Minutes of a regular meeting of the council of the Town of St. George's, held in the Town Hall, December 1, 2014

Present
Mayor                   D. Conway
Deputy Mayor            A. Tobin
Councillors:            F. Alexander
                          A. White
                          S. Lee
                          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 Meeting of November 3, 2014
Regular Mtg. of Nov. 3, 2014

Motion #14 - 123  Foote/White
Resolved that minutes of the regular council meeting of November 3, 2014 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:
a) Finance

1) Motion #14 - 124  Tobin/Foote
Resolved that general invoices of $20,974.61 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #14 - 125  Lee/Tobin
Resolved that EFCO Inv. #27216 - Water Investigation- in the amount of $262.73 be approved for payment.

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

3) Motion #14 - 126  Foote/Lee
Resolved that EFCO Inv. #27276 - Water Investigation - in the amount of $2339.10 be approved for payment.

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

b) Projects

Motion #14 - 127  Foote/Carroll
Resolved that council authorize the mayor and the clerk to enter in the agreements for Project #17-MCW-15-00229, Recreation Upgrades, and Project #17 - MCW-15-00230, Water Well Upgrading, on behalf of council. All in favour. Motion carried.
c) Fire Dept.

Representatives from the Department of Transportation, at the request of the Department of Municipal Affairs, were out and did the warranty inspection on the new Fire Hall. They found problems with the oil separator, ventilation system and compressor. A report will be sent to exp. Architects.

d) Stadium/Recreation

A final quote was received for rubber flooring – approximately $16,000 delivered.

Councillor Carroll reported on activities at the stadium. Councillor Foote suggested promoting the stadium during our Christmas advertising.

e) Roads

It was decided that the snowclearing policy would remain the same as last year; priorities being the main roads, hydrants, sidewalks. Seniors’ driveways will be done when time permits.

New Business

1) Town Scholarship

Only one application had been submitted. The Town Scholarship will be awarded to the applicant at the Graduation Exercises on December 17, 2014.

2) Christmas Holidays

It was agreed that the town office will be closed from December 22 to January 2, to re-open on January 5, 2015.

3) Budget 2015

The budget will be presented at a special meeting of council on December 5 at 2 p.m.

Other Business

Council was updated on the meeting with some members of council, the town manager, and representatives from Western Health this morning with regard to staffing for our clinic.

Incoming Correspondence

1) An email was received from the owner of one of the dilapidated properties in town asking for an extension to the sixty days stated in his letter. Council agreed to grant extra time to the owner to rectify the problem. Another owner called to say something will be done when the weather clears.

2) An email from the Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce with criteria and an application form for their $500 scholarship.

3) An invitation to an information and feedback luncheon on December 9 from the College of the North Atlantic with regard to funding available to employers through the Job Grant fund.

4) An invitation to a Christmas Party at the Stephenville Lions Club on December 6 hosted by the Bay St. George Association for Community Living, Bay St. George Community Employment Corporation and the Bay St. George Residential Support Board.

5) A letter from the Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands Branch of the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs inviting input into their review of the Protected Road Zoning Regulations of the Urban and Rural Planning Act, 2000.
6) A memo from Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador asking us to write the Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs re the need for dedicated and sustainable funds for municipalities.

Motion #14 - 128  Lee/Alexander

Resolved that council write a letter to support MNL's position on the fiscal framework. All in favour. Motion carried.

7) A request for a donation from the 194 RCSCC Calypso Cadets to enable them to partake of different activities throughout the year.

Motion #14 - 129  Alexander/White

Resolved that we donate $250 to the cadets. All in favour. Motion carried.

8) Miscellaneous correspondence from a resident was distributed to council for their information.

9) An email was received from 40 JDRF Youth Ambassadors requesting help in their mission to raise funds for research for type 1 diabetes and expanding the JDRF CCTN.

Adjournment

Motion #14 - 130  Lee/Foote

There being no further business, it was resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on January 5, 2015. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Mayor
Delna Woolridge

Clerk