



## The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Georgetown Council was held in the Council Chambers on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Gallery Attendees: Charlotte MacAulay  
Stacey Toms  
Richard Toms  
Pam Martin  
Tim Mair  
Mike Gallant  
Mark Gotell

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### 1.0 Call to Order Meeting;

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 7PM by Mayor Lewis Lavandier

### 2.0 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was moved for approval by Councillor Mark Stephens, and seconded by Councillor Faye McQuillan

### 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

No one declared conflict

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

Charlotte MacAulay declared she was recording

## Minutes GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday  
September 18, 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

### **3.0 Business/Presentations from floor or other:**

The Mayor requested an in camera session to discuss a sensitive issue. It was moved by Councillor Stephens and seconded by Councillor Gallant. To go to a closed session. Gallery attendees left but were called back in when the vote was not in favour of a closed session. The meeting was resumed.

No presentations from the floor, the mayor acknowledged the citizens in the Gallery and stated he would open the floor for questions and/or concerns after the Councillors spoke

### **4.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting(s):**

#### **4.1 August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting and September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Special meeting Adoption, and Business there from.**

It was moved by Councillor Stephens and seconded by Councillor Hebert to adopt the minutes of the August 21 and September 11 meetings. Motion Carried

### **5.0 Financial Statements (unaudited)**

#### **5.1 General Operating Account**

#### **5.2 Georgetown Sewer Utility Corporation**

It was moved by Councillor Hebert and seconded by Councillor Stephens to approve the general financial statements. Motion Carried

It was moved by Councillor Stephens and seconded by Councillor Maclean to approve the Sewer Utility financial statements, Motion Carried.

### **6.0 Approval of Outstanding Expenditures**

Moved for approval to pay the Outstanding Expenses by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor MacLean

### **7.0 Correspondence / Business From:**

#### **7.1 Marie Wood Clean up after Dogs Action Required.**

Councillor Stephens reported that new signs have been installed along the West Street area, reminding people to clean up after and leash their dogs. Council suggested writing a letter to Mrs. Wood and letting her know.

#### **7.2 Todd Langdon Extension of time to build on Grafton Street lots Action Required.**

The individual has not been available for further contact. Council suggested the no response closed the issue.

#### **7.3 Billy Murphy Containers No Action Required.**

Mr. Murphy has been very cooperative. Issue previously dealt with and in the process of removing.

#### **7.4 Dale Dewer Three Rivers Roma Feast Action Required.**

No sponsor this year

**7.5 Marie Wood Trees on West Street Beach Action Required.**

Councillor Stephens is planning to get a look at it with maintenance manager Mark Gotell ASAP and will assess the situation

**8.0 Committee Reports:**

**8.1 Mayor Lewis Lavandier – Government Relations**

Committee Chair;

**Mayor Lewis Lavandier September report- Verbal**

Mayor Lavandier addressed the council. He understands a lot of people have concerns on the amalgamation issue. He stated he would speak to some of that. Mayor Lavandier said a lot of people are not aware of the situation. In the last number of years the town has decreased in numbers from 700 to 555. If this trend continues the town would be in danger of sustaining itself. Mayor and council are to ensure that the town has a sustainable future. The other 6 communities in the amalgamation process have some of the same issues.

It was felt by the Mayor and Wade Williams former Councillor for the Town that they had one option to look at forming one municipality. Some of this born from the Georgetown conference, where it was stated over and over that communities working together and sharing services was an answer. The Mayor stated he read the Thompson report, it mentioned that a community of less than 4000 had a better chance to be viable. After this communities for Montague, Lower Montague, and Valleyfield looked at their own communities. Mayor Lavandier, Paul McNeill, and Wade Williams, decided to form a group encompassing the 7 communities. To look at viability. The groups joined and with Phil Wood started to gather data. None of these communities were forced into participating. When Montague pulled away from the table, their citizens were upset as they wanted to hear the options and have a say. Under pressure they went back to the table.

The group held public meetings and when the province brings in the answer to the final question it will go to the councils and then to a public meeting, with Georgetown having its own. At that time the public will see for itself what it means for the town. The mayor asked that the citizens get to look at options, no one is keeping it from the citizens.

**It was moved by Councillor Stephens to adopt the report as submitted, seconded by Councillor McQuillan, Motion Carried**

**8.2 Councillor Ronald Gallant – Civic Center, Utilities and**

GADC, Committee Chair;

**Ronald Gallant Council Report- September verbal**

Councillor Gallant referred to Paul MacNeill article in the paper. Councillor Gallant said in the article he spoke of decreases to services and people. The article according to Councillor Gallant suggested amalgamation was a way of turning this around. He added that other communities are in the same situation.

**It was moved to adopt the report as submitted by Councillor Stephens and seconded by Councillor Hebert. Motion Carried.**

**8.3 Councillor Mark Stephen – Beautification, Public Works  
and Heritage Rivers Committee Chair;**

**Councillor Mark Stephen, September report  
Public Works**

The town crew are keeping up with the grass cutting even though the equipment is breaking down. We had to retire one of the 300 series mowers because of safety problems and leaking oil. We will be looking for a new replacement for this one. We also need to replace one of our weed eaters. We have one that is also failing. Councillor Stephens added to his report that they would need something similar to the 500 series.

Mark had replaced some of the stop signs and repaired and leveled and painted the rest, they all will be a legal height.

The new maintenance building has 3 new adjusted quotes in and we have to make a motion to proceed with this so we can get a start ASAP.

**Town Beautification**

The flower Garden are all still looking very good. We will be shutting down the west Street washrooms this week. The pond will remain on for another month.

Councillor Stephens also added to his report by saying it is time to start think about Snow removal tenders, if there is any information needed to be considered he asked Councillors to please bring it forward so tenders can go out.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Stephens

**It was moved to adopt the report by Councillor Hebert, seconded by Councillor MacLean, Motion Carried**

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

**Councillor Phillip Hebert Report September 2017**

**Youth and Rec**

Participation "try it days" kicked off this past Sunday we had eighteen kids in the first group and eleven in second, to say the least it went great. I would also like to thank Councillor Jenkins with the help running this program it wouldn't be possible without the help. The sense of community and pride that has been displayed in the past months makes me proud to call Georgetown home. I am now helping out with minor hockey as well we will have a team for all three of the youngest squirts to atom, first time in 10 YEARS! These are all positive signs of revitalization. In partnership with Councillor McQuillan' play and GES, Tim Mair and I will be putting on a kite building with the kids at GES on September 29th.

**Community Development**

After a lengthy review of the three quotes received for official plan and development bylaw update I feel Upland can best serve our towns specific needs. The draft proposal

focused on retention, immigration and housing. They also seem to keep things simple this is also mentioned in their report and can be seen in other works they have been done. This is very important people should be able to clearly understand our bylaws. The only bid that was lower than Upland seemed to have a lot of variables on "anticipated fees" etc.

Two long time vacant properties on Richmond Street have had sold signs installed this month, this is great to see. We have had a few permits come through this month, mostly renovations. There seems to be a serious need in the Town for childcare any ideas from council on attracting such a service? Also I have spoken to many tourists over the summer who have been thrilled with our Town but find it hard to believe there is no liquor outlet. I feel the town should look into why our businesses have been denied this venture, every service in this town can have is vital.

### **Heritage**

Awaiting for final draft for trail kiosk.

Additional:

I would like to congratulate Dorothy on a job well done with the trail walk- and thank Faye Riley for helping out. I would also request having Council approve Dorothy having the day to help with the Kite building course.

We have received no notice of a meeting from the steering committee, no contact or any follow up on any of their assurances we were given when rejoining the process, and this is not a partnership.

### **Motion**

1. The Town accept the quote from Upland for the official plan and development bylaw

Whereas request for proposals were called for a **Comprehensive review and update for the Town of Georgetown Official Plan and Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw. Project 7.4.5**

**And whereas the following tenders were received:**

| <b>Firm</b> | <b>Tender Amount</b> | <b>Period</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Upland      | \$19,975.50          | August 2017   |
| WSP         | \$24,785.00          | August 2017   |
| Stantec     | \$17,209.00          | August 2017   |

Be it resolved that The Town of Georgetown awards the Official Plan and Bylaw review to Upland

**It was resolved by Councillor Hebert and seconded by Councillor Jenkins, Motion carried**

Added to the report was a request to allow CAO Macdonald time off on the day of the kite building to help with the activities of the day, general consent was received.

It was asked if the town would write a letter to government to support a liquor outlet in the town.

It was moved by Councillor Hebert and seconded by Councillor Jenkins, Motion carried

**It was moved to adopt the report as submitted by Councillor Stephens, seconded by Councillor MacLean, Motion Carried**

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

**Councillor Faye McQuillan September Report- verbal**

The seniors get started with their play on Thursday if anyone is wanting to take part volunteers are welcome. They feel they will be able to start in the middle of November. The tree that usually is decorated for Christmas is showing signs of struggling and other options may need to be looked at as far as tree lighting. CAO Macdonald responded that it is being stressed by the electric pole. The tree is growing around and a chain restraining the tree. Maybe another tree could be utilized this year and the lights removed lessen the stress. In another year we could look at whether it is dying and needs to be removed. Councillor McQuillan asked Maintenance Supervisor Mark Gotell for his opinion. He stated it would be advantageous to obtain another tree this year for the lighting. Councillor McQuillan reported on the Fire calls and First response calls.

**It was moved by Councillor Stephens to adopt the report as submitted and seconded by Councillor Ronnie Gallant. Motion Carried**

**8.6 Councillor Cindy MacLean – Community Events and Promotion, Georgetown School; and, King's Playhouse; Committee Chair**

**Councillor Cindy MacLean September Report**  
**Georgetown School**

Our school is now open and I am pleased to report we have an eager positive staff for our School. On Thursday evening at meet the teacher night I had refreshing and engaging conversation with each of the new and returning staff members. Mayor Lewis will also tell you it was great to see such a large turnout and the comments from the new staff was how welcome everyone has made them feel and how they are looking forward to teaching this great group of students. In my conversation with the new staff it was mentioned several times that the triple classes were unfortunate and that we have been cut to 79% in teachers (but I believe there are other schools suffering the same fate), I assured the teachers that we as council will work with the education Minister to seek alternative measures to provide increased funding and teacher allocation, and try to explain to them the significance of proper education for all students. It is my hope we can come up with some very positive solutions to this serious issue. The number of students is up and could still be increasing for this year as there may be some new families moving into the area with children soon. Mayor Lewis and I both made it clear we (council) want to work closely with the school and ensure it remains and improves each year. As you walked into the school there seems to be a renewed and refreshing atmosphere, I believe this will be a great school year for all. Thanks to the Home and School for organizing the BBQ and drinks, which we donated from the Trail Fest.

## **Kings Playhouse**

I attended the "Taste of Georgetown" event, and I was overwhelmed with the professional, engaging and down home atmosphere of the whole evening. My sincere congratulations to all who organized this wonderful event because it was one of the most enjoyable evenings. As I listened to the comments from many of the individuals, they were amazed at the genuine hospitality and high standard of cuisine offered throughout the entire evening and with the interaction with all the chefs. They were jealous of our town and all the history and beauty and most of all how everyone made them feel like they were home. This event I feel is one of the many that will be held here in our great little town. It should also be noted that from this event many of the tourists that attended came back throughout the next couple of days to revisit the shops and said they will certainly be returning and will be telling others to be sure to visit eastern PEI and Georgetown in particular.....so great to hear and experience. Thanks also to all the behind the scene people for this wonderful event. A thank you and job well done to Councillor and Deputy Mayor Mark Stephens for his words of welcome and congratulations from the town in Mayor Lewis absence.

I asked Haley where the closing in of the Selkirk chimney stood and she informed me that Wayne Hambly will be enclosing the chimney on his return from vacation.

Please refer to Haley's report for a more detailed account of the Playhouse activities.

## **Community Events and Promotions**

Still awaiting some invoices from our Summer Days Festival which was a huge success, I will have a final report when all invoices and numbers are tallied.

Contemplated another community yard sale for the fall but some feedback was why bother when they are having the 70 mile yard sale soon.

We are busy getting the spook night organized for the children again this year for Halloween, should be lots of fun again, lots of interesting ideas.

Our Remembrance Day week is starting to come together Haley has been working hard to secure funding and coordinate many of the events we have planned for the week. We are hoping again this year to have interesting, engaging performances to honour our veterans and that they be educational to each of us, so we can try to realize the sacrifices that were made, and to never ever forget and for us to be ever so thankful to each of the veterans and their families for the sacrifices made!

## **MOTIONS:**

I make the motion we release the second half of the budgeted funding for the Georgetown school immediately.

## **It was moved by Councillor MacLean and seconded by Councillor Jenkins, Motion Carried.**

If there are no questions regarding my report, I respectfully submit my report for adoption.

Cindy MacLean, Councillor

*Councillor Gallant questioned the new sound system purchased by the theatre and feels he was told whoever is running it is not doing a good job. He feels that this could result in the lowering of attendance. Councillor McQuillan added that the fees for the Ceilidh should be lowered back to \$5.00 being in par with other ceilidhs in the area.*

**It was moved to adopt the report as submitted by Councillor Maclean, seconded by Councillor Gallant, Motion carried.**

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

We had another successful Day Camp this summer. I don't have final numbers but I think if this is a cost neutral or even a little loss. It is an advantage not only to the rink but the townspeople. We employed 3 students and 1 adult this summer and it is something we should continue to invest in. The AGM for the rink is September 28 and we will approve the numbers for last year. It was a great year with great improvement from the year before. This was from the combined efforts of our rink board fundraising committee and our manager. We plan to start making ice the week Oct 16, painting on the 21st and Ice times the next week. Our hockey numbers are looking good it looks like we may have a squirts, novice and atom team. I'm not even sure the last time that that happened. It might have been when I was a child playing here.

**Storm water**

Nothing to report

**Finance**

Nothing to report

Respectfully submitted

Cody Jenkins

Councillor for the Town of Georgetown

**It was moved to adopt the report as submitted by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Hebert, Motion Carried**

**Motion:**

The Town of Georgetown cease involvement in the amalgamation process effective today.

**It was moved by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Hebert. Motion carried.**

**In favor 4, against 2 Councillor Stephens and Councillor Gallant.**

Added to his report that he does not feel the information being brought to the table is acceptable for our town. Feels that the last meeting when he voiced this he should have received support from the Mayor. Councillor Jenkins asked the mayor "how many people will be doing the job the seven of us are doing?(added from tape recording)

Mayor Lavandier responded by saying you are taking the voice away from the citizens, you are removing the town before they have a chance to see the information and make their own decision. Mayor Lavandier continued that last week Councillor Jenkins sent a

letter to Andrew Dagget informing him that Councillor Jenkins was resigning from the steering committee, and that Mr. Daggett could send Councillors Jenkins email out to the Steering Committee saying Councillor Jenkins was removing the Town of Georgetown from the process. Councillor Jenkins wrote Mr. Dagget that he knows this is not what is best for my town.

Mayor Lavandier added you as Councillor have no authority to make decisions without the approval of Council. Mayor Lavandier said he asked to have this brought up in camera but Council declined.

Mayor Lavandier read the motion of a year ago on the plebiscite asked each Councillor individually if they thought the citizens should have a say. All Councillors responded Yay.( it was noted at Approval of minutes October 16th that the Mayor asked all Councillors but not Councillor Jenkins)

Councillor McQuillan said yes the people should have a say but she is so tired of being in the dark maybe it could be explained in a way I could understand maybe it could be great for the town I don't know.

Mike Gallant asked at this time to speak on the issue, Councillor McQuillan said Councillor Jenkins should be allowed to finish his report first.

Councillor Jenkins spoke on all the town has for financial resources and how it could be divided 7 ways if we amalgamated and the town would may not have it to use on its own

Councillor Hebert asked Now we are out of the Amalgamation process how long are you two under a gag order to release the information? It was felt that the confidentiality would still be in effect.

**Motion:**

We write a letter to the three rivers steering committee that they no longer have permission to use Georgetown's financial information.

**It was moved by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor MacLean,  
Motion Carried**

**Councillor Jenkins on behalf of Councillor Gallant put through the following  
Resolution:**

Whereas request for proposals were called for a Sewer Lagoon Upgrades Phase 3  
**Project CWWF-03-17-18**

**And whereas the following tenders were received:**

| <b>Firm</b>  | <b>Tender Amount</b> | <b>Period</b> |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Kings County | \$212,000            | August 2017   |

Be it resolved that The Town of Georgetown awards the tender to Kings County Construction. For the amount of **\$212,000** including HST, being accepted as the only tender received.

***Floor opened to Gallery: The following is not every word said but some comments made.***

*After the vote by Council to remove the town from the amalgamation process, Mayor Lavandier opened the floor for feedback to the decision.*

**Mr. Mair:** What is the rush? Information is power. Timing is off, cutting us off weeks or months before we get the info. This same decision could be made any time after the information has been provided. Why are we not waiting for the facts? Three rivers steering committee will finally get the info. Each community would get a chance to hear. Not against or for but would like to be allowed to make a balanced decision.

**Mike Gallant** left the Gallery

**Councillor Jenkins:** I think this is not a respectful deal

**Tim Mair:** I understand you think it's not a respectful deal but you have cut us off before we received the information and this information from the province could be powerful information. I want to be convinced one way or the other but I cannot make an informed decision because you just cut us off from that. I would request you postpone this until all the info is in

**Councillor Jenkins:** So you think it's fair for the committee to do all that work and then pull out in the end, we have things that are dear to us in this town this is a group of people not from our town who I have told this is not acceptable but they are still going to do it.

**Tim Mair:** I agree with your sentiment but can we not make this decision later when we have the information I am not for or against your motion I just think it is poorly timed.

**Councillor Gallant:** We can spend half the night talking about it they are not going to change their mind.

**Councillor Jenkins:** Do you believe I have the best interest of the town at heart?

**Tim Mair:** Every town Councillor here has the best interest of the town, but do you have all the information?

**Councillor Jenkins:** NO I do not have the government's response.

**Councillor Hebert:** I agree with you Tim knowledge is power, I am frustrated on not getting any info. We have been asking for meetings, we got promises and no information

**Tim Mair:** Is Georgetown getting singled out?

**Councillor Hebert:** We are getting no updates. When we rejoined the steering committee we were promised updates, we got nothing.

**Mayor Lavandier:** Info when available will be presented.

**Tim Mair:** So all communities are being treated the same but Georgetown is the only one jumping the gun maybe all the other communities are feeling the same.

**Councillor MacLean:** Cody has the information, he is resigning because he knows what is going on and we should listen to him and yes maybe we are jumping the gun but he knows what's going on.

**Pam Martin:** Lot of people are opposed in Valleyfield I spoke to a lot of people from Valley field. It seems like the places that do not have good representation are against it.

**Councillor Gallant:** Before Christmas there was a move to get this squashed and excuse me I am not listening to any more of this if it blows up in your face in a years' time you got what you wanted. Councillor Gallant left meeting

**Councillor Jenkins:** We are better off on our own than as part of this process.

**Mayor Lavandier:** Asked for Richards opinion

**Richard Toms:** I have done lots of research on amalgamation, Studies show no benefits, this is not my opinion it is what the studies say.

**Stacy Toms:** The study said there was supposed to be open door communications Promised public meetings throughout they never happened, Gag order. Process was flawed throughout process. It is not supposed to be brought a fate accomplice it is supposed to be a process through the whole process. The communication process is afterwards the residents should have been part of what they are building,  
(Three people talking at once)

**Pam Martin:** I understand why you did what you did. You don't want to go to dinner and ask 8000 people what they want for dinner and think you're getting the same answer. What you don't understand is you are sitting here saying it's good for us and he is saying it's bad for us. Which one you is wrong, which one of you is possibly lying?

**Mayor Lavandier:** I think it's good but I can't speak for the rest of the town.

**Richard Toms:** Population last census was lower but based on information the numbers may not really have gone down as it is believed the numbers of the prior census were (fudged), how is amalgamation going to stop people from leaving the community I don't understand how that solves that problem.

**Mayor Lavandier:** We have the highest tax rates on the island and we are only going to get higher is this continues GADC shops are empty, they are left to try and sell the building. We need to look at options.

**Richard Toms:** This will result in centralization, not amalgamation. This is going to centralize everything in Montague and we are going to have a major voting bloc in Brudenell, Montague and Lower Montague They will carry every vote. If they want a new rink there they are going to get a new rink not enough votes in the outlying areas to offset the population.

**Mayor Lavandier:** That's why Brudenell wants Georgetown on board they want to offset that there are more people outside the communities than Montague

**Richard Toms:** I think it is turning around for us

**Councillor Hebert:** We will have less representation with amalgamation. From 7 Councillors to one. Did I read my report?

**Councillor Jenkins:** In the last year the rink has gone \$20,000 in the other direction with the new board, and Dorothy is doing and has taken away two positions saving the town \$23,000 dollars, he was corrected by councillor Hebert that the savings are \$31,000.

**Mayor Lavandier and Councillor Jenkins** debated back and forth over possible outcomes.

**Councillor Hebert:** Minister Mitchell said he would not force anyone to amalgamate and I cannot see him lying.

**Councillor Jenkins:** The town is getting built up the Georgetown conference is working and Mayor Lavandier you are giving up on it. Let me show you the numbers and I will show you what we will lose. They are not going to force us for some smaller communities I can see this.

**Richard Toms:** Studies show there is no extra money but what happens is addressed the studies that have come out of Ontario--- Governments gets larger. Amalgamations happen but there is No net gain

**Mayor Lavandier:** Not the same situation we are not being forced into Amalgamation, we are doing it our way. You are talking about the 90's in Ontario

**Pam Martin:** Asked the Mayor. Can you promise good things coming to Georgetown? I would like to know that all my volunteering and time has not gone to waste.(Councillor Jenkins asked October 16<sup>th</sup> minutes approval to have a statement added made not recorded) Is it being guaranteed we are keeping our school, we are keeping our rink ,and keeping our playhouse, are we keeping those things that make us what we are?

**Mayor Lavandier: There are no guarantees.**

**Pam Martin: I knows how it works**

**Mayor Lavandier: asked his Council if they wold give him permission to take the information to the public. Can you say yes or no?**

**Councillor Mac Quillan: Call a public meeting immediately. Give information now. Explain to them what it means and maybe we will change their minds**

**Councillor Hebert: Mayor Lavandier you are off the Steering Committee. Just report Georgetown has stepped away. You are off the committee.**

**Councillor Jenkins and Mayor Lavandier: Continued to debate repeating some of the same info.**

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

##### **Dorothy Macdonald CAO Report September**

Things never seem to slow down. I am still working with the PEI Trails to get the kiosk completed. We have not agreed on final text yet, but I have generated the QR code, given them logos and maps, hopefully soon the text will be ready and it can be converted to French.

I have spent lots of time after hours taking pictures of all the plaques in the gardens and the tree, shrub it corresponds to so that when quieter days come (I expect I will get one or two) later in the Fall/Winter I will have them to upload to the Garden page so everyone can enjoy the beauty from the comfort of their home. We should also look at ordering new plaques for the spring, some are in very bad shape. I also am updating a few of the Heritage home photos so that our walking tour can be updated over the winter. I have learned that the blue is one of the worst colours for UV Damage. I have also been adding our new Asset inventory, this is required by the Province to have all our Assets catalogued and pictures.

We have had quite a few signs added to our parks area and our library sign updated. Looks great.

We have a call into Maritime Electric to come and take down the partial poles on Kent Street and Fitzroy Street, the pole have been this way for a while and do not help with the aesthetics of the town. We have a third phone call into Island Telephone to come and address the crooked pole by our Town sign.

I would like to ask the Councillor in Charge of Three Rivers Sportsplex committee if he could ask the Board at the AGM if it is possible to keep me informed when they are having functions like dances catering etc. It is important that the town be covered when they hold their events and we get certificates of insurance and vendors permits etc. Sometimes they get overlooked or forgotten, but if the Town is informed of events and details we can always be protected.

I have taken in a few meetings on Climate protection and programs available and on

insurance coverage these little info sessions are not always what I expect but surprisingly always amount to acquiring lots of knowledge that help on a day to day basis at the office. The engagement with other members of other communities is also extremely beneficial.

I have finished some of the requirements set out by WCB. They are pleased with the results so far but in the next few months it will require the managers of the Town facilities to get on board a little more with safety meetings and inspections.

We received top reviews from One Ocean on their trip to our town Let me read you what they said..... Georgetown had the perfect mix of natural beauty, history and wonderful activities that our passengers could undertake. We had about 15 passengers cycle up to Montague and return by zodiac down the river. Another group paddled sea kayaks up a river and exchanged greetings with fellow passengers golfing at Dundarave Golf course. The birding was excellent and landing at a beach across the street from the Maroon Pig Bakery and Art Gallery was a treat. We were made to feel very welcome by everyone that we came across. I am pondering a rewrite to our itineraries to incorporate Georgetown into our sail plan in the future.

In closing I would like to ask if Council would like to change or adapt the way we get info out to you. I understand getting emails all day is frustrating and everyone needs to work throughout the day. Is there a process by which we can change the messaging so that we only send out the messages we need you to response to. Maybe establishing a policy on things like advertising etc. The Town has been offered a placement from the Mi'kmaq confederacy for 14 weeks. Although this is longer than we can employ I have offered to see if we could split the placement with the town and the rink.

Respectfully submitted

Dorothy Anne Macdonald CAO

**It was moved to adopt the report as submitted by Councillor Stephens and seconded by Councillor Hebert. Motion Carried.**

## 9.0

### 9.0 New Business

#### 9.1 Resolution Lagoon Tenders

**Councillor Jenkins on behalf of Councillor Gallant put through the following Resolution:**

Whereas request for proposals were called for a Sewer Lagoon Upgrades Phase 3  
**Project CWWF-03-17-18**

**And whereas the following tenders were received:**

| <b>Firm</b>  | <b>Tender Amount</b> | <b>Period</b> |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Kings County | \$212,000            | August 2017   |

Be it resolved that The Town of Georgetown awards the tender to Kings County Construction. For the amount of **\$212,000** including HST, being accepted as the only tender received.

**It was moved by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Gallant, Motion Carried**

## **9.2 Tenders and Resolution Official Plan**

Whereas request for proposals were called for a **Comprehensive review and update for the Town of Georgetown Official Plan and Zoning & Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw. Project 7.4.5**

**And whereas the following tenders were received:**

| <b>Firm</b> | <b>Tender Amount</b> | <b>Period</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Upland      | \$19,975.50          | August 2017   |
| WSP         | \$24,785.00          | August 2017   |
| Stantec     | \$17,209.00          | August 2017   |

Be it resolved that The Town of Georgetown awards the Official Plan and Bylaw review to Upland

For the amount of \$ 19975.50 including HST, being accepted as it was the lowest tender received.

**It was moved by Councillor Hebert and seconded by Councillor Jenkins, Motion Carried**

## **9.3 Seeking Tenders for West Street Erosion**

Did not get discussed, presently specs are being sought to put together a proposal for work to be tendered for the West Street Erosion project hopefully to start in October.

## **9.4 Discussion Closing Fitzroy Street**

It was noted that presently the Province is still waiting for a spec on what the structures will look like from GPI. GPI was not aware this was the hold up and stated no structure was ever to be placed on this property it was access only. Tim Mair GPI board member will fulfill the requirements. Council was made aware that a former motion was made by Councillor Allan Gallant to allow GPI to obtain the property.

## **9.5 Snow Tenders**

Council members were given copies of the previous year tenders to review if any changes were to be made they were to forward same to the office so tenders could be sent out soon.

## **9.6 Halloween Ad- Patrol**

Council gave general consent to place the ad as usual for Halloween and that Minor Hockey would be doing the patrol. Funds allocated in previous years were not used, CAO Macdonald wanted members to be aware so the funding could reach the appropriate individuals this year.

## **9.7 Committees structure/ purpose**

Mayor Lavandier reminded council members that the committee meetings were not being held as policy states and that all members of committees were to meet and all members are to be informed of the meetings

**9.8 Gardens Tree-Decorations**

This item dealt with during Councillor McQuillan report.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:35, seconded by Councillor Stephens**

**Minutes recorded by  
CAO Dorothy Anne Macdonald  
And submitted by  
Dorothy Anne Macdonald, CAO  
September 18, 2017**

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**Lewis Lavandier, Mayor**

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**Dorothy Anne Macdonald, CAO**