

**Town of St. George's
Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Council
of St. George's held at Town Hall on
July 5th, 2021**

<i>Members Present</i>	Mayor	D. Conway
	Councillors	C. White A. Tobin R. Williams E. Alexander
<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 the Councillors who attended in person and the public who attended through electronic means via Zoom.	
<i>Adoption of Agenda</i>	Motion #21 – 119 Councillor R. Williams/Councillor A. Tobin Be it resolved to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.	
<i>Adoption of Minutes</i>	Motion #21 – 120 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor R. Williams Be it resolved to adopt the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 7 th , 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.	
<i>Business Arising from Minutes</i>	N/A	
<i>Committee Reports</i>	1) Motion #21 – 121 Councillor C. White/Councillor R. Williams Be it resolved to approve General Invoices in the amount of \$35,331.98 for payment. All in favor. Motion carried.	
<i>a) finance</i>	2) Motion #21 – 122 Councillor R. Williams/Councillor C. White Be it resolved to approve DMG Consulting Limited Invoice CB0354 in the amount of \$1,033.30 for Project Billing 12 – Water Storage Tank Replacement 17-GI-20-00043 from project account. All in favor. Motion carried.	
	3) Motion #21 – 123 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor C. White Be it resolved to pay Greatario Engineered Storage Systems Claim 5 in amount of \$188,628.75 Water Storage Tank Replacement 17-GI-20-00043 from projects account. All in favor. Motion carried.	
	4) Bank balances were given effective July 2 nd , 2021.	
	5) Aged Receivables report shows that as of June 30 th , 2021 Property Tax 83.55%, Water/Sewer is 77.35% and Business tax is 73.98%.	
	6) Expense report shows 47.54% to date.	
<i>b) Projects</i>	New Water Storage Tank Replacement/New Drilled Well/Emergency Generator Chlorination Building Town Manager gave an update on the New Water Storage Tank Replacement, the old water tank has been demolished, clean up and site work will be completed over the next two weeks, once complete the official commissioning will take place.	

New Drilled Well – the tenders for this project came in over budget for which the town is responsible. We have contacted our MHA to see if there is any funding source we could avail of for the cost overrun.

Emergency Generator Chlorination Building – the tender has come in within the allocated budget.

c) Fire Department

Fire Call Reports for June,2021

- 1) There were total of 4 fire calls from June 2nd to June 29th,2021
 - a) Mutual Aid Call at 43 Church Street on June 2,2021
 - b) Medical Call at Alexanders Lane on June 7, 2021
 - c) Mutual Aid call at Steel Mountain Road on June 25,2021
 - d) Mutual Aid call at Steel Mountain Road on June 29,2021 with Ambulance in attendance.

Ongoing Administration of Fire Department Regulations/Policies

Mayor Conway gave an update on the joint fire department. The St. George's Fire Department and Stephenville Crossing Fire Department held meetings to discuss a joint fire department. It was decided that this is not within either Fire Departments purview, it was recommended that Fire and Emergency Services take lead on any regionalization of Fire Departments. Our mutual aid agreement between both communities still stands.

d) Stadium and Recreation

1) Financial Statement

As of June 30th,2021 the Siki Memorial Stadium has a deficit of \$8,121.60. A discussion took place regarding the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program which is a new funding program. Town Manager mentioned that an engineer did come out last week to do an inspection to see how they can make it more cost effective with infrastructure that is now over 30 years old. Mayor Conway stated that they have to find ways to make the stadium more community based insofar as making use of the stadium all year long such as a facility to hold concerts or weddings. The wheelchair lift needs to be replaced as it's no longer operational, the lounge and bar need to be upgraded and the bowling alley overhauled. We are expected to receive the consultant's recommendations sometime this summer.

e) Roads

Town Manager gave an update on the roads. A sweeper was rented for the Skid Steer and all paved roads and intersections were swept. Several dirt roads have been graded, work will be ongoing throughout the summer on our gravel roads.

f) St. George's Marina Committee

Councillor White gave an update on the St. George's Marina and stated that it is being well utilized by the public who are purchasing seasonal passes.

g) Permits

General Repair Permits

1) Motion #21 – 124 Councillor E. Alexander/Councillor C. White
Be it resolved that General Repair Permits 1237, 1238, 1239, 1241, 1242, 1245, 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, and 1251 be accepted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Building Permits

Motion #21 – 125 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor R. Williams
Be it resolved that Building Permits 1250, and revised permit 1266A be accepted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Demolition Permit

Motion #21 – 126 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin
Be it resolved that Demolition Permit 1240 be accepted as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

a) ATIPP Cost 2021 & Breakdown of Procedures

As of June 30th,2021 the total cost for ATIPP to this date is \$13,177.29 with three pending requests still being worked on.

b) Seacan/Container at Residential Property

Motion #21 – 127 Councillor C. White/Councillor R. Williams

Be it resolved that Building Permit 1257 be accepted as presented, for placement of Seacan/Container on residential property with the condition that a peaked roof must be installed no later than September 30th,2022 and the color of the Seacan must be complimentary with main building. All in favor. Motion carried.

c) Bay St. George Extended Seniors Transportation – Operating Cost

Motion #21 – 128 Councillor R. Williams/Councillor E. Alexander

Be it resolved that we the Council of the Town of St. George's donate \$1000.00 in partnership support to the Bay St. George Extended Seniors Transportation. All in favor. Motion carried.

d) Municipal Stewardship Agreement for the Town of St. George's

Motion #21 – 129 Councillor C. White/Councillor E. Alexander

Be it resolved that we the Council of the Town of St. George's agree to enter into a Municipal Stewardship Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Newfoundland and Labrador as represented by the Honourable Minister of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture and the Town of St. George's effective 5 July, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business

Approval to Award Contract New Drilled Well 17-GI-21-00058

a) Motion #21 – 130 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor C. White

Be it resolved that we the Council of the Town of St. George's do accept the tender submitted by Western Pump Services in the amount of \$248,060.75 (HST incl) as recommended by our consultant Dillon Consulting Ltd and acceptable to Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Municipal Infrastructure. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval to Borrow Cost Overrun Principle New Drilled Well 17-GI-21-00058

b) Motion #21 – 131 Councillor R. Williams/Councillor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that we the Council of the Town of St. George's draw a loan from the Leading Edge Credit Union in St. George's for the cost overrun for Project 17-GI-21-00058 New Drilled Well in the amount of \$49,058.63 for a term of 12 months with an amortization of 12 years. The repayment amount to be \$458.68 per month at an interest rate of 5.20%. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval to Borrow Cost Overrun HST New Drilled Well 17-GI-21-00058

c) Motion #21 – 132 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor R. Williams

Be it resolved that we the Council of the Town of St. George's draw a loan from the Leading Edge Credit Union St. George's for the cost overrun HST Rebate portion for Project 17-GI-21-00058 New Drilled Well in the amount of \$5040.12 for a term of 12 months/12 month amortization on demand at an interest rate of 5.20%. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval to Award Contract Chlorination Building Emergency Generator 17-MCW-21-00027

d) Motion #21 – 133 Councillor C. White/Councillor A. Tobin

Be it resolved that we the Council of the Town of St. George's do accept the tender submitted by ECO Contracting Ltd. In the amount of \$113,390 (HST incl) as recommended by our consultant Dillon Consulting Ltd and acceptable to Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Municipal Infrastructure. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

Change of Circumstances Property Sale

a) Transaction has been completed.

Incoming Correspondence

a) Letter – FCM – Payment Reminder – Final Payment

A letter was received from FCM as a reminder that the GMF loan Agreement between St. George’s, Town and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, payment is due July 27,2021.

b) Letter – Ronald McDonald House – Kilometers for Kids

A letter was received from Ronald McDonald House requesting a donation.

c) Letter – Municipal and Provincial Affairs – Municipal Elections Act (Mail-in Voting)

A letter was received from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to provide guidance to those municipalities that plan to use the vote by mail option in the upcoming general municipal election which will be held September 28th,2021.

d) Letter – Municipal and Provincial Affairs – Municipalities Safe Elections

A letter was received from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs to provide guidance for running safe campaigns and elections in our municipalities. As of this date Covid – 19 Alert Level for Newfoundland and Labrador is Level 2. Please refer to the following link for latest Alert Level 2 – COVID-19 (gov.nl.ca). With respect to conducting municipal elections, information can be viewed at the following link Municipal Elections-Municipal and Provincial Affairs (gov.nl.ca).

e) Circular – Municipal and Provincial Affairs – Real Property Tax Exemption for Productive Farm Land, Woodland and Associated Buildings

A circular was received from the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs for 2021 Exemptions under subsection 118(j) of the Municipalities Act,1999 with an attachment for a list of properties that been designated by the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture as productive farmland and woodland for real property tax exemptions for the 2021 taxation year.

These exemptions apply to lands, structures and buildings used for farm production. Residences and the building lots on which residences are located (usually 0.2 hectares) should be excluded from exemption.

Outgoing Correspondence


N/A

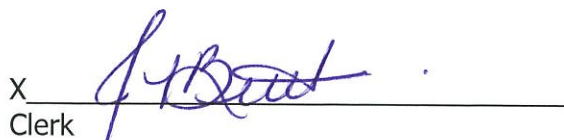
Adjournment

Motion #21 – 134 Councillor A. Tobin/Councillor C. White

Be it resolved that the meeting does now adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. next meeting will be held on August 3rd, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk