

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, July 4, 2016

Members Present

Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor A. Tobin
Councillors: F. Alexander
A. White

Also Present

Town Manager J. Butt
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 June 13, 2016*

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Motion #16 - 75 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2016 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business Arising

The streetlight we requested for the intersection on the TCH is not being considered by the Government. Jocelyn will go back to our MHA, Scott Reid.

The Cloud Storage backup is up and running.

*Committee Reports:
a) Finance*

1) Motion #16 - 76 Tobin/White

Resolved that general invoices of \$12,558.82 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #16 - 77 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that council accept funding of \$154,008 from the Department of Municipal Affairs for Capital Works Project 17-MCW-17-00017 **Town Hall Renovations** under the 90/10 Provincial/Municipal ratio. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #16 - 78 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that council accept funding of \$151,136 from the Department of Municipal Affairs for Capital Works Project 17-MCW-17-00018 **Fire Hall Extension** under the 90/10 Provincial/Municipal ratio. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) The purpose of this loan is for the Town's share of the 90/10 funding ratio for the Fire Hall Extension:

Motion #16 - 79 White/Alexander

Resolved that council borrow the sum of \$16,793 from the Leading Edge Credit Union to be paid monthly at the rate of \$178.78, interest rate of 4.85%, for a term of 12 months with an amortization of 10 years for the Town's share of the 90/10 funding ratio of Capital Works Project 17-MCW-17-00018 **Fire Hall Extension**. All in favour. Motion carried.

5) The purpose of this loan is for the GST portion of the 90/10 funding for the Fire Hall Extension:

Motion #16 - 80 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that council borrow the sum of \$17,253 from the Leading Edge Credit Union to be paid quarterly at the rate of \$2,275.95, interest rate of 4.85% for a term of 12 months with an amortization of 2 years for the GST/PST portion of Capital Works Project 17-MCW-17-00018 **Fire Hall Extension**. All in favour. Motion carried.

6) The purpose of this loan is for the Town's share of the 90/10 funding ratio for the Town Hall Renovations:

Motion #16 - 81 White/Alexander

Resolved that council borrow the sum of \$17,112 from the Leading Edge Credit Union to be paid monthly at the rate of \$180.25, interest rate of 4.85% for a term of 12 months with an amortization of 10 years for the Town's portion of the 90/10 funding for Capital Works Project 17-MCW-17-00017 **Town Hall Renovations**. All in favour. Motion carried.

7) The purpose of this loan is for the GST portion of the 90/10 funding for the Town Hall Renovations:

Motion #16 - 82 White/Tobin

Resolved that council borrow the sum of \$17,580 from the Leading Edge Credit Union to be paid quarterly at the rate of \$2,319.09, interest rate of 4.85% for a term of 12 months with an amortization of 2 years for the GST/PST portion of Capital Works Project 17-MCW-17-00017 **Town Hall Renovations**. All in favour. Motion carried.

8) Motion #16 - 83 Tobin/White

Resolved that council submit a Capital Investment Plan to the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs for Gas Tax Funding in the amount of \$17,250 for critical ditching. All in favour. Motion carried.

d) Stadium/Recreation

The puck board is in. Installation will be put on hold until the Parks & Rec Program is over. The program starts on Wednesday.

e) Roads

Alders are being cut on Pelley's Lane. Pieroway' Lane is scheduled for road improvements this week.

It was noted that Central Service Station donated 36 bags of cold patch to the Town.

f) Community Garden

Members are not in favour of relocating the community garden.

New Business

1) **Western Logging - Request for New Tax Structure**
A motion made in October 2015 stated that property taxes for Teck Resources be deferred for one year provided the building is not being utilized. Western Logging Ltd. is presently using the Teck Resources building for test shipments of gypsum. Future use of the building depends on markets and taxes involved. Western Logging is interested

in developing a new tax structure with the Town that will benefit both parties.

Motion #16 - 84 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that we waiver property and business taxes for 2016 on the Teck Resources building. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meanwhile, Western Logging has agreed to purchase a digital traffic sign to be placed in the school zone at a cost of \$6800.00.

2) Request for Streetlight - Farm Road

A request has been received from residents at the end of Farm Road to have a streetlight installed on an existing pole.

Motion #16 - 85 White/Tobin

Resolved that we arrange to have the streetlight installed. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Contract - Town Hall Cleaning

A new contract has been drafted for cleaning the town hall.

Motion #16 - 86 Alexander/White

Resolved that council approve the new cleaning contract. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Fire Hydrant - Hayes' Lane

Municipal Affairs received a complaint stating that we refused to install a fire hydrant at the end of Hayes' Lane (even though we weren't approached). There are no regulations in our Development Plan stating we have to provide fire hydrants in a rural area. Fire fighting services are provided. Jocelyn will get our workers to measure how far the nearest hydrant is to the property.

5) Liability to Owner re Water Break

There is a water break on a property in Shallop Cove near a hydro pole that services two homes. Though this is not the Town's responsibility, the residents are asking for permission to move the curb stop to the other side of their driveway.

Motion #16 - 87 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that the owner submit an affidavit stating they would be liable for any damages that occur during the excavation, repair, or "acts of God," and that the contractor obtain the necessary permits and have liability insurance. All in favour. Motion carried.

6) Hiring of Second Student

Funding was granted for one summer student this year.

Motion #16 - 88 Tobin/Alexander

Resolved that permission be given to hire a second student. All in favour. Motion carried.

Incoming Correspondence

1) Information was received from the Heart & Stroke Foundation on the Mayor's March for Heart Disease and

Stroke for Summer 2016. Councillors and staff are asked to organize a walk, run, etc. and invite community members to join us. August 20 is the tentative date with participants walking from Brake's Road to the RecPlex, followed by a steak supper for council, staff, and spouses.

2) A letter from Andrew Hunt, Executive Director of Newfoundland and Labrador Public Libraries, re closure of our library and the option of transferring ownership to the Town. This is probably irrelevant as the government plans to review library closures in the near future.

3) A letter from Mike Palecek, National President cupw, re resolution to ensure the views of municipalities are considered by providing input to the Canada Post Review.

Motion #16 - 89 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that we support CUPW by adopting the resolution and providing input to the Canada Post Review. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Information from the Department of Municipal Affairs with regard to Long Service Awards.

5) A thank-you card from the St. George's Indian Band for use of our facilities on Aboriginal Day.

Other Business

A fax had been received from MNL listing nominees to represent the Western Region at the 2016 Premier's Forum.

Motion #16 - 90 Tobin/White

Resolved that Brian Joy, Mayor of Stephenville Crossing; Barbara Barter, Mayor of Burgeo; Holly Walsh, Councillor of Massey Drive; and Matthew Wells, Councillor of Steady Brook; be submitted as our choices to represent our region at the Premier's Forum. All in favour. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion #16 - 91 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on August 8 at 7:00 p.m. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Mayor

Dulra Woolidge

Clerk