

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, May 5, 2014

Present

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

Also Present

Town Manager R. Chant
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Call to Order

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

*Adoption of Minutes:
Regular Mtg. of April 7, 2014*

Regular Meeting of April 7, 2014

Motion #14 - 45 Tobin/White

Resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 7, 2014 be adopted as circulated. All in favour.
Motion carried.

Business Arising

Councillor asked about the gabions. **exp.** has to come out to do test pits for the Sewer Treatment Plant. They will check on the gabions at the same time.

*Committee Reports:
a) Finance*

1) Motion #14 - 46 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that general invoices of \$48,428.70 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion #14 - 47 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that Inv. #01638, Shelby's Machine Shop, in the amount of \$12,094.09 for work done on Fire Emergency Vehicle, be approved for payment to be deducted from the Fire Department's allotted budget over three years.

In favour: Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor A. Tobin
Councillors: S. Lee, A. White,
C. Foote, G. Carroll

Opposed: Councillor F. Alexander

Abstaining: 0

Motion carried

2) Motion #14 - 48 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that **exp.** Inv. #173117, Status Report #1, Professional Services to September 27, 2013 - Tobin's Lift Station - in the amount of \$1687.09 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #14 - 49 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that **exp.** Inv. #177358, Status Report #2, Professional Services to October 25, 2013 - Tobin's Lift

Station - in the amount of \$5422.87 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Projects

Council was updated on the PRV Building. **exp.** will handle the problem with the valve. Solutions are being considered to deal with the high concentration of iron in wells 1 and 3.

An informal meeting was held on April 30 with MHA Joan Shea. One item discussed was whether money allocated for the synthetic ice project could be used for other projects on our 5-yr. Plan. Ms Shea directed council to request it in writing.

Motion #14 - 50 Lee/Carroll

Resolved to request that funds allocated for synthetic ice to be transferred to other recreation projects applied for in the 5-yr. Plan.

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

c) Fire Department

The official opening for the new Fire Hall took place on Saturday, May 3, with government dignitaries in attendance and an open house with a BBQ. Approximately 180 people visited the Fire Hall throughout the day.

d) Stadium

Councillor Carroll updated council on the Recreation Committee's plans for the summer program. He also suggested that the bleacher area be painted.

e) Roads

A letter to MHA Joan Shea will be written concerning the condition of our roads and a damaged culvert at 215 Main Street. Mayor Conway suggested doing some patching ourselves. Cost of asphalt, rental for roller, etc., will be looked into.

Building Applications

1) Residence - adjacent to Woodland Drive

An application had been submitted to construct a family dwelling on property that is adjacent to, and would connect to, Woodland Drive.

Motion #14 - 51 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that, based on the Appeal Board's decision (concerning the application to construct an access road on Woodland Drive), council cannot grant a permit to construct the dwelling (on this property) unless the applicant comes up with the information required by the Appeal Board. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Garage - 540-544 Main St.

This application is deferred until next month when the easement agreement has been signed.

Unfinished Business

1) Appeal Results - Access Road, Woodland Drive

The Appeal Board ordered that the approval issued by the Town on December 2, 2013 be vacated. The Board

determined that the Town has the authority to approve development applications but was not satisfied that the Town had all the applicable information to approve the application to construct a road at the end of Woodland Drive. In accordance with the Town Plan and Development Regulations, the Town must consider the suitability of a site with respect to steepness of grades, soils, and geology when reviewing a development application. They deem it was not demonstrated to the Board that the Town reviewed the application to construct a road in accordance with section 2.5(3) of the Plan or Regulation 54 of the Development Regulations. The Town considered the width of the road required but it was not evident to the Board whether the maximum length of the road was considered. Maximum length, where no emergency access is provided, is 250 meters. Woodland Drive is in excess of 400 meters.

2) Union Negotiations

Gerard Ward from NAPE, the employees' negotiating committee, council's representatives, and the town manager met with the conciliator on April 29. This resulted in an offer of 2%, 2%, 4%, and 5% increase in wages over four years. This offer amounts to less than the last offer of 3%, 3%, 3%, 3% that was rejected. An email from the conciliator asked if council would approve of Gerard Ward presenting both offers to the members and letting them decide which option they would like to accept. Council agreed that the members could decide at their next meeting and council would ratify the offer at the next council meeting. Council is also of the opinion that NAPE should be responsible for all of the conciliators' expenses.

New Business

1) Clean-up Week

Clean-up week will take place May 13-17 at a cost of \$250/day. The truck will make one pass through town. Ray will put the notice on the website. Mayor Conway suggested that we have a general clean-up day for the whole town on May 14, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. involving the schools, groups, etc., with the possibility of refreshments being offered at the Fire Hall at noon.

2) Application - Construction of Regional Waste Transfer Site

A letter was received from Christa Ramsay, Environmental Scientist with the Department of Environment and Conservation. An application from BAE-Newplan Limited was submitted requesting approval to construct a regional waste transfer station in our water supply area. Any concerns were to be submitted within 15 days.

3) Application - Exploration Approval

The Department of Natural Resources had received an application for Exploration Approval from Red Moon Potash Inc. for three diamond drill holes and a new temporary access trail for ATV and Tracked Vehicle Use to one of the locations within our planning area and municipal boundary. Concerns to be submitted within 14 days.

4) Permit - Temporary Connection W/S

A temporary permit had been issued in July, 2012 to an applicant to connect a trailer to an existing water and sewer service on his property for one year. This item was brought up for review. The applicant will be asked to meet with council when he comes home this summer and discuss his

intentions as to whether he still intends to build and to submit his plans.

5) Request for Paving - Butt's Lane

A letter was received from residents of Butt's Lane expressing their concerns re potholes, dust, etc., and asking council to consider paving the lane. Council will ask the Department of Highways to look at it or apply for 90/10 cost ratio and put it in as part of our 5-yr. plan.

6) Crown Land Application - Cottage, Flat Bay Brook

Motion #14 - 52 White/Foote

Resolved that council approve the application to build a cottage in Flat Bay Brook. All in favour. Motion carried.

7) Complaint - Garbage

An email was received concerning the garbage dumped on the shore line and in the water, along with the burnt remains of a house on Main Street. The mess on the shore had been reported to the RCMP. A letter will be sent to the owner of the property on Main Street.

Incoming Correspondence

1) Heart & Stroke - encouraging involvement in the 2014 Mayor's March for Heart Disease and Stroke, June 9-15, 2014.

2) Thank you card from Appalachia High for donation to prom.

3) Barachois Search and Rescue - request to cover the annual cost of two cell phone units.

Motion #14 - 53 Tobin/Lee

Resolved that we donate the \$785.08 to cover the cost of the cell phones. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Dean Ball, Municipal Assessment Agency - with info on the late Clar Simmons and a brochure concerning criteria for the scholarship in his memory.

5) Dept. of Municipal Affairs - notification of the Municipal Operating Grant allocation for the 2014/15 calendar year.

6) Dean Ball, MAA - results of a meeting on April 4, 2014 of the Board of Directors in conjunction with the PMA conference. List of directors enclosed.

7) The Royal Newfoundland Regiment - invitation to a wreath laying ceremony on the National Day of Honour at the Corner Brook Cenotaph on May 9 to commemorate the strength and sacrifices made by the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan, and to recognize and support the friends and families of the fallen. Mayor Conway plans to attend.

8) An email from Darcy Barry, President Local 1212, requesting support for the 45 public sector jobs that will be eliminated (15 in our area) on the closure of the Youth Assessment Centre in Stephenville. A petition will be circulated.

9) Elton White, Chairperson of the St. George's Public Library Board - requesting a Gift Certificate for the steaks in their "Mother's Day Draw" fundraiser.

Motion #14 - 54 Foote/Tobin

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

10) An email was received from a property owner with questions with regard to installing water and sewer services to her property this summer. Council would need more information as to the plot location, distance from existing services, access, etc. before they can answer the questions.

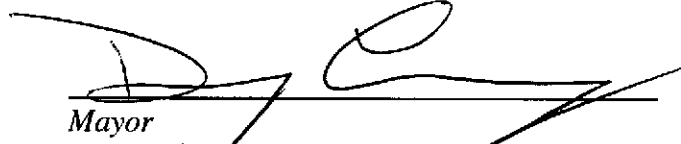
11) A letter was received from the president of the St. George's Senior Club asking for a donation to cover the cost of repairs to pipes that froze and broke during the winter. She feels the Town is responsible because she had requested that the water be turned off and it wasn't done. She also requests a letter of apology.

Motion #14 - 55 Lee/Tobin

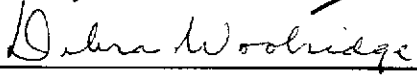
Resolved that we give the association a donation of \$200.00 but we do not assume any responsibility. All in favour. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. to meet again on June 9, 2014.



Mayor



Clerk