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 5, 2015

Members Present
Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor A. Tobin
Councillors: C. Foote
S. Lee
F. Alexander

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

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

Adoption of Minutes:
Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015

Regular Meeting of Sept. 8, 2015
Motion #15 - 95 Foote/Tobin

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of September
8, 2015 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion
carried.

Business Arising
Purchase of Woodland Drive property is in the lawyers’
hands.

Mayor Conway attended the meeting of the Bay St. George
Waste Management Committee. Nothing was finalized as
there weren’t enough members in attendance. Another
meeting will be held at a future date.

Councillor White entered the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance
Motion #15 - 96 Alexander/Foote

Resolved that general invoices totaling $4,612.86 be
approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Projects
Funding has yet to be approved at the Credit Union for the
paving project.

Tobin’s Lift Station Retrofit should have been done by
now. Ray will follow up tomorrow.

d) Stadium/Recreation
Motion #15 - 97 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that we approve the awarding of the tender for
Recreation Upgrades to Harvey Gale & Son Ltd. for the
amount of $149,367.87. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Carroll entered the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Unfinished Business

1) Permit to Apply for Crown Land
The Municipal Recommendation Form for Crown land
Application that was submitted last month was discussed.
The applicant will be told to go forward with the
application to Crown Lands. They, in turn, will forward it
to council for approval.

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2) Teck Resources
Representatives from Teck Resources met with Ray and Mayor Conway last week. Teck Resources has money allocated to remove their building by December 31 if not given an exemption on the property taxes.

Motion #15 - 98  Alexander/Foote

Resolved that property taxes be deferred for one year for Teck Resources provided the building is not being utilized.

In favour: Mayor Conway
Deputy Mayor Tobin
Councillors: G. Carroll, S. Lee, C. Foote, F. Alexander

Opposed: Councillor A. White
Abstaining: 0
Motion Carried

New Business

1) Government Wharf
Mayor Conway informed council that some boat owners have approached Small Craft Harbours to construct a slipway between our sewer outfall and the government wharf. A representative from Small Craft Harbours is willing to meet with council in November. Councillors Foote and Lee will work with them to put it all in place.

2) Garbage Collection
Our waste collection agreement expires on December 31, 2015 and needs to be re-tendered. Council agreed the contract should have an “out clause” in case of regionalization and should stipulate the type of vehicle required as a compactor truck.

3) Offers to Purchase - 35 Main, 38-50 Barachois
Two offers had been submitted for 35 Main Street. A motion to sell this property had been made at September’s meeting and the property had been purchased. The two bids for 35 Main Street were not opened.

An offer to purchase 38-50 Barachois Drive was opened for $2500, “on the conditions that town water and sewer services will be accessible and available, also that the land will meet the requirements to build a house.” Council agreed to sell the property “as is, where is.” Ray will contact the bidder and explain the situation.

4) Energy Report
A document providing a summary of energy efficiency options for the Town Hall, RecPlex, and Maintenance Garage had been received and distributed to council.

Other Business
Councillor Lee suggested we consider the purchase of a projector at our next meeting. Councillor Carroll would like to have correspondence pertaining to the meetings emailed beforehand.

Incoming Correspondence
1) A letter from the Canadian Cancer Society asking us to take A One Night Stand Against Cancer by picking up the tab for a night at Daffodil Place.

2) Kids Help Phone Newsletter and request for support.
3) A letter from a resident adjacent to Town property with concerns about trees, alders, etc. protruding through the resident's fence and asking us to look into the matter. Council agreed to send our workers up to cut the alders when they get a chance.

4) A letter from a resident requesting that his 200' driveway be plowed in winter. Council denied the request because they consider it to be a private lane.

5) Circular from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs inviting applications for the Proposed 2016/2017 Municipal Capital Works Program.

6) A letter from Jonathan P. Gaugay, City of St. John's, seeking support as candidate for Vice President of MNL.

7) A letter from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs, Lands Branch, re the Community Sustainability Partnership where government will create reserves for the purpose of assisting municipalities in acquiring Crown lands at market value for social and economic development purposes.

Adjournment

Motion #15 - 99 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn. All in favour.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. to meet again on November 2, 2015.