

**Town of St. George's
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Council
of St. George's held at Town Hall on
June 7th,2021**

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor Deputy Mayor	D. Conway T. Messervey
	Councillors	A. Tobin C. White R. Blanchard E. Alexander R. Williams
<i>Also Present</i>	Town Manager/Clerk Assistant Town Clerk	J. Butt S. Bennett
<i>Call to Order</i>	Mayor Conway called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed Deputy Mayor Messervey, Councillors and the public who attended through electronic means via Zoon and Councillor White who attended in person.	
<i>Adoption of Agenda</i>	Motion #21 – 102 Councillor A. Tobin/Deputy Mayor T. Messervey Be it resolved to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.	
<i>Proclamation</i>	<p>a) Proclamation Request – Bay St. George Pride Week June 22nd - June 28th,2021 Motion #21 – 103 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin Be it resolved to proclaim the week of June 22nd, to June 28th,2021 as Pride Week in the Town of St. George's. All in favor. Motion carried.</p>	
<i>Adoption of Minutes</i>	<p>a) Regular Meeting Minutes of May 3rd,2021 Motion #21 – 104 Councillor C. White/Councillor R. Williams Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting dated May 3rd,2021. All in favor. Motion carried.</p> <p>b) Special Council Meeting Minutes May 20th,2021 Motion #21 – 105 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of the Special Council Meeting dated May 20th, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.</p>	
<i>Business Arising</i>	N/A	
<i>Committee Reports</i>	1) Motion #21 – 106 Councillor C. White/Councillor R. Williams Be it resolved to approve General Invoices in the amount of \$25,966.64 for payment. All in favor. Motion carried.	
<i>a) Finance</i>	2) Motion #21 – 107 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor C. White Be it resolved to post approve General Invoices in the amount of \$5,457.75 for payment. All in favor. Motion carried.	
	3) Motion #21 – 108 Councillor R. Williams/Councillor C. White Be it resolved to pay DMG Consulting Limited Invoice CB0334 in the amount of \$2,104.95 for Project Billing 11 – Water Storage Tank Replacement 17-GI-20-00043 from projects Account. All in favor. Motion carried.	
	4) Motion #21 – 109 Councillor R. Williams/Councillor C. White Be it resolved to post approve payment for Dillon Consulting Limited Invoice 236294 in the amount \$450.80 – New Drilled Well 17-GI-21-00058 from projects account. All in favor. Motion carried.	

5) Bank balances were given.

6) Aged Receivables report shows as of May 31st,2021 taxes collected are Property Tax at 80.09%, Water & Sewer at 73.46% and Business at 73.98%.

7) Expense Report as of May 31st,2021 shows that 39.15% of the budget has been used.

b) Projects

**New Water Storage Tank Replacement/New Drilled Well/
Emergency Generator Chlorination Building**

Town Manager gave an update the on New Water Storage Tank Replacement and stated that the transfer has been completed from the old to the new tank as of May 31st,2021. Demolition of old tank and site restoration will begin shortly.

New Drilled Well Tenders were given an extension from May 2021 to June 9th,2021.

Chlorination Building/Emergency Generator tender has been extended and will close June 10th,2021.

c) Fire Department

Fire Call Reports May 2021

- 1) There was a total of 4 fire calls from May 1st to June 1st,2021
 - a) Structure Fire, Muise's Lane May 7th,2021
 - b) Medical Call/Mutual Aid 125 Main Street May 10th,2021
 - c) Mutual Aid Steel Mt. Rd. Royal Canadian Legion May 15th,2021
 - d) Medical Call Alexander's Lane June 1st,2021

Mayor Conway wanted to thank the St. George's Fire Department and Staff for an excellent job volunteering this weekend at the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium where a Covid-19 Screening Test site was conducted Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Ongoing Administration of Fire Department Regulations/Policies

2) Mayor Conway had a discussion on a meeting which took place between the Town of St. George's and the Town of Stephenville Crossing and the Fire Chief's from each town to put in place a committee for a joint fire department. This committee will involve a member from each town from the respective Fire Department, a Councillor and a member at large. Mayor Conway appointed Councillor White to be on the committee, he accepted.

The St. George's Fire Department would like to have a meeting prior to discuss their thoughts on a joint Fire Department and will hold a vote. The meeting will take place once we have moved out of COVID Alert level 4 and a meeting are permissible.

*d) Stadium/
Recreation*

1) Financial Statement

As of May 31st,2021 the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium is showing a deficit of \$6,887.77.

Western Health was extremely pleased with the assistance shown by the Staff and St. George's Fire Department at Covid – 19 Testing Site at the Siki Bennett Memorial Stadium.

e) Roads

Town Manager gave an update on roads. The town has rented a sweeper attachment for the skid steer to clean the side walks and road intersections over the next few weeks. Grading of roads is also being conducted.

*f) St. George's
Marina*

Councillor White gave an update on the St. George's Marina, since the opening there has been one issue with passes, which has already been resolved.

Mayor Conway also mentioned Barachois Search & Rescue using the launch way and asked that they be given a free pass, everyone was in agreement.

g) Permits

1) General Repairs

Motion #21 – 110 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that General Repair Permits 1215, 1216, 1217, 1221, 1222, 1223, 1224, 1227, 1229, 1230, 1232, 1233, 1234, and 1236 be accepted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

2) Building Permits

Motion #21 – 111 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that Building Permits 1220, 1225, 1226, 1228, 1231 and Revised permit 1084A be accepted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

3) Commercial Vehicle Parking Permits

Motion #21 – 112 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that the Business Parking Permit for 16 Boyd's Lane be approved as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion #21 – 113 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that the Business Parking Permit for 385 Main Street be approved as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Unfinished
Business*

a) ATIPP Cost 2021 & Breakdown of Procedures

As of May 31st, 2021 the total cost for ATIPP Requests is \$8,784.62. Another file has since been completed.

New Business

a) Request for Seacan/Container at Residential Property

Town of St. George's received a letter from a resident requesting to have a Seacan/Container installed as a permanent fixture on his property. Mayor Conway stated that Town Manager had contacted our Development Planner who responded through email stating that the accessory building would have to be complementary to the appearance of the main building and Council can decide whether the proposed "seacan" meets this provision.

Council has the authority to use its discretion if it doesn't meet the criteria an amendment to the new Development Regulations 2019-2029 could be made.

Mayor Conway asked each Councillor what their opinion was and they each agreed that more information is required, this has been set aside pending the information being provided from the applicant for the next meeting. There is currently one Seacan on residential property here in town for which there was no permit issued, this will have to be addressed.

b) Town of St. George's Scholarship 2021

Motion #21 – 114 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that the 2021 Town of St. George's Scholarship 2021 be shared between both applicants Damien White and Hannah King at \$250.00 each. All in favor. Motion carried.

c) Request – St. George's Indian Band Gazebo/Resting Place

The Town of St. George's has been approached by the St. George's Indian Band requesting that they build a Gazebo and resting place on the Corner of Main Street and Station Road at no cost to the town. This property was donated to the town by Mr. Pieroway and the initial plan was to build a Gazebo, it was agreed that this would be a great use of this space and the property would be retained by the town.

Other Business

a) Change of Circumstances Property Sale

Motion #21 – 115 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that we the Council of St. George's reimburse the owner of 511-515 Main Street, for the property previously owned by the Town, in the amount of \$5000.00 – half of the purchase price. All in favor. Motion carried.

This property 511-515 Main Street was given to the Town of St. George's, but a portion of this property had been previously sold, unbeknownst to the town, which meant the owner had no access to his back portion of land. The owner contacted the Town regarding this issue and how it would be resolved, write off the taxes was discussed for successive years but it was determined that the best approach would be to refund the purchases half of the purchase price with Council agreeing this would be equitable/reasonable solution.

Incoming Correspondence

a) Western Health – COVID Testing St. George's

A letter was received from Western Health to inform us there were people in the St. George's area who were identified as having COVID – 19 and in order to determine whether there had been a transmission in the St. George's area Western Health would open a new temporary testing site in the community for area residents.

b) ECC – Flat Bay Gypsum Tailing Processing, EA Registration 2123

A letter was received from ECC RE: Flat Bay Gypsum Tailings Processing, EA Registration 2123, thanking the Town of St. George's for correspondence received March 29th, 2021 regarding the environmental assessment of the Flat Bay Gypsum Tailings Processing. The project has been released with conditions. A copy of the decision letter will be posted at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccm/projects/project-2123/>. This includes information to address the concerns that were brought forward by the residents of St. George's who submitted correspondence.

c) Letter - Make-A-Wish Canada – 25th Run the Rock

A letter was received from Make-A-Wish Canada requesting a donation for 25th Annual "Run the Rock" from Port Aux Basques to St. John's", and they will be preparing for an in-person event August 17th – 29th should public health measures allow. And will be considering all possibilities, including a virtual event.

Motion #21 – 116 Councillor C. White/Councillor E. Alexander

Be it resolved that we the Council of St. George's, donate \$50.00 for the 25th Annual Run the Rock campaign in support of Make-A-Wish Canada.

d) Publication Document – WERAC – What We Heard Summary

A publication Document was received from WERAC the summary present's more common points of view sent in by the public. WERAC received 898 unique written responses, 633 of which were from NL residents, 36 from out of NL, and 229 that did not specify residence.

e) Email – RCMP – Bay St. George District Policing Report April 2020 – March 2021

An email was received from the RCMP Bay St. George District to provide the Mayors and Councils with a brief summary of policing activities for the year.

f) Letter – Department of Transportation and Infrastructure – Municipal Infrastructure – Approval to Call Public Tender – 17-MCW-21-00027 – Chlorination Building Emergency Generator

A letter was received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for the approval to call public tender for 17-MCW-21-00027 - Chlorination Building Emergency Generator. In accordance with your recently submitted plans, specifications, cost estimate and earlier approved funds, approval is hereby given to proceed with a public tender call for the above noted project.

g) Letter – Department of Transportation and Infrastructure- Municipal Infrastructure – Approval to Call Public Tender – 17-GI-21-00058 – New Drilled Well

A letter was received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure with the Approval to call a public tender for 17-GI-21-00058 – New Drilled Well.

In accordance with your recently submitted plans, specifications, cost estimate and earlier approved funds, approval is hereby given to proceed with a public tender call for the above noted project.

h) Email – MMSB – Community Composting Information Session Jorcan NE401 Tumblers

An email was received to inform us that a Community Composting Information Session took place on May 6th, 2021.

i) Letter – Municipal Assessment Agency – 2021 Clar Simmons Scholarship

A letter was received from MMA for 2021 Clar Simmons Scholarship. Completed applications should be completed electronically or mailed to CEO, on or before 4:00 pm on August 27th, 2021.

j) Letter – Barachois Search and Rescue – Donation Request

A letter was received from Barachois Search and Rescue requesting a donation with regards to paying for the renewal of One Call Now Communications System which costs \$727.17 CAD. This allows for quick response by linking the incoming call to everyone's cell phone.

Motion #21 – 117 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that we the Council of St. George's donate the amount of \$727.17 to the Barachois Search and Rescue for payment of the One Call Now Communications System. All in favor. Motion carried.

k) Letter – Municipal Assessment Agency – 2022 Assessment Roll

The 2022 Assessment Roll is available at Town Office if residents would like to view it. St. George's average residential value changed by 1.6% and your total value changed by 1.1%. Ratepayers will have until July 30 2021 to file a formal appeal.

l) Letter – Downtown Stephenville Business Improvement Association – Sponsorship Request

A letter was received from Downtown Stephenville Business Improvement Association requesting sponsorship for new Town Square.

m) Letter – Youth Ventures Coordination CBDC Long Range – Waiving of Permit and Licenses

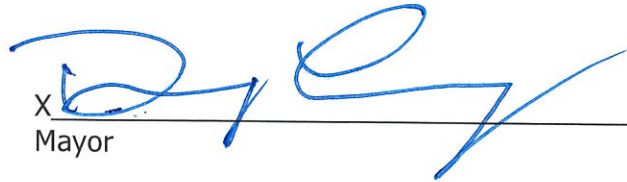
A letter was receiving from Youth Ventures Coordinator CBDC Long Range asking for support to waive permits and licenses for student's who are creating business plans, promoting and advertising their business.

Adjournment

Motion #21 – 118 Councillor C. White/Deputy Mayor T. Messervey
Be it resolved that the meeting does now adjourn. All in favor. Motion
carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on July 5th,2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor

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Town Clerk