

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, October 7, 2013

*Members Present*

Mayor D. Conway  
Deputy Mayor A. Tobin  
Councillors: S. Lee  
C. Foote  
G. Carroll  
A. White  
F. Alexander

*Also Present*

Town Manager R. Chant  
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

*Public in Attendance*

J. Doucette

*Call to Order*

Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

*Adoption of Minutes:*

*Regular Meeting of Sept. 9, 2013*

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Motion #13 - 89 Tobin/Foote

Resolved that minutes of the regular council meeting of September 9, 2013 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

*Special Meeting of Oct. 2, 2013*

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Motion #13 - 90 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that minutes of the special council meeting of October 2, 2013 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

*Delegations*

Ms Doucette's biggest concern is the dust problem in Seal Rocks as a result of trucks using the access road to the pier. Calcium chloride is seldom put on the road, and doesn't last very long when it is. Ms Doucette suggested paving the road would be cheaper in the long run.

Ray was directed to call or write the companies involved (Teck Resources, Western Logging, cc to Johnson's) making them aware of the problem and asking them to meet with council. Councillor Lee wondered why the culvert was not replaced on Flintkote Road and suggested we approach the Provincial government for help to replace it.

*Committee Reports:*

*a) Finance*

1) Motion #13 - 91 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that general invoices of \$12,784.67 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #13 - 92 Tobin/Lee

Resolved that **exp.** Status Report #8 to August 23 - Pressure Reducing Valve Building - in the amount of \$55,454.60 ( exp. Professional services/expenses \$9,183.36, construction costs \$46,271.24) be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #13 - 93 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that **exp.** Status Report #15 to August 23 - St. George's New Fire Hall - in the amount of \$98,689.93 (professional services/expenses **exp.** \$4,899.93, Whitestone Construction costs \$93,790.00) be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

*b) Projects*

Ray updated council on the progress of our projects. Valves for the PRV Building are due on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and NL Power has to decide where the pole will be located; plumbing is done on the Fire Hall, the cement is ready to be poured in the bay and siding will be installed next week; agreements on the Sewer Treatment Plant are ongoing. Some councillors expressed their concern over the culverts and drainage ditches at the Fire Hall site and feel the contractors should correct them.

*c) Fire Department*

The Fire Dept. is looking for new recruits. They feel town employees should have training to fill in summertime when members are working out of town.

*d) Stadium*

Councillor Carroll informed council that CanSkate and youth hockey will have registration at the end of the month. Stephenville Minor Hockey is looking for more hours this year. Users from last year will be contacted and a schedule drawn up. Discussion ensued on artificial ice. Some research needs to be done before council makes a decision. Councillor Carroll also suggested we look into installation of security cameras at the stadium.

*e) Roads*

A quote had been received from Western Paving Limited for a total of \$12,691.03 for Main Street, Mercy Place, and Courthouse Road.

Motion #13 - 94 Foote/Lee

Resolved that we accept the tender supplied by Western Paving and proceed with patch paving for Main Street and Courthouse Road. All in favour. Motion carried.

*Building Applications*

A request had been received from a property owner for temporary water and sewer hookup to a trailer located on their property on Mercer's Lane.

Motion #13 - 95 Lee/White

Resolved that a permit for a temporary hookup be granted if the owners first apply for a building permit and submit plans to council. All in favour. Motion carried.

*Unfinished Business*

**Internet Tower**

An email was received from Dale Squires, President EION Inc., in response to council's request for more details re erecting a tower at our water tower site. Mr. Squires will be asked to meet with council to discuss his plans.

*New Business*

**1) Committees**

Mayor Conway will serve ex-officio on all committees in addition to the following appointments:

**Finance:** Councillor White, Town Manager Chant.

**Projects:** Mayor Conway.

**Fire Department:** Deputy Mayor Tobin. As liason Deputy

Mayor Tobin will attend one of every three meetings of the Volunteer Fire Department

**Recreation:** Councillor Carroll will be the liason between the Recreation Committee and council.

**Roads:** Councillor Foote.

**Contracts & Employees:** Councillor Lee, Deputy Mayor Tobin, and Town Manager Chant.

**Waste Management:** deferred until next meeting.

**2) Rules of Procedure**

This item was also deferred until the next meeting to give our new councillors a chance to review them.

**3) Union Negotiations**

Official notice has been received from Gerard Ward, Employee Relations Representative from NAPE, notifying council that the union is ready to commence negotiations on behalf of the Town employees. He suggests a meeting between Oct. 21 and 25.

4) 5) 6) These items have already been dealt with above.

**7) School Playground**

The recreation committee will get together with the principal to see what they want, cost, etc.

**8) FCM - Project Performance Report**

A grant of \$30,000 from the Green Municipal Fund is available for the Town to do a project performance report. The cost for the engineers to do this report would most likely exceed the amount of the grant.

Motion #13 - 96 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that council not pursue the project performance report and advise FCM so they can close their file. All in favour. Motion carried.

**9) Outside Workers**

With our superintendent off on sick leave until November, and three of our workers at the landfill site, we have a shortage of outside workers. Councillor Foote, Deputy Mayor Conway, and the town manager will meet to discuss qualifications needed to fill a temporary position.

*Incoming Correspondence*

1) The Department of Municipal Affairs is offering training in Municipal Budgeting in Stephenville on October 23 and Councillor Orientation on November 30, 2013.

2) A Convention Registration Package has been received from MNL for the 2013 Convention that will take place in St. John's on November 7, 8, and 9.

3) A Call for Nominations - Western Region Director has been received from the Municipal Assessment Agency Inc.

4) An update concerning the Recycle My Cell program was received from the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association. This is Canada's national recycling program for mobile devices. Municipalities are invited to participate by hosting a drop off location for unwanted cell phones, smartphones, rechargeable batteries, chargers, etc.

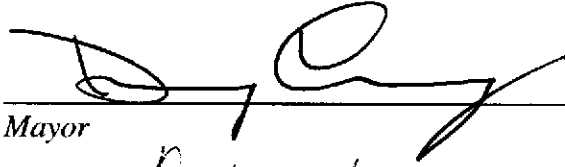
5) This item was discussed under *Building Applications*.

*Adjournment*

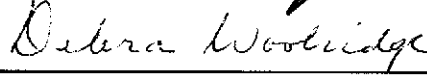
Motion #13 - 97 Lee/Tobin

Resolved that meeting now be adjourned to meet again on November 4, 2013. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.



*Mayor*



*Clerk*