

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, February 3, 2014

Members Present

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

Also Present

Town Manager R. Chant
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Call to Order

Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes:

Regular Meeting, January 13, 2014

Regular Meeting of January 13, 2014

Motion #14 - 12 Tobin/Foote

Resolved that minutes of the regular council meeting of
January 13, 2014 be adopted as circulated. All in favour.
Motion carried.

Special Meeting, January 16, 2014 **Special Meeting of January 16, 2014**

Motion #14 - 13 White/Foote

Resolved that minutes of the special meeting of January 16,
2014 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion
carried.

Proclamations

Mayor Conway read and signed the proclamation making
Monday, February 17, 2014 Heritage Day and calling "upon
all citizens to celebrate the richness of our past and the
promise of our future."

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

1) Motion #14 - 14 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that general invoices of \$12,618.17 be approved
for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #14 - 15 Foote/Alexander

Resolved that exp. Inv. #756, Professional Services and
Expenses to Dec. 7, 2012, Project Status Report #8 -St.
George's Stadium Roof Repairs - in the amount of \$83.89
be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #14 - 16 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that exp. Inv. #1614, Professional Services and
Expenses to Dec. 27, 2013, Project Status Report #19 - St.
George's New Fire Hall - in the amount of \$4,022.52 be
approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Motion #14 - 17 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that Whitestone Development Inc. Revised
Contract Payment #6, Dec. 1 - 31, 2013, Project Status
Report #19 - St. George's Fire Hall - in the amount of

\$87,256.20 be approved for payment. All in favour.
Motion carried.

b) Projects

Motion #14 - 18 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that we accept the proposal for Fire Hall furniture submitted by **exp.** as requested by the Department of Municipal Affairs in the amount of \$27,500.00 + HST. All in favour. Motion carried.

d) Stadium

1) Synthetic Ice - discussion took place on the pros and cons of synthetic ice.

2) Closing Date - March 20 will be the closing date for the stadium.

e) Roads

The transmission is gone in the old white truck. It can be restored for approximately \$15,000.00. A truck has been purchased from a company in New Brunswick as well as a new spreader. We are waiting for an approval to borrow from the Department of Municipal Affairs to purchase the 950H Wheel Loader mentioned at the last meeting.

New Business

1) Social Media

Ray was given the go ahead to obtain guidelines and develop a policy re social media to be presented to council.

2) Fire Fighting Services

Two members of the Local Service District of Barachois Brook met with some members of council last week to request fire fighting services for their community. Stephenville Crossing had been providing protection until now but a major increase in the cost for the coming year is scheduled leaving the community to seek alternative protection.

Motion #14 - 19 Lee/White

Resolved that, with permission from the Department of Municipal Affairs, we take on the Fire Fighting Services for Barachois Brook for \$2,000/yr. beginning in April; after January 1, 2015, they would pay the same fee as our taxpayers.

In favour:

Mayor D. Conway

Councillors: A. White, S. Lee,
C. Foote

Opposed:

Deputy Mayor A. Tobin

Councillors: G. Carroll, F. Alexander

Abstaining:

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Motion carried

3) Western Regional Waste Management

A letter had been received from Don Downer, Chair of the Western Regional Service Board, stating that because the Board and the Town were unable to negotiate an operational contract for the St. George's Waste site as envisioned by the Letter of Intent signed on November 6, 2013, the WRSB will be applying to Service NL for approval to operate a waste management system at the site effective April 1, 2014. They will not be taking responsibility for the employment of our employees currently working at the site and will take ownership and usage of government funded equipment/facilities currently utilized by the Town. We are asked to notify Service NL of

the Town's intention to cease operations effective March 31, 2014. Mayor Conway expressed concern about the liability of the Town of St. George's. Councillor Alexander suggested a letter be written to Don Downer stating that liability should be theirs effective January 1, 2014, with copies sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, MHA Joan Shea, and the other towns concerned.

Incoming Correspondence

1) Abby Quigley, Easter Seals Ambassador - request for financial donation and 5) Kids Help Phone - request for support:

Motion #14 - 20 Foote/Tobin

Resolved that we donate \$25 to Easter Seals and \$25 to the Kids Help Phone. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) An agenda and registration form was received for the MNL Regional Meetings 2014 and a call for MNL Committee Members.

3) A petition was received from the NDP Caucus Office calling upon the House of Assembly to urge Government to reinstate the Family Violence Intervention Court.

4) A request from Charles Pender, Mayor of Corner Brook, to write the provincial government to ensure the new regional hospital will be expanded beyond what is currently available to meet the needs of the residents of Western Newfoundland with additional specialized services for cancer treatment.

Motion #14 - 21 Foote/Alexander

Resolved that a letter of support be written. All in favour. Motion carried.

6) A letter from a resident requesting maps, pins, etc. that her son could trade on a trip with Encounters with Canada in Ottawa on March 9, 2014.

Motion #14 - 22 Foote/Lee

Resolved that we give 20 maps and 20 pins. All in favour. Motion carried.

7) A letter from Carolyn Burggraaf, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, re changes to the *Highway Traffic Act* Respecting Slow-Moving Vehicles.

Other Business

A newsletter was distributed for council's permission to mail to residents re the 50th Anniversary of the Town of St. George's, the 25th Anniversary for the Blueberry Festival and Come Home Year.

Motion #14 - 23 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that the newsletter be sent to the residents. All in favour. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. to meet again on March 3, 2014.



Mayor

Clerk