

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, December 5, 2016

*Members Present*

Mayor	D. Conway
Deputy Mayor	A. Tobin
Councillors:	S. Lee
	C. Foote
	G. Carroll

*Also Present*

Town Manager	J. Butt
Town Clerk	D. Woolridge

*Public in Attendance*

Four residents of the town.

*Call to Order:*

Mayor Conway call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the residents to our meeting.

*Adoption of Minutes:*

*Reg. Mtg. of Nov. 7, 2016*

**Regular Meeting of November 7, 2016**

Motion #16 - 164 Tobin/Lee  
Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of November 7, 2016 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

*Sp. Mtg. of Nov. 23, 2016*

**Special Meeting of November 23, 2016**

Motion #16 - 165 Tobin/Foote  
Resolved that minutes of the special meeting of November 23, 2016 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

*Delegations*

Councillor White arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Two residents in attendance voiced their concerns regarding the condition of the road in the sub-division were they live that has not yet been brought up to standard by the deadlines issued by council, and wondered what would be done about it. Councillor Foote informed them he has the materials ready but is having trouble contracting a grader to do a proper job. Council instructed the town manager to contact Municipal Affairs as to our next course of action, but were certain she would be told that it's a civil dispute between the developer and the homeowners. Councillor Foote felt sure a grader would be available this week. These residents then left the meeting.

*Committee Reports:*

*a) Finance*

1) Motion #16 - 166 Tobin/White  
Resolved that general invoices of \$21,342.76 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Foote left the room at this point.

2) Motion #16 - 167 White/Lee  
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #71a (equipment rental, materials, flagperson, float) in the amount of \$849.28 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #16 - 168 Tobin/Lee  
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #71b (equipment rental, flagpersons, bedding sand) in the amount of \$1100.55 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Motion #16 - 169 Tobin/Lee  
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #90 (salt/sand delivery) in the amount of \$138.00 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

5) Motion #16 - 170 Lee/Tobin  
Resolved that On Grade Construction Inv. #97 (tree removal, Class B) in the amount of \$224.25 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

6) Motion #16 - 171 Foote/Tobin  
Resolved that we pay out the Paving Loan in the amount of \$35,229.88. All in favour. Motion carried.

*b) Projects*  
Council was updated on the progress being made on the Fire Hall Extension and Town Hall Renovations.

*d) Stadium/Recreation*  
Councillor Carroll mentioned the lighting in the stadium. A quote will be obtained as to the cost to convert to LED lighting. Monies may be available from the government. We now have four sponsors for the Family Skate.

*Building Applications*  
An application had been submitted for a permit to construct a pre-engineered metal building, weigh scales, and scale house for a Transfer Station at the landfill site on the TCH.

Motion #16 - 172 White/Foote  
Resolved that we approve the building application for the transfer station. All in favour. Motion carried.

*Unfinished Business*  
Councillor Foote was asked to leave the room again.

It was discovered that quotes for demolition of a residence on 16 Brake's Road would also need to include removal of a shed and four old vehicles. Requests for another quote went back to all contractors (we will take care of the tipping fees) with a reply of \$7200 from Harvey Gale & Son, and \$2500 from On Grade Construction.

Motion #16 - 173 Tobin/Lee  
Resolved that we accept the lowest bid from On Grade Construction. All in favour. Motion carried.

Councillor Foote was then permitted to re-enter.

*New Business*  
1) **Offer to Purchase - 6 Goodyear's Lane Extension**  
Mayor Conway opened the bid submitted for 6 Goodyear's Lane Extension in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Motion #16 - 174 Lee/Tobin  
Resolved that we accept the bid of \$1,000 to purchase 6 Goodyear's Lane. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Offer to Purchase - 10 Boyd's Lane**  
Mayor Conway opened another bid submitted for 10 Boyd's Lane in the amount of \$200. Council declined the offer.

It was noted that the successful bidder of property at 519 Main Street had changed his mind about the purchase. This property will be put back on the list of properties for sale.

2) **Town Scholarship 2016**  
Only one application had been received for the town scholarship.

Motion #16 - 175 Tobin/White  
Resolved that the town scholarship be awarded to Gavin Bennett.  
All in favour. Motion carried.

**3) Christmas Vouchers**

Motion #16 - 176 White/Foote  
Resolved that Christmas Vouchers for staff, firemen, and  
councillors be increased from \$25 to \$30. All in favour. Motion  
carried.

**4) Snow Clearing - Farm Road**

A letter had been received requesting that snow clearing be  
extended to include a residence at 34 Farm Road. Snow clearing  
will be provided until further determination in the new year.

**5) Revised Budget 2017**

The Department of Municipal Affairs refused the Municipal  
Budget Submission Form for 2017 that was accepted at our last  
meeting. They recommended raising taxes so we could save our  
surplus for emergencies. By paying out our Paving Loan to  
decrease the debt ratio and the surplus, and making adjustments to  
maintenance and office supply expenses, we would realize a new  
balanced budget of \$1,207,425.19.

Motion #16 - 177 Lee/Foote

Resolved that we rescind motion #16 - 161. All in favour. Motion  
carried.

Motion #16 - 178 Lee/Foote

Resolved that we accept the proposed Revised Budget for 2017 of  
\$1,207,425.19 as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

**6) Quote - Skid Steer Tracks**

A quote of \$9,838.00 has been received for tracks to make the skid  
steer more effective.

Motion #16 - 179 Foote/Tobin

Resolved that we purchase the tracks for the skid steer. All in  
favour. Motion carried.

**7) Manager's O/T Hours**

Motion #16 - 180 Tobin/Lee  
Resolved to approve payment for the town manager's overtime  
hours to date. All in favour. Motion carried.

**8) Crown Lands Application - Galen Gypsum**

A Municipal Recommendation Form for Crown Lands  
Applications within Municipal and Planning Area Boundaries was  
received from Galen Gypsum. This matter will be deferred until  
we get more information as it seems the area in question conflicts  
with a previously submitted quarry application.

*Other Business*

Mayor Conway informed council that a local business is  
considering moving to Stephenville. He suggested the town  
manager meet with the owner for more information.

*Incoming Correspondence*

- 1) Heart & Stroke Foundation - request for donation
- 2) A request from Our Lady of Mercy Elementary for a donation of  
a small turkey or a monetary donation toward their annual  
Christmas Dinner for students, staff and invited guests on  
December 15.

Motion #16 - 181 Lee/Foote

Resolved that we donate a turkey for the Christmas Dinner. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) The Municipal Assessment Agency Inc. Annual Report for 2015-16 was tabled.

4) Information on registration for the 50<sup>th</sup> Pitch-In Week, Canada's Largest Cleanup Campaign, sponsored by Tim Hortons.

5) Information from the Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Environment and Climate Change re Discharge Restriction on Public Wastewater Collection and Treatment Systems.

6) An email from Earth Day Canada seeking nominations for their Hometown Heroes Award Program for leaders in sustainability.

*Outgoing Correspondence*

1) A letter was sent to the owner of a burned out house requesting that it be repaired or demolished.

*Privileged*

The remainder of the meeting was declared privileged and the remaining residents in attendance were asked to leave.

Council was informed of a meeting the town manager had attended in Stephenville Crossing with managers from Stephenville, Stephenville Crossing, and Port au Port (by phone) re provision of Animal Control Services for the region. It was recommended by Stewart MacKelvey that a regional board be established to administer the service. Each municipality would be represented on the board by their town manager.

Motion #16 - 182 White/Lee

Resolved to go ahead with this regional board as presented by the town manager. All in favour. Motion carried.

*Adjournment*

Motion #16 - 183 White/Lee

Resolved that meeting be adjourned to meet again on January 9, 2017. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

  
Mayor



Town Clerk