

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
RecPlex, October 2, 2017

Members Present

Councillors: A. Tobin
D. Conway
R. Cramm-Blanchard
C. White
M. Fleming
R. Williams
T. Colombe-Messervy

Also Present

Town Manager J. Butt
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Public in Attendance

Four residents were in attendance

Call to Order

As Returning Officer, the town clerk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed the new council and those in attendance.

Nominations for Mayor

Nominations were called for the position of Mayor. Councillor Fleming nominated Councillor Conway, seconded by Councillor Tobin. Councillor Conway accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Conway was declared to be Mayor.

Nominations for Deputy Mayor

Nominations were called for the position of Deputy Mayor. Councillor Tobin nominated Councillor Messervy, seconded by Councillor Blanchard. Councillor Messervy accepted the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Messervy was declared to be the Deputy Mayor.

Swearing-In

Each councillor completed and signed the Oath of Office. Information sheets had been distributed along with Disclosure Statements, copies of the *Municipalities Act*, the new Councillors Handbook, Rules of Procedure for council meetings, and our Respectful Workplace Policy.

Designation of Signing Officers

Motion #17 - 127 White/Messervy
Resolved that Mayor Conway, Councillor Tobin, and the town clerk be signing officers for the 2017-2021 term. All in favour. Motion carried.

Mayor Conway then assumed the chair. He requested that thank-you letters be sent to the former councillors expressing appreciation for past service and to candidates for their interest.

*Adoption of Minutes:
Regular Mtg. of Sept. 5, 2017*

Regular Meeting of September 5, 2017
Motion #17 - 128 Tobin/Williams
Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of September 5, 2017 be adopted as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

Special Meeting of September 11, 2017

Motion #17 - 129 Tobin/Blanchard

Resolved that minutes of the special meeting of September 11, 2017 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business Arising

Councillor Fleming was asked to leave the room at this point due to conflict of interest.

In accordance with Section 213(3) of the *Municipalities Act*, any decisions taken at a privileged meeting must be ratified at a public meeting in order to be valid.

Motion #17 - 130 White/Messervey

Resolved to rescind Motion #17 - 104 from the meeting of August 8, 2017 which states: "Resolved that council proceed with the second recommendation."

In favour: Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Councillors: A. Tobin, R. Blanchard,
C. White, R. Williams

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

Motion carried

(The second option that was recommended ..'to fix the portion of Farm Road we deem needs to be finished and stop the snowplow at the end of the road.')

Councillor Fleming then re-entered the meeting.

Committee Reports:

a) Finance

1) Motion #17 - 131 Tobin/Fleming

Resolved that general invoices of \$22,609.58 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #17 - 132 White/Messervey

Resolved that Atlantic Engineering Consultants Inv. #17-8417, Progress Report #5 - Town Hall Expansion - in the amount of \$3,795.00 be approved for payment from the Projects Account. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Jocelyn went through the report on current bank balances and outstanding loan totals. 54.4% of our budgeted expenses have been used to date.

4) Aged Trial Balance shows 99% of 2015 taxes have been collected, 98.19% for 2016, and 89.53% for 2017.

b) Projects

Town Hall Renovations Update

The painting is completed, flooring is down, the concrete step has been removed, electrical and plumbing are finished. The deadline remains at Oct. 13.

c) Fire Departments

No incidents reported for the month of September.

d) Stadium/Recreation

The stadium is running at a \$43,583.18 deficit as of September 17. Application has been made for another grant to change the remaining lighting to LED from NL Power's Community Healthy Living Fund, and an application for a Canada 150 Skating Day Microgrant.

e) Roads

An email had been sent to the Department of Transportation and Works regarding urgent road issues due

to erosion of shoulders, culverts and driveways, and rock and gravel on the roads. The Department replied that millings are scheduled to be placed in the swales caused by ATVs on Route 461 (Steel Mountain Road) and the other areas if quantity is available. Staff will address the material on the road by the end of this week. The Steel Mountain depot will open October 18.

Building Applications

Four building permits had been issued in September, as well as fifteen general repair permits and one tax certificate.

Unfinished Business

Collective Agreement Negotiations

Negotiations will take place November 20-22; Councillors Tobin and White were appointed to be on the negotiating committee.

School Busing Update

A public meeting was held with the Wayne Lee of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District and parents concerned with the busing issues. Questions were asked as to why the method of measurement of distances was changed recently by using the exit instead of the entrance to the school, and why the Shallop Cove bus run could not accommodate the students affected by the change. Mr. Lee has since met with the Assistant Director of Finance for the NLESD, Terry Hall, and the person responsible for school busing in the province. An email from Mr. Lee informed us that using the courtesy seating on the Shallop Cove route appears to be the best option and Mr. Hall is working on it.

New Business

a) Quote - Trench

A quote was received from Harvey Gale & Son to cut asphalt, remove debris, place 4" pipe, infill with Class A and patch asphalt at the Town Hall in the amount of \$1,699.14 + HST.

b) Quote - Rain Gutters

A quote was received from GMJ Enterprise Ltd. to supply and install rain gutters to the back of the Town Hall for \$640.00 + HST.

Motion #17 - 133 White/Blanchard

Resolved that we accept these quotes and go ahead with the work. All in favour. Motion carried.

c) Site Specific Health & Safety Plan 2017 - Ice Control Measures

A Site Specific Health & Safety Plan for Pickup of Ice Control Materials from the Department of Transportation and Works Depot was received, which includes a statement of compliance for the Town of St. George's.

Motion #17 - 134 Tobin/White

Resolved that we sign off on the statement of compliance. All in favour. Motion carried.

d) Crown Lands Application

An application for property in Flat Bay Brook was referred to council for recommendation/objections/restrictions from Crown Lands. Council had no objections.

e) Permit Extension - Emera

An email was received from Carla Hayes, Environmental

Scientist with Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, asking if the Town had any concerns in extending the permit issued to Emera to complete tower installation at Dribble Brook for an additional two months.

Motion #17 - 135 Messervey/Williams

Resolved that Emera's permit be extended to December 15, 2017. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Appointments to Committees

Councillor Fleming agreed to be the liaison with the Fire Department; Councillor White will be on the Roads Committee; Councillor Blanchard and Deputy Mayor Messervey will be on the Recreation/Stadium Committee.

Incoming Correspondence

1) Dates and locations for Councillor Orientation Training, along with a registration form, were received from Kim MacPherson, Manager of Municipal Training Programs.

2) A request for support from Charles Brown, Chair, Board of Directors at Kids Help Phone.

3) A registration package from MNL for AGM 2017 to be held in Corner Brook Nov. 2-4.

4) Info on SockIt! for sick kids and their families at Ronald McDonald House.

5) Info on the recent South West Coast Joint Council meeting at McKays where the council disapproved of the proposed new regional municipalities model being circulated by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment.

6) Call for nominations - Western Regional Service Board.

7) Call for nominations - Western Region Director, MAA.

8) Call for nominations - Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce 17th Annual Leo Bruce Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence.

9) Circular from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment re public consultations on Regional Government.

10) South West Joint Council welcoming new councillors and asking them to forward email addresses to be added to email list.

Adjournment

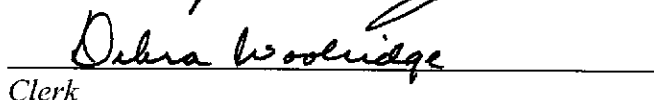
Motion #17 - 136 White/Blanchard

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on November 6, 2017. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk