

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, January 8, 2018

Members Present

Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Councillors: A. Tobin
C. White
R. Williams

Also Present

Town Manager J. Butt
Town Clerk D. Woolridge

Public in Attendance

Six persons in attendance.

Call to Order

Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcomed those in attendance, and wished a Happy New Year to all.

*Adoption of Minutes:
Reg. Mtg. of Dec. 4, 2017*

Regular Meeting of December 4, 2017

Motion #18 - 01 White/Williams

Resolved that minutes of the regular meeting of December 4, 2017 be adopted as circulated. All in favour. Motion carried.

Delegations

One of the residents in attendance addressed council with concerns regarding the possibility that access to her apartment via a right-of-way off Main Street will be fenced off when the property in front is sold. It was explained to her that original access had been granted with the property off Messervey's Road when purchased and that the onus is on the property owner to upgrade that easement if the present access is fenced.

*Committee Reports:
a) Finance*

1) Motion #18 - 02 Tobin/Messervey

Resolved that general invoices of \$14,214.06 be approved for payment. All in favour. Motion carried.

2) Motion #18 - 03 White/Messervey

Resolved that Inv. # 4019, Claim #2 from Harvey Gale & Son Ltd. - Town Hall Renovations - in the amount of \$149,376.38 be approved for payment from the Projects Account pending payment from DMAE. All in favour. Motion carried.

3) Motion #18 - 04 Tobin/White

Resolved that Inv. # 17-8447 Progress Billing #3 from Atlantic Engineering Consultants Ltd. - Town Hall Renovations - in the amount of \$1,582.98 be approved for payment from the Projects Account pending payment from DMAE. All in favour. Motion carried.

4) Current bank balances and outstanding loan totals were reviewed. Expense report shows 85.63% of the 2017 budget was used to December 31.

5) Aged Receivables Report shows 95.76% of taxes for 2017 have been collected and 98.40% of 2016.

b) Projects

Town hall renovations are complete. Water/ice are forming along the roof due to lack of ventilation in the eaves. The engineer suggested a further investigation and possibly replacing half the pot lights with vents.

c) Fire Department

No reports available.

d) *Stadium/Recreation* Council was informed that there were an inordinate amount of cancellations due to the inclement weather. Monthly budget report shows a \$79,803.57 deficit.

e) *Roads* Some complaints were received re snowclearing, but have since been rectified. The schedule will be put on the website.

Building Applications One building permit was issued in December.

Unfinished Business As per council's directive last month, assessment values for Town properties have been removed from the website.

New Business

a) **Quotes - Water Tank**

Two quotes have been received for inspection and cleaning of water tank. Greatario Services from Ontario provided four quotes for optional services and Landmark, also from Ontario, provided two.

Motion #18 - 05 White/Tobin

Resolved that we start the process to apply for inspection and possible cleaning of the water tank through Gas Tax Funding. All in favour. Motion carried.

b) **Schedule - Council Meetings**

The 2018 schedule for regular council meetings was presented.

c) **Insurance**

Due to our recent renovations, the value of the Town Hall increased to \$1,839,600, resulting in an estimated annual additional premium for insurance of \$1,603.00 + HST.

Motion #18 - 05 Tobin/White

Resolved to insure the building for the increased value. All in favour. Motion carried.

Incoming Correspondence

1) The Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development has approved another grant of \$10,000.00 for Arena Lighting under the Community Healthy Living Fund.

2) A note from MNL re revised dates for their MNL 2018 Regional Meetings.

3) A copy of a letter sent to a resident of Flat Bay Brook re the provision of fire protection services.

4) An email from Western Newfoundland & Labrador Division Libraries with a new schedule for the St. George's Library,

5) A letter from the Municipal Assessment Agency Inc. announcing the results of the recent election for six municipal representatives to its Board of Directors.

6) A letter and proposal application from the Conservation Corps Newfoundland & Labrador re their Green Team Program.

7) An information circular from the Municipal Infrastructure and Support Branch of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment re upcoming deadlines for Amendments to Clean Water and Wastewater Fund and Public Transit Infrastructure Fund Projects.

8) A document from Municipal Affairs and Environment re "Public Consultations on Regional Government - What We Heard - December 2017."

9) A policing report from the Detachment Commander of the Bay St. George Detachment RCMP Stephenville, NL, October - December 18, 2017.

10) Copies of a number of emails to and from Peter Fenwick, Cape St. George, re remote illegal cabins in the Bay St. George area and WRWM's policy on organic recycling.

11) A letter from Dean Ball, re-elected Western Director for the Municipal Assessment Agency, thanking all who voted allowing him to serve another term on the Board of Directors; and informing us that the first meeting of the year will be held in Port Blandford on February 9, 2018.

Privileged

Motion #18 - 06 Tobin/Messervey

Resolved that the remaining portion of the meeting be declared to be privileged. All in favour. Motion carried.

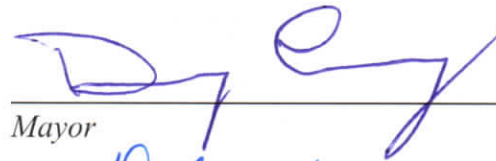
The remaining members of the public in attendance were then asked to leave. Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of council to get our lawyer to send a letter in response to an email received from a resident containing defamatory remarks.

Adjournment

Motion #18 - 07 Messervey/White

Resolved that meeting do now adjourn to meet again on February 5, 2018. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk