Minutes of a regular meeting of the council of the Town of St. George’s, held in the Town Hall, October 3, 2016

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

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 Meeting of September 12, 2016
Regular Mtg. of Sept. 12, 2016

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2016 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:
1) Motion #16 - 124 Alexander/Tobin
Resolved that general invoices of $18,124.27 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) Projects
1) Town Hall Renovations
Motion #16 - 128 Alexander/White
Resolved to approved the concept design for Town Hall Renovations. All in favour. Motion carried.
2) Notification received from the Department of Municipal Affairs of approved Gas Tax Funding for Waste Water Flow Monitoring and Sampling Project in the amount of $15,633.00.

c) Fire Department

The town manager and fire chief will be working on the fire department's budget figures for 2017.

Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2016. An ad will be run in the Western Star and info posted on our website.

d) Stadium/Recreation

Motion #16 - 129 Alexander/Tobin

Resolved to purchase Permanent Horizontal Lifeline Kits. All in favour. Motion carried.

The ice surface is scheduled to be ready on November 4, 2016.

A discussion followed re liquor consumption at the stadium. The town manager advised council that, if they are aware of alcohol consumption in the building other than that purchased in the lounge and condone it, they would be liable according to the Liquor Control Act and the Municipalities Act. All councillors were in agreement that council is not condoning it.

e) Roads

Patch paving is currently being done under the Gas Tax Funding. Council reviewed the snow clearing procedures that had been drawn up. This will be included with a newsletter to be sent out to residents this week.

Unfinished Business

1) Offer to Purchase - 519 Main Street

Mayor Conway opened the offer to purchase that had been submitted for 519 Main Street.

Motion #16 - 130 Lee/Tobin

Resolved to accept the offer of $5,000 that had been submitted for the purchase of 519 Main Street. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Western Logging - Long Term Tax Agreement

A letter had been received from Dennis Dolomount of Western Logging requesting a long-term tax arrangement (possible 25 years) for the tax structure he had previously presented consisting of $20,000 per year on the Teck Cominco building, in addition to the regular property and business taxes, and a future royalty based on production.

Council agreed to enter a long-term agreement with the stipulation that it be revisited annually. Details will be worked out between the town manager and Mr. Dolomount.

New Business

1) Snow Clearing Procedures

This item was discussed under Roads.

2) Snow Clearing - 31 Hayes Lane

A letter was received from the residents at 31 Hayes Lane stating that they were unaware that a portion of their property was zoned rural when they purchased it, and are requesting snow clearing for the road they had constructed.
Resolved to extend snow clearing to include 31 Hayes Lane. All in favour. Motion carried.

1) A letter from the Sir Thomas Roddick Hospital Foundation thanking us for the donation toward their Radiothon 2016.

2) A letter from the 194 Calypso Cadet Corps requesting a donation to help with extra curricular activities.

Resolved to donate $100 if the group continues to exist. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) A letter from the Department of Environment and Conservation inviting comments/concerns re a proposed undertaking for the Shallop Cove Sand and Gravel Quarry Extension by On Grade Construction 2015 Inc.

4) A letter from the Heritage Foundation of NL calling for proposals under the Fisheries Heritage Community Projects.

5) A letter from the Department of Municipal Affairs, Land Use Planning, Lands Branch, stating that municipalities may now apply to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for the exclusion of a highway or portion of highway within the planning area from the Highway Sign Regulations, 1999, with speed limits below 60 km/hour and where appropriate government departments are satisfied that the municipal plan and development regulations adequately control placement, size, construction and operation of signage.

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on November 7, 2016. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk