

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 2, 2016

Members Present

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

Also Present

Town Manager	J. Butt
Town Clerk	D. Woolridge

Public in Attendance

Four residents

Call to Order

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

*Adoption of Minutes:
Regular Mtg. of April 4, 2016*

Regular Meeting of April 4, 2016

Motion #16 - 51 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2016 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business Arising

Mayor Conway informed council that the Highways Depot closed on April 20 and it was very unlikely that the shoulders of the roads would be done until late summer. MHA Scott Reid has put forward to Government all issues discussed at last month's meeting.

Delegations

A visual display of maps and surveys was presented to council by a resident in an effort to obtain permission to upgrade the original right-of-way to her property that has been claimed by a neighbor. Council had been directed by government authorities and lawyers not to be involved as this is a civil dispute.

Two other residents in attendance had received a letter from the town manager regarding a shed that had been placed on their property without a permit. The permit originally issued was for a garage, ramp and fence. Due to financial constraints, the residents are not able to go ahead with the original permit and inquired as to how they could keep their shed. They were advised to submit an application for a shed, and if the structure placed there is to remain, it will have to be brought up to standard.

Another resident is having trouble with water run-off on his property and asked to have the ditch cleaned out.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

1) Motion #16 - 52 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that general invoices of \$33,173.31 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #16 - 53 Lee/Alexander

Resolved that Western Pump Services Payment No. 3 - Tobin's Lift Station - in the amount of \$14,956.28 (Release of Holdback) be approved for payment from the Projects Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Projects

Harvey Gale & Son are getting ready to start the Ballfield/Playground projects.

c) Fire Department

1) **Invoice for Janitorial Services**

An invoice had been submitted by the Fire Dept. for Janitorial Services at the Fire Hall for January and February at the rate of \$100/month.

The fire chief will be asked to submit the invoice for mechanical services for the fire truck instead.

2) **Employees' Fire Training**

A discussion took place on whether wages should be paid to our employees when training for the fire department. Mayor Conway suggested that the town manager meet with the fire chief to discuss the costs to the Town and come up with a compromise. In future, requests for training should be presented to council well in advance.

d) Stadium/Recreation

Motion #16 - 54 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that a safe be purchased for the Stadium, not to exceed \$400. All in favour. Motion carried.

f) Community Garden

Though the committee was unsuccessful in obtaining the Envirofest Grant, they will apply for future grants. Council was asked by Councillor White to consider setting money aside in next year's budget for the project.

New Business

1) **Crown Lands Application**

A Municipal Recommendation Form for Crown Lands Applications within Municipal and Planning Area Boundaries had been received for approval from council to build a cabin at First Dribble Pond.

Motion #16 - 55 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that application be approved. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) **Tidy Towns**

Information had been distributed on registration for the Tidy Towns contest for 2016.

3) **Request for Water and Service - Hayes Lane**

A letter had been submitted from a resident requesting water and sewer to his property that had been zoned Rural.

Motion #16 - 56 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that we extend the lines 100' from the source. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) **Anti-Tethering Law**

This item is deferred until next meeting.

5) Offer to Sell - Woodland Drive

A letter has been received from a resident offering to sell a parcel of land located on Woodland Drive to the Town. Council is not interested in the purchase at this time.

6) Request to Review Tax Assessment

A request has been received to review tax assessments on a property south of Flintkote Road. The owner was hoping to avoid the full minimum property tax rate on this property as it is adjacent to, and could be combined with, the owner's residential property if the road did not separate the two. Council denied the request as the second property was purchased separately long after the Flintkote Road was put there and the two cannot be combined.

7) Audit 2015

Motion #16 - 57 Alexander/White

Resolved that the draft of Audit 2015 be approved. All in favour. Motion carried.

8) Delinquent Accounts

Motion #16 - 58 White/Tobin

Resolved to write off uncollectible delinquent accounts totaling \$1689.46. All in favour. Motion carried.

9) Garbage - Business/Residential

A complaint was made by Containerized Sanitation that businesses are putting out their garbage for pick-up and their contract states residential garbage only.

Motion #16 - 59 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that we notify businesses that, effective June 1, we will not be picking up garbage for commercial businesses. All in favour. Motion carried.

10) Offer to Purchase - Messervey's Road

A letter was opened by Mayor Conway with offers to purchase 3 Messervey's Road at \$1,099.00, 5 Messervey's Road at \$499.00, and 11 Messervey's Road at \$699.00.

Motion #16 - 60 Alexander/White

Resolved that we accept the offers totaling \$2,297.00 (plus HST) for 3, 5, and 11 Messervey's Road. All in favour. Motion carried.

11) Quarry Permit

Motion #16 - 61 Alexander/Lee

Resolved that we approve the quarry permit submitted to the Department of Natural Resources by Western Logging Ltd. All in favour. Motion carried.

12) Point of Sale (POS) Terminal

Debit transactions include a cost of \$700 to purchase the terminal and .058 cents per interact transaction.

Motion #16 - 62 Alexander/White

Resolved that we purchase a POS Terminal. All in favour.
Motion carried.

In addition, taxpayers will soon be able to make payments online at the Credit Union.

13) Library

Government has decided to close fifty-four libraries across the province. Our library will be closing next year. Councils will be offered the opportunity to take over these libraries if they are located in municipal buildings. The Director of the Library Board will meet with us to go over some numbers.

Incoming Correspondence

- 1) A receipt and a thank-you card from Appalachia High for our donation toward their Senior Prom 2016.
- 2) A spring newsletter from the Ronald McDonald House.
- 3) A request from Barry Nash, Coordinator of Barachois Search and Rescue, for assistance to cover the annual cost of their two cell phone units.

Motion #16 - 63 Tobin/Lee

Resolved to donate the \$785.08 requested for cell phones.
All in favour. Motion carried.

4) A request for a donation from Rae Miller, Chair of the Long Range Small Business Week Committee, associated with an event for Small Business Week in October.

5) An email from Hospitality Newfoundland & Labrador re the tourism industry.

6) A thank you card from the director of the Zackery St. Croix Memorial 2016 for a donation made anonymously by a council member.

7) A request to support the 21st Annual Run the Rock in aid of the Children's Wish Foundation. This item will be put on the agenda for next meeting.

8) An Approval to Borrow was received from the Department of Municipal Affairs of \$27,473 for a five year term to finance the purchase of a Dodge ST Quad Cab 4 x 4 DS6L41.

Adjournment

Motion #16 - 64 Lee/White

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next meeting was scheduled for June 13, 2016.



Mayor

Delna Worobetz

Clerk