Carol Anne Furlong, President NAPE, notice to commence collective bargaining for revision of the existing Collective Agreement which expires in September.

3) Joan Davis, Seville Singers Reunion Sub-Committee Member, inviting the mayor to attend the Seville Singers 40th Reunion on July 12, 13, 14, in Stephenville and bring a welcome message from the town. Pins, maps, etc., and monetary donations are also requested.

4) Kevin O’Brien, Minister Municipal Affairs, informing us that the Department has approved a Special Assistance Grant in the amount of $17,110.01 to assist with the costs of repairs to Colson Crescent and Fillatre’s Lane which were damaged by heavy rain.


6) Barachois Search & Rescue requesting our annual donation to cover the cost of their two cellphone units.

Motion #13 - 59 Conway/Lee

Resolved that we donate $785.08 to the Barachois Search & Rescue to cover the cost of their cellphones. All in favour. Motion carried.

7) Elizabeth Brown, Chair, Stephenville Theatre Festival Board of Directors, with a sponsorship package for the 35th Anniversary Season of the Stephenville Theatre Festival.

Outgoing Correspondence

1) A letter had been served to a property owner re clean-up. It was suggested that letters should be sent out to other property owners as well.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to meet again on July 8, 2013.

Mayor

Clerk