

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, January 4, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

*Members Present*

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

*Also Present*

Town Clerk D. Woolridge

*Call to Order*

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

*Adoption of Minutes:  
Regular Mtg. of Dec. 7, 2015*

**Regular Meeting of December 7, 2015**

Motion #16 - 01 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of December 7, 2015 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Foote arrived at the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

*Committee Reports:  
a) Finance*

1) Motion #16 - 02 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that general invoices totaling \$28,225.97 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #16 - 03 Foote/Carroll

Resolved that Contract Payment No. 1 from Western Pump Services - Tobin's Road Lift Station - in the amount of \$115,276.95 be approved for payment from the Projects Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

Because of extra revenue resulting from motions made to apply the minimum property tax to all parcels of land and an increase in minimum business tax, along with a surplus in the bank, the following motions were made:

3) Motion #16 - 04 Foote/Alexander

Resolved that Motion #15 - 117 be rescinded. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion #16 - 05 Foote/Alexander

Resolved that we adopt the proposed new Budget for 2016 of \$1,153,333.13 which includes a property tax mil rate of 5.5 and a \$50 increase in water rates. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Motion #16 - 06 Lee/Tobin

Resolved that Motion #15 - 120 be rescinded. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion #16 - 07 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that council accept the Municipal Tax Structure for 2016 reflecting the decrease of the property mil rate to 5.5 mils, an increase to water rates of \$50, an increase in minimum business tax to \$300, and the minimum property tax of \$300 applied to each parcel of land. All in favour. Motion carried.

*b) Projects*

Chris Power of the Department of Municipal Affairs informed us that monies that had been allocated for the sewer treatment plant can only be used for water and sewer purposes. It was the consensus of council that the money be spent on replacing laterals on a 90/10 cost sharing ratio. Mayor Conway will speak to Mr. Power.

*Unfinished Business*

**1) Lead Hand Position**

The position of Lead Hand was posted internally; only one employee had applied.

Motion #16 - 08 Lee/White

Resolved that we accept Justin Chinn's application for Lead Hand effective January 1, 2016. All in favour. Motion carried.

**2) Letter re Permit for Shed**

This letter was not written by the town manager. The town clerk was asked to write the letter stating that the shed placed on the property did not meet the requirements of the permit and was not approved by council. The applicants should re-apply for a permit for a shed. If they intend to keep the present shed, they will have to bring it up to standard and position it in a more appropriate location.

*New Business*

**1) Permit to Operate Taxi Service**

Motion #16 - 09 Alexander/Carroll

Resolved that Stanley Harper be permitted to operate a taxi in the Town of St. George's according to our by-laws. All in favour. Motion carried.

**2) Request for Retroactive Pay**

A letter had been submitted to council from an employee requesting retroactive pay at the Superintendent Assistant's rate from April 1- December 31, 2015. Council denied the request.

*Other Business*

The Department of Municipal Affairs will send a person out to help our new town manager with the technical and financial aspects of the position. Mayor Conway, Councillor Lee and Councillor Foote will screen the applications this week.

*Incoming Correspondence*

1) A copy of a letter to the Western Regional Service Board from the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs approving an application for a Crown Grant for development located near the dump site.

2) A letter from Chris Power, Regional Engineer with the Department of Municipal Affairs, stating the items that need to be addressed prior to further consideration of our application for Municipal Capital Works Funding.

3) A certificate and a receipt from the Ronald McDonald House for the councillors' generous donation.

4) A letter from the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association with information on the Recycle My Cell program and ways that we could help.

*Adjournment*

Motion #16 - 10 Foote/Alexander

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on February 1, 2016. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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*Mayor*

*Debra Woodruff*

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*Clerk*