



The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on August 21st, at 7PM

Council Attendance: Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Mark Stephen
Councillor Ronald Gallant
Councillor Phillip Hebert
Councillor Cody Jenkins
Councillor Cindy MacLean-regrets
Councillor Faye McQuillan

Gallery Attendees: Cathy Ehman
Tim Mair

1.0 Call to Order Meeting;

The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was called to order at 7 PM

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was moved for approval by Councillor Stephens, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, Motion Carried

2.1 Additions to the Agenda

No additions to the agenda

2.2 Conflict of Interest Provision

Part VI, Section 23 of the *Municipalities Act*, which maintains that no member of Council shall derive any profit or financial advantage from his/her position as a member of Council and, where a member of Council has any pecuniary interest in or is affected by any matter before the Council, shall declare his/her interest therein and abstain from voting and discussion thereon.

2.3 Declaration

The conflict of Interest provision was read and Councillor Hebert declared conflict on Correspondence 7.7

2.4 Be advised that we are recording these proceedings; If anyone-else is recording we would ask that you please declare same.

No one stated they were recording

3.0 Business/Presentations from floor or other:

**Minutes
GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING**

**Monday
August 21, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Mark Stephen
Councillor Ronald Gallant
Councillor Phillip Hebert
Councillor Cody Jenkins
Councillor Cindy MacLean
Councillor Faye McQuillan
CAO Dorothy Anne Macdonald

Tim Mair- re: Transfer of property Grafton Street

Tim Mair briefed Council on the original conversation that happened a few years ago about the property in question. Council during that time had said they would turn over the property to Georgetown Port as a contribution towards the project anticipated to be a marina. Mr Mair noted the investment already laid out in purchasing properties and studies to provide the framework for the development. Mr Mair also cautioned Council that this was not a project that had a timeline and that it would be done in stages but to have discussions with the funding partners they would have to have clear title to the land.

Council asked what would happen to the project should no development happen in a reasonable time frame. Council was told that if no development were to happen the port would revert the undeveloped property back to the town. Council and mayor noted they would discuss the land and would get back to Mr. Mair soon. At this time the only step needed to be taken was the legal transaction for transferring the land. This would be done at town's expense, as their contribution to the project.

4.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting(s):

4.1 July 17th, 2017 Regular Meeting

Adoption, and Business there from.

Moved for adoption by Councillor Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Hebert, Motion carried

5.0 Financial Statements (unaudited)

5.1 General Operating Account

5.2 Georgetown Sewer Utility Corporation

Moved for adoption by Councillor McQuillan, and seconded by Councillor Stephens, Motion carried

6.0 Approval of Outstanding Expenditures

Moved for Approval by Councillor Stephens to be paid as funds allow, seconded by Councillor Gallant, Motion Carried

7.0 Correspondence / Business From:

List of Correspondence August 21, 2017

7.1 Culture PEI Culture Days No Action Required.

7.2 Sharon Hill Donation to Gardens from Sheila Delory Estate No Action Required.

7.3 Kevin and Judy Gotell Concerned with ditch not draining Action Required.
Council discussed the issues and suggested a few solutions to address this, it was suggested sending a letter to Mr. Gotell informing him Council was investigating options.

- 7.4 Terry Parker** Shipping Containers on property **Action Required.**
Council discussed what options would be in addressing this. CAO Macdonald outlined how other municipalities were handling similar situations. It was discussed that if Council did not get a response from the resident they would personally visit to discuss expectation or solutions. If this option failed the town would contact their lawyer and start proceedings.
- 7.5 PEI Marathon** Supporting Mental Health **No Action Required**
- 7.6 Jessie Williams** Wade's Rest compliments **No Action Required.**
- 7.7 Minor Hockey** Calendar Ad Renewal **Action Required.**
Council agreed this was something they supported every year and would continue
- 7.8 Jennifer Drillo** Prostate Cancer Awareness **No Action Required.**
- 7.9 Garnet Smith/Brian Good** Fix Sidewalk **Action Required**
Councillor Stephens was only hearing about this for the first time and is going to inspect the situation with our maintenance man to see if they can determine a fix.

8.0 Committee Reports:

8.1 Mayor Lewis Lavandier – Government Relations

Committee Chair;

Mayor Lewis Lavandier August report

verbal submission

Mayor Lavandier gave a review of the rural meeting he attended on amalgamation. Mayor Lavandier noted that he felt this meeting was premature as the steering committee for the seven communities have just sent off in the last few days a letter to government. The seven community's steering committee is hoping to get a response from government and then it will be time to take it to the council members of all the municipalities before it goes to the public.

Respectfully submitted

Lewis Lavandier

Questions from the report

Councillor Hebert requested info on a date this information would be available. Mayor Lavandier stated he could not confirm a date but when the steering committee had a response from government to their liking it would then be brought to the council members as a whole. Councillor Gallant added he understands this is going to take time. Councillor McQuillan noted that it is very frustrating to continue to wait and not know anything, she added she gets asked regularly on what the progress is. She said the whole quiet just makes her angry. Mayor Lavandier requested further patience from his council until the steering committee hears from the province.

Moved by Councillor Stephens to adopt the report as presented, seconded by Councillor Hebert, Carried

8.2 Councillor Ronald Gallant – Civic Center, Utilities and GADC, Committee Chair;
No Report was issued

8.3 Councillor Mark Stephen – Beautification, Public Works and Heritage Rivers Committee Chair;
Mark Stephens- Councillor Report August

Public Works

the summer is drawing to a close. The first crew has done a great job keeping the town in great shape. The second crew has started and it is up to them to finish the job. Mark has lots of work to do before the end of the Season and he only has two workers with him so when anyone has things to do please keep this in mind.

Town Beautification

still lots of good comments on how our town looked but we still have things to get done before freeze up. Cloggeroo was a great weekend. They left very little cleanup for our crew.

We still have a problem with the young guys speeding on our streets. We had a visitor from away staying at the inn on the weekend and they almost got hit by a Blue Honda speeding sown Richmond Street. Thank god they got out of the way in time. We also have an un-plated car in front of the Fraser house on North Street a letter should be sent.

Respectfully submitted
Mark Stephens

Councillor Stephens also added to his report that he received word that another Councillor was directing the Maintenance crew and he cautioned Councillors to make sure that work for his crew is directed through Councillor Stephens. Councillor Stephens feels this is his portfolio and he can handle issues if they arise. In the issue of the near accident, it was reported that no one got a plate, no one called the RCMP. It was mentioned this should be the first recourse always. In regards to the car parked on the side of the road, CAO Macdonald requested that a formal complaint should be received. Councillor Stephens is to ask housing to send a letter of complaint from housing.

Moved by Councillor Hebert to adopt the report as submitted, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, Motion Carried

8.4 Councillor Phillip Hebert – Community Development & Planning, Community Heritage, and Youth & Recreation Committee Chair;

Councilors report- Phillip Hebert

Youth and Rec

The soccer nets have been installed at Kent square and have seen some use. The mini barn has also been relocated to tennis court area as an equipment shed. The ball season will be wrapping up in approximately three weeks and I would consider year one in this partnership with Cardigan to be a success.

Dugouts at the McSwain field have been tore down due to becoming unsafe in nature.

Development

We have had a busy month with vendor's permits (4), building permits and proposed projects. Busy is good

Heritage

Nothing to report

Amalgamation

When we rejoined the amalgamation talks in the spring, we did so on information provided to the council by the Three Rivers steering committee. We were told a meeting would take place to inform council on the entire process such as tax numbers for instance, and a public meeting was to be held in Georgetown by the steering committee for our residents, what has happened to this? We are elected to represent the citizens of Georgetown and without being informed on this process we are failing at that. It is true we have representation at the table, however i have to question the effectiveness of this when only one sixth of our voting body is present and is not able to communicate with us. This process is either nowhere near completion.

Councillor Hebert added to his report that the participation grant work will start in September and they will have 2 age groups for 6 weeks on Sunday depending on interest.

Councillor Hebert acknowledged the information given earlier in the meeting that the seven communities group was waiting on before bringing the information to the Councils, however he felt it was time for an update.

Motion: I move that Councillor Jenkins as representative of The Town of Georgetown, ask to have information provided before the next Council meeting in written and or oral presentation to update Council , that update would come from the steering committee someone other than the towns representatives.

Moved by Councillor Hebert, seconded by Councillor Jenkins, Motion carried.

8.5 Councillor Faye McQuillan – Georgetown Fire Dept., Senior's Affairs and AA Macdonald Memorial Gardens Committee Chair;

Faye McQuillan-August report

Verbal submission:

Councillor McQuillan gave a brief outline on the grant presentation by David Webster of the United Way. She said it was good info but they would require a registered tax number to apply.

Councillor McQuillan noted Emily would be paid an extra hour per week to clean the washrooms in the Fire Department.

Moved to adopt by Councillor Stephens, seconded by Councillor Hebert
It was noted by Councillors that the Town would not cover more than 1 hour per week.
The hour was mainly for cleaning the bathroom and not to maintain the Fireman's den.

Moved for adoption of the report as submitted by Councillor Stephens, seconded by Councillor Hebert, Motion Carried

8.6 Councillor Cindy MacLean – Community Events and Promotion, Georgetown School; and, King's Playhouse; Committee Chair
No report submitted

8.7 Councillor Cody Jenkins- Finance; Storm Water Management and Three Rivers Sportsplex Committee Chair

Councillor Cody Jenkins –August report

Verbal submission

Councillor Jenkins reported how busy the season has been but congratulated everyone on the successful events. Volunteers and staff have worked very hard.

Councillor Jenkins reported that the rink would be opening a little later this year. The day Camp had 6-10 kids most days and had been a successful summer. Councillor Jenkins reported they were waiting on a cheque obtained through Steven Myers, more info to follow after it was received.

Councillor Jenkins reported on the Storm water issues that are still pending and he would be addressing the areas in the near future.

Councillor Jenkins would be meeting with Lawrence MacAulay in search of funding options, he encouraged anyone who had project to let him know.

Councillor Jenkins noted Cloggeroo had a successful year but also thought maybe they could use a head lining act to draw larger crowds.

Councillor Jenkins responded to the stress of Councillors waiting for info on the Amalgamation by saying he understands their frustration.

Moved by Councillor Stephens to adopt the report as presented, seconded by Councillor Hebert, Motion Carried

8.8 C.A.O. - Dorothy Anne Macdonald – Administrator's Report.

CAO Report Dorothy Anne Macdonald

August 21

We have received three tender submissions for the Review of the bylaws and official plan, we have a date of August 25th to award the contract.

August 26th is the date for the Great Trail event celebrated across Canada with only a few communities selected to be involved. The event is simple and brief from 10- 1. It will involve a brief intro to the trail from a town official I hope. It will involve a walk, etc. on the first section of the trail with everyone returning to the bandstand and with a little music in the back ground and a few hot dogs on the grill, a chance for participants to receive prizes that encourages trail use. Prizes like walking sticks, water bottles, back

packs, and gift certificates for Sport Chek to purchase running shoes or walking shoes. I encourage you to let us know if you are going to participate and volunteer. We are aware that it has been a busy year for everyone but what better way to celebrate than getting together for a brief summers end BBQ and stroll with friends, family and community. This is a great promo for our Community and like any event we wish it to be well attended by Council as well as residents.

The sewer lagoon project has been tendered and the review and selection for that should happen after the 29th. The sewer committee will have to meet and decide so work can begin as soon as feasible.

Playground equipment on West Street beach will need repairs. The equipment was second hand and has seen some install defects. I would like to purpose Council if it goes ahead with the erosion repair that maybe this can be addressed as well at the same time. If cost effective the equipment may need to be replaced or at least moved and components repaired to accommodate the possible erosion project. Waiting on one more quote for the erosion on West Street and a possible application could happen if council is prepared to go forward with that.

We need to consider what will happen with our information boards around the town two have faded greatly and are unreadable. The cost is 110.00 per board, the biggest task in removing the metal sign backs from the wooden supports to deliver them to the printers. Is this something that can be done for the fall and have them fresh for the spring.

Respectfully Submitted
Dorothy Anne Macdonald CAO

Council asked further on the signs and it was the opinion to get the signs upgraded as soon as possible, Council felt these contributed to the walking tour of the town and should be maintained. CAO will have Mark Gotell remove them and they can be shipped to town for updates. Council also questioned why there were so many delays in Stantec Tender package. CAO Macdonald responded they went out of their way to save the town money and the best product for the town.

Moved for adoption of report as submitted by Councillor Stephens, seconded by Councillor Hebert, Motion Carried.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Fall Flavours

Councillors agreed this was a great way to promote the town and to encourage a new group to establish the fall Flavours was an opportunity to grow what we can offer. Councillors agreed to sponsor the Fall Flavours for 1000.00, and to allow them to erect a tent in the gardens as well as use the town logo on their advertisements.

Moved by Councillor Mark Stephens to give a \$1000.00 for sponsorship included in would be a table for 6 and the mayor or other Councillor bring greetings, seconded by Councillor McQuillan, Motion Carried

**Minutes recorded by
CAO Dorothy Anne Macdonald
And submitted by
Dorothy Macdonald, CAO
August 21, 2017**

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Dorothy Anne Macdonald, CAO