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
Town Hall, December 3, 2018

Members Present
Mayor D. Conway
Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Councillors A. Tobin
C. White
R. Blanchard
R. Williams

Also, present
Assistant Town Clerk T. Garnier

Public in Attendance
Three residents in attendance.

Call to Order
Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor also designated Taylor Garnier as Town Clerk, as the Town Clerk was absent from the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda
Motion # 18 – 206 Tobin/ Williams
Resolved to adopt the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried

Delegations & Proclamations
a) Resident #1- Western Logging/Budgeting/ Breaks for Seniors & Tax Reduction
Resident spoke on the above topics. Resident was advised that Western Logging has an ongoing agreement that was just renewed.

Resident spoke about the budget and mentioned that if a surplus is generated that there should be a reduction for seniors because our town is made up of about 65% of seniors. This is not something the town can do because it is discriminatory.

Mayor Conway concluded by saying if any resident wanted to review the Town’s budget, that he is available to do so, this can be accomplished through setting up a meeting with him.

Adoption of Minutes:
Reg. Mtg. Nov 5, 2018
Regular Meeting of November 5, 2018
Motion # 18 – 207 White/ Williams
Resolved that minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 5, 2018, be adopted as presented. All in favour. Motion carried.

Spec. Mtg. Nov 26, 2018
Special Meeting of November 26, 2018
Motion # 18 – 208 White/ Williams
Resolved that minutes of the Special Meeting of November 26, 2018, be adopted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Business Arising from Minutes
No Business Arising

Committee Reports:
Finance
a)
1) Motion # 18 – 209 White/ Tobin
Resolved that general invoices of $32,356.47 be approved for payment. All in favor. Motion carried.

2) Motion # 18 – 210 Tobin/ White
Be it resolved that we pay Atlantic Engineering Consultants Ltd. Progress Billing #3 Project 17-MCW-17-00018 in the amount of $1,092.85 from the Projects Account. All in favor. Motion carried.

3) Motion # 18 – 211 White/ Messervey
   Be it resolved that we pay Atlantic Engineering Consultants Ltd. Progress Billing #1 Project 17-SCF-18-00018 in the amount of $6,419.30 from the Projects Account.

4) Motion # 18 – 212 Tobin/ Blanchard
   Be it resolved that we pay CIMCO for Leak Detector & Calibration Certificate in the amount of $2,657.82 from Gas Tax Account.

5) Motion # 18 – 213 Williams/ White
   Be it resolved that we pay EFCO for Installation of Ammonia Detector in the amount of $873.93 from Gas Tax Account.

   Note: Typo in agenda, correct amount $873.93 quoted on invoice.

6) Current bank balances were given

7) Aged Receivables report shows property taxes at 96.62% Collected; water and sewer taxes at 93.60%. Total for prior years remain the same.

8) Expense report shows 72.66% of the budget had been used to December 3, 2018. Income totals 89.56% used, leaving 16.90% of the budget remaining.

Projects

b) Fire Hall Extension/ Chlorination Building Upgrade
   EFCO is awaiting permitting from Newfoundland Power to cover applicable lines.

c) Fire Department
   There were two incidents in November, on Nov 14 there was a motor vehicle accident on the Trans Canada Highway. As well as, another motor vehicle accident on Nov 21 in the same location.

d) Stadium/ Recreation
   The final inspection at the Stadium has been completed and we are currently taking bookings. There has been no hot water but a new hot water tank is ordered.

e) Roads
   No road updates.

f) Divestiture Committee Report
   Councillor C. White has been in contact with John Doyle and Joe McGrath regarding the divestiture. This project will commence as early as next week.

   On Grade Construction will be retrieving rock from Flat Bay Brook Area. If there are any resulting damages to road the project bonding will ensure repair. The bridges are to be monitored by an inspector 3-4 days a week during this project.

g) Building Applications
   1) Motion # 18 – 214 Blanchard/ Messervey
      Be it resolved that we accept the one General Repair Permit for the month November 2018 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

   2) Motion # 18 – 215 Messervey/ White
      Be it resolved that we accept the one Building Permit for the
month November 2018 as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

a) **Capital Investment Plan Approval - Stadium Upgrade - Combined Vestibule & Ammonia Detector Purchase & Installation.**
Provincial Gas Tax has combined the cost for the vestibule & Ammonia detector.

**New Business**

a) **Chiller Upgrade Quotation**
The chiller will need to be more frequently maintained, such as having the brine tested every six months. We are looking at submitting a capital works infrastructure request for a new chiller.

**Other Business**

No Other Business.

**Incoming Correspondence**

a) **MP Gudie Hutchings - National Housing Co-Investment Fund & New Construction**
A letter was received from our MP- Gudie Hutchings regarding new federal housing programs which provided low-cost loans and financial contributions to support and develop affordable housing. There is a workshop in mid-January to discuss the details with groups and individuals who are interested.

b) **Letter - DMAE Prime Consultant Agreement 17-SCF-18-00018 Chlorine Building Upgrading**
A letter was received from Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding the review of Standard Form of Agreement between the Town of St. George's and Atlantic Engineering Consultants Ltd. in the amount of $11,117.05 (HST Inc.) submitted by your consultant and approved it for signature.

c) **Letter - Fire Service Division Fire Vehicle Protection Program**
A letter was sent regarding our request dated March 23, 2018 for Financial Assistance under the Fire Protection Vehicle Program. This letter informed the Town of St. George's that they were unable to provide any financial assistance towards the expense from the Fire Protection Vehicle Program. All funds for this year have been allocated. The Town can reapply as of Jan 1, 2019 for the upcoming fiscal year (2019/2020) that being April 1, 2019.

d) **Letter - OIPC 2017-2018 Annual Report**
A letter was received from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner about the 2017-2018 Annual Report on the Administration of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015. It stated the Town of St. George's met the deadline for response regarding all 24 of the access requests for information received during the reporting period.

e) **Email - People Places & Culture Workshop Report**
This email was regarding the PPC Workshop with had an attached report. This report outlines communities, so they are able to identify their cultural assets and to consider ways to protect and develop them.

f) **Email - WRWM Tonnage 2019**
This email is to inform the Town of St. George's that the tipping fees will remain $164 per tonne for the 2019 year.
g) **Donation Request- Southwest Coast SPCA**
A donation request was sent from the Southwest Coast SPCA. No donation made.

**Outgoing Correspondence**
No outgoing correspondence.

**Adjournment**
Motion # 18 – 216 White/ Blanchard
Resolved that the meeting does not adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will take place, Monday January 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk