Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Council of
The Town of St. George's held in
Town Hall, May 6th, 2019

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

Also, present
Town Clerk J. Butt
Assistant Town Clerk T. Garnier

Public in Attendance
Two residents in attendance.

Call to Order
Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
The Mayor welcomed the General Public and Councillor A.
Tobin who attended by electronic means.

Adoption of Agenda
Motion # 19 – 50 White/ Messervey
Resolved to adopt the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

Delegations & Proclamations
a) Proclamation- Talun Dafa Day May 27th, 2019
Honoring Truthfulness- Compassion- Forbearance
Falun is an advanced ancient exercise and meditation
practice of mind, body, and spirit based on the universal
principles of truthfulness, compassion and forbearance.
Daniel Conway, Mayor of the Town of St. George’s, do
hereby proclaim May 27th, 2019 Falun Dafa Day.

Adoption of Minutes:
Reg. Mtg. Apr 1, 2019
Motion # 19 – 51 Tobin/ Blanchard
Resolved that minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 1,
2019, be adopted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Business Arising from
Minutes
N/A

Committee Reports
Finances
a) 1) Motion # 19 – 52 White/ Tobin
Resolved that general invoices of $39,831.69 be approved
for payment. All in favor. Motion carried.

2) Current Bank Balances were given.

3) Aged Receivables report shows as of May 3, 2019
property taxes at 79.53% collected; water and sewer taxes
at 69.59% and business tax 81.76%.
4) Expense report show 32.60% of the budget has been used.

**b) Projects**

**Fire Hall Extension/ Chlorination Building Upgrade**

Town Manager spoke with the consultant and they are currently waiting on completion on mechanical/fuel exhaust extension, this will take about 2 weeks to complete.

Chlorination Building Upgrade hasn’t gone to tender. The Engineer needs to ensure there is enough power available to meet the needs of the hot water tank regarding the shower installation, this will be determined within this week.

c) **Fire Department**

There were three incidents for the month of April. A medical call occurred on April 3rd, on Harview’s lane. On April 6th another medical call occurred on Pieroway’s Rd. A mutual aid on April 12th on Station Rd.

d) **Stadium/ Recreation**

A group of community members formed a committee and requested a meeting regarding the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium. Council discussed and suggested to schedule a Meeting with the public for May 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Occupational Health and Safety Division sent a Hazard Alert regarding a recent incident in the Province involving Carbon Monoxide (CO) exposures in ice rinks.

e) **Roads**

A few concerns were brought up regarding roads, one being, work that was recently updated on Farm road. This was completed to ensure access of emergency vehicles/equipment to enter without any issues.

There was a complaint concerning the placement of the school crosswalk. Any vehicles that may be parked at the Town Office creates a blind spot for vehicles travelling on the main road, approaching crosswalk. This is a safety concern that needs to be addressed to Transportation & Works, as they are responsible for the crosswalk, as it is part of route 461. The Town Manager will contact the Department of Transportation and Works regarding this issue.

A collapsed culvert was replaced on Pelly’s Lane.

ƒ) **Divestiture**

**Committee Report**

There was a ten-day delay, completion date is now anticipated to be mid June 2019.

g) **Building/ General Repairs- Business Application**

Motion # 19 – 53 White/ Blanchard

Be it resolved that a building permit be issued to the applicant for a shed at 40 Court House Road based upon a cottage built within a 24-month timeframe. All in favor. Motion carried.
Motion # 19 – 54 Blanchard/ White
Be it resolved that general repair permit 876 be approved as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 19 – 55 Blanchard/ White
Be it resolved that building permit 877 be approved as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

a) Recent Update- St. George’s Medical Clinic
An email was received from Western Health stating that St. George’s will have an NP to cover appointments at the clinic four days a week starting April 15th.

b) Update- Development Plan
Jens Jensen, our development planner from HMJ Consulting Limited will be presenting our plan to the public sometime between July 8-19.

There will be a meeting May 13th for council to consult with Jens through teleconferencing, to discuss any concerns they may have regarding the development plan.

c) Update- RFP Senior’s Housing Development
The Town Manager spoke with Robin Davis, a Newfoundland surveyor, he confirmed that there is more than adequate room for a development. The area will be surveyed as one parcel. Rezoning is scheduled to occur during June, with the RFP following.

Motion # 19 – 56 White/ Williams
Be it resolved that we resurvey the land at Diamond Court as one parcel and rezoning take place in June before the RFP is released. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

a) Motions Approval to Borrow 2019/2020 Protection Vehicles Infrastructure Program Project No. FES-NL 190013
Be it resolved that the Town of St. George’s requests a loan from the Leading Edge Credit Union located in St. George’s for:

Motion # 19 – 57 Tobin/ White
Municipal Share of Project No. FES-NL190013 2019/2020 Fire Protection Vehicles Infrastructure Program in the amount of $65,292.10 for a term of 12 months/20 year amortization period at an interest rate of 5.95%. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion # 19 – 58 Blanchard/ White
Be it resolved that the Town of St. George’s requests a loan from the Leading Edge Credit Union located in St. George’s for:
GST/ HST rebate for Project No. FES-NL190013 2019/2020
Fire Protection Vehicles Infrastructure Program in the
Amount of $33,359.48 for a term of 12 months/12 month
amortization period at an interest rate of 5.95%. All in favor.
Motion carried.

b) Parks & Recreation Canada Summer Jobs
Application Approval
The job posting has been posted for Parks & Recreation
for Summer 2019. The job position consists of 7-hour work
days for 8 weeks.

c) Sanction Committee- Sunset Trail Maintenance/
Improvement
A letter was submitted to council regarding the Sunset trail.
The Committee’s request was to maintain and upkeep the
trail, with council’s approval to sanction the committee
members. Council discussed that any decisions besides
regular maintenance would have to come to council. A
letter will be sent to the committee stipulating these
guidelines.

Motion # 19 – 59 White/ Messervey
Be it resolved that council sanction the Sunset Trail
Maintenance/Improvement committee as
presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

d) Smoke Free Policy- Recreation Facilities &
Properties
Newfoundland Alliance for the Control of Tobacco reached
out regarding the Smoke Free outdoor recreation policy.
St. George’s is one of only 8 communities in the province
with a population over 800 without a policy in place. A policy
has been developed for the Town of St. George’s.

Motion # 19 – 60 Williams/ White
Be it resolved that effective May 6, 2019 that Policy #1/2019
Smoke Free Policy Recreational Facilities/Events be adopted
as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

N/A

Incoming
Correspondence

a) Letter Department of Transportation & Works-
Summer Maintenance 2019
A letter was received from the Government of NL, Dept. of
Transportation & Works seeking the town of St. George’s
input on our community’s summer maintenance priorities.
This has been completed.
b) Letter Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment- Community Sustainability Partnership Accountability Measures & Exemptions
A letter was received from Dept. of Municipal Affairs & Environment outlining the 2019/20 Municipal Operating Grant Program & Provincial Gas Tax Revenue Programs for 2019-20, as well as identifies the parameters for possible exemptions.

c) Letter Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment- Gas Tax Allocation Year 13B
A letter was received to advise the Town that the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment has released the following allocation as part of the Federal Gas Program which is: $5,204.82 Year 13B Allocation.

d) Letter Department of Municipal Affairs & Environment- Training and Professional Development Opportunities Spring & Summer 2019
A letter was received from Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, local governance and land use planning division regarding training & professional development opportunities Spring & Summer 2019. Registration and contact information is included in the training circular.

e) Email- DMAE Water Resources Permit Domestic Harvesting 2019-2023 Department of Fisheries and Land Resources Dribble Brook PPWSA
An email was received regarding a permit for Development within a Protected Public Water Supply Area. A copy of permit was attached.

f) Memo Western Health- New Mental Health and Addictions Resources
A memo was received regarding the New Mental Health & Addictions Resources. The memo is asking for the Town’s support to raise awareness in the community of these services and have enclosed a variety of promotional and hand-out materials.

g) Invitation Branch 38 Royal Canadian Legion- 60th Anniversary Celebration of Ladies’ Auxiliary
An invitation was received, inviting Town Council & Staff to attend the 60th anniversary celebration of Branch 38 Ladies’ Auxiliary. This event takes place May 7th, 2019 at 7:00-10:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 38 St. George’s.

h) Invitation Mayor- 55th Annual Ceremonial Review 194 Calypso Sea Cadets
An invitation was received, inviting the Mayor to the 55th Annual Ceremonial Review 194 Calypso Sea Cadets. This event takes place: Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Bayview Academy.
i) Invitation Mayor- MADD Annual Candlelight Vigil of Hope and Remembrance
An invitation was received regarding the Annual Candlelight Vigil of Hope and Remembrance to be held 7:00 p.m. on May 16th, 2019 at Stephenville High School, invitation is open to the general public.

j) Email- Request for Letter of Support Indigenous Convention
An email was received from Ivan White, Marking Consultant seeking the Town’s support for their application to Canadian Heritage. Ivan mentioned they intend to hold a three-day Convention that will allow Artists to profile, preserve, and protect the living artistic heritage of the Indigenous people in the region.

Motion # 19 – 61 Messervey/ Tobin
Be it resolved that the Town of St. George’s provide a letter of support to the Bay St. George Mi’kmaq Cultural Revival Committee planning for May 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

k) Letter Member of Parliament Cheryl Gallant- Alert Regarding Bill C-68
A letter was received to alert the Town that Bill C-68, another piece of interventionist federal legislation that will have a negative impact on our municipality, and on the property rights of the ratepayers. Bill C-68, which is currently before the Senate, reverse changes to the Fisheries Act- Changes which municipalities like ours requested previous Conservative government to make.

l) Letter- Stephenville Theatre Festival’s 41st Season- Donation Request
A letter was received from the Stephenville Theatre Festival stating preparations are underway for their 41st Season- July 12 to August 11. The Box Office revenue accounts for Thirty percent (30%) of the funds needed to mount a season. The remainder is acquired through sponsorships, grants, and fundraising activities. They are seeking any donations to STF.

Motion # 19 – 62 White/ Tobin
Be it resolved that we donate $100.00 to the Stephenville Theatre Festival. All in favor. Motion carried.

m) Email- Municipal Assessment Agency - Clar Simmons Scholarship Application
A scholarship application is available to any child, grandchild, or ward of any municipal council member or employee in a community served by the Agency, upon graduation from the NL senior high school program may apply (2 @ $1000.00). Deadline for application is August 16, 2019.
n) Letter- Western Regional Waste Management-Waste Disposal Information
A letter was received regarding waste disposal information. The Annual Free Residential Clean up takes place every Saturday in June (8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th).

A letter was received regarding the McKinsey Report on Economic Growth for Newfoundland and Labrador.

p) Letter- Economic Advantages Presentation CONA
A letter was received regarding a gathering taking place on Wednesday, May 8th, 2019 at The College of the North Atlantic at 7:00 p.m. The presenter for this gathering is Bill Pilgrim to discuss many economic advantages.

Outgoing
Correspondence
N/A

Privileged

Motion # 19 - 63A Tobin/Williams
Resolved that this portion of the meeting be declared Privileged. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #19 – 63B Tobin/Williams
Resolved that we do approve a 3% increase in salary for the Town Manager effective 1 May, 2019. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion # 19 – 64 Blanchard/ Messervey
Resolved that the meeting does now adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor

Town Clerk