



MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY,
July 20, 2009

Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Councillor Peggy King
Councillor Barry O'Brien
Councillor Wade Williams
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Craig Murphy
CAO Tonya Cameron



The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on 7/20/2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Attendance: Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Councillor Peggy King
Councillor Wade Williams
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Craig Murphy
Councillor Barry O'Brien

1.0 Call to Order

Acting Mayor Lewis Lavandier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda: 7/20/2009

Moved for approval: Councillor Murphy.

Second: Councillor McQuillan. Motion Carried.

2.1 Additions to Agenda

Nil

2.2 Conflict of Interest Provision

Part V1, Section 23 of the *PEI 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-None declared.

3.0 Business/Presentations from the Floor:

3.1 Councillor Peggy Kings made the following RESOLUTION – Court Case No. S1-GS-23050:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Lewis Lavandier, Mayor of the Town of Georgetown, be and hereby is authorized to settle all matters, as he in his sole discretion deems advisable, in regard to the present action between the Town of Georgetown and the Eastern School District, being Supreme Court Cause No. S1-GS-23050.

Further be it RESOLVED THAT without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Lewis Lavandier, Mayor of the Town of Georgetown, be and hereby is empowered to execute a

Settlement Agreement with the Eastern School Board, which Settlement Agreement may contain a confidentiality provision barring the Town of Georgetown and any of its officers, agents, servants or employees from disclosing any of the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

Further be it RESOLVED THAT Lewis Lavandier, Mayor of the Town of Georgetown, in his sole discretion be and hereby is authorized to approve a joint press release on behalf of the Town of Georgetown with the Eastern School Board relating to the settlement agreement if he deems such press release advisable.

- **Moved by Councillor Peggy King, seconded by Councillor Wade Williams. Motion Carried.**

4.0 Minutes

Council Meetings: June 15, 2009 Regular Meeting and business thereof.

June 15, 2009 Regular Meeting

4.1 Adoption

Moved by Councillor King.

Second: Councillor Williams. Motion Carried.

4.2 Business from Town Council Minutes – June 15, 2009.

No business presented.

5.0 Financial Statements (Unaudited)

5.1 General Account-to June 30, 2009

Moved for approval as presented by Councillor Murphy,

Seconded by Councillor O'Brien. Motion Carried

5.2 Sewer Corporation-to June 30, 2009

Moved for approval as presented by Councillor McQuillan,

Seconded by Councillor King. Motion Carried.

6.0 Outstanding Expenditures (preliminary & supplementary list)

General discussion with respect to expenditures on beach house upkeep and Summer Days expenses.

Moved by Councillor McQuillan for approval as presented, seconded by Councillor O'Brien. Motion Carried.

7.0 List of Correspondence June 16, 2009 to July 20, 2009:

7.1 PEI Analytical Laboratories re: Lagoon sample testing; no action required.

7.2 Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour re: upcoming elections; CAO requested to have Leigh McQuillan and Frank Stevens be returning officers again this year.

- **Motion made by Councillor Williams to have Leigh McQuillan and Frank Stevens return as Returning Officers for the 2009 Municipal Election, seconded by Councillor O'Brien. Motion Carried.**

- 7.3 Donald Armitage re: newspaper article about lobster party; General discussion – agreement that this is what is currently being done. CAO Tonya Cameron to send Mr. Armitage advising him that this is currently what is being done.
- 7.4 Maritime Electric re: release form for incident at West Street sewer facility; General discussion – making sure that the work has been completed. No further action required.
- 7.5 D.O.T. re: letter advising the Town that the date for tender for the Water Street Upgrades has closed; no action required.
- 7.6 St. Peter's Bay re: invitation to participate in parade; no action required.
- 7.7 Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour re: Municipal Statistical Review announcement; no action required.
- 7.8 Institute for Social Research York University re: physical activity in Canadian Communities survey; Mayor Lavandier turned survey over to Councillor O'Brien to complete.
- 7.9 Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour re: amendment to the Municipality Act; no action required.
- 7.10 CUPW-STTP re: petition to save post offices and rural delivery; Council agreed to sign Petition.
- 7.11 King's Playhouse re: request for rezoning parcel #171256; CAO Tonya Cameron to contact Phil Wood with respect to this issue.
- 7.12 Elizabeth Hutchinson re: request to have Wood Lane paved; General discussion – Councillor Williams did try to have this included in the Water St. upgrades, but unfortunately this wasn't part of what the Province was willing to fund. At this present time no promises can be made, but it is part of the long term plan.
- 7.13 PEI Analytical Laboratories re: Water quality test report; no action required.
- 7.14 Premier's Office re: invitation for Mayor Lavandier to attend The Premier's Canada Games Reception; no action required.
- 7.15 PEI Analytical Laboratories re: Water Quality test report; no action required.
- 7.16 Run 4 Wishes re: invitation for Mayor to attend Run 4 Wishes reception; no action required.
- 7.17 New Horizons for Seniors Program re: PEI-Georgetown Senior's Learning Forums & Mentoring Program; no action required.
- 7.18 GADC re: request to operate a farmer's market; general discussion
- **Councillor Murphy made a motion to allow the GADC to utilize the AA Garden's Gazebo to be utilized as a Farmer's Market, and /or the Band Stand if it becomes a more desirable location for the GADC's Farmer's Market, seconded by Councillor O'Brien . Motion carried.**
- 7.19 PEI Analytical Laboratories re: Water Quality Test Report; no action required.
- 7.20 Norbert Carpenter re: request for small walking bridge for school; Council agreed to purchase the materials to build a small boardwalk (possibly 2

boardwalks depending on cost). Councillor Williams to ask Joe Clory to get a quote for building materials. One to be built, second one pending costs of project.

- 7.21** Joe & Inez Clory re: request for street light at 41 East Street; Feeling of Council to go ahead if the monthly utility charge isn't overly expensive. CAO Tonya Cameron to email Council with respect to cost once Maritime Electric is alerted to the addition of street light.

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 *Finance, Government Relations -Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair:*

Mayor Lavandier gave the following report:

We have secured a long term loan for the legal cost involved with the "save our school" effort. Although this is a substantial amount we are fortunate that we will be given ample time to repay this loan.

The Water Street Upgrade Project has finally begun, we have been waiting a long time to see this happen, and I am confident that when this project is finished, the people of Georgetown will see first hand why we are so excited about it. It's going to be fantastic when this thing is done.

I would again like to assure the local businesses that we will be making every effort to complete this project with the least disruption possible.

At this time I would like to thank Councillor Peggy King, Melvin Ford and all the volunteers that made Georgetown Days a great success again this year. Without the help of our volunteers where would be?

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Lewis Lavandier

8.2 *Public Works, Property, Main Street Programs, Sewer & Water Utilities-Councillor Williams, Committee Chair:*

Public Works, Property & Utilities June 2009

We received a quote to do the patching on the streets; it's broken down into two parts. To fix some of the long patching and some of the potholes around the Town will be \$10,350. To fix the bust up on Glenelg St. (about 120 meters) will be approx. \$7,650. Total cost including taxes would be approximately \$18,900 to do the necessary work, and that's the bare bones of what we may want to do.

Councillor Murphy suggested that perhaps we could put this work off until the contract work starts on Water Street. It is possible that the contractor's may give a better price.

- **Moved by Councillor Williams to hire Island Construction to do the necessary paving work done at this time, seconded by Councillor Murphy. Carried.**

Respectfully submitted
Councillor Wade Williams

8.3 *Three Rivers Sportsplex & Community and Media Relations: Councillor King, Committee Chair:*

As there was no regularly monthly meeting of the Sportsplex yet this month, there is no written report / expense sheet, Councillor King gave the following verbal report:

The Rink held a very successful Summer Days Dance this year. There was 300 plus in attendance. Councillor King thanked Melvin Ford for taking over the bar this year, Mr. Ford did a really great job – very organized and run very smoothly. We had great volunteers and a wonderful crowd. The Board of Directors of the Three Rivers Sportsplex will be holding its next board meeting in August and we are hoping to get some more interested people to come on board. We are very hopeful to get some new members. The books have gone to the auditor for the fiscal year.

Summer Days – Just a quick note on Summer Days, overall it was very successful and we had a lot of positive feedback. It was very family oriented and the kid's had a blast. I would like to thank each and every one of the committee volunteers. It was a small group but they each worked really really hard and made the week a great success.

I would like to send a thank you card to the Fire Department because we were very impressed with the Georgetown Fire Fighters that dressed up in uniform and walked in the parade. We had a Fire Truck in front and as always, they were very helpful with the fire works.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councillor Peggy King

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor King and the volunteers for their hard work, and the great job they did. Keep up the great work!

8.4 *Seniors Affairs: Councillor McQuillan, Committee Chair:*

Councillor McQuillan reported that the Georgetown Senior's group have booked a Cruise Manada Tour for August.

The BBQ was a big success, lots of fun for all!

Tomorrow evening we are having a strawberry social and Barb Penny will be bringing home made ice-cream for tomorrow night at the Senior's Complex at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to drop in for some ice-cream!

We did receive 45 computers, and they are all spoken for. We now have 10 more names and we are going to try to secure them with computers as well.

Sarah Jane Clory is helping train them in the mornings on their new computers. She has created a computer "instruction help sheet" to get them up and running, and has offered to go to their homes to get them set up.

A huge thank you to Charlie Martell, this was his great idea for the computers. I think it would be great if we could send him a letter thanking him for all his help from the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Faye McQuillan.

8.5 Youth & Recreation: Councillor O'Brien, Committee Chair:

Councillor Barry gave the following verbal report:

Youth & Recreation:

I have been approached by several parents of the community with a request with respect to setting aside a piece of land for a motor-cross area for motorized off-road vehicles somewhere in the Town. I imagine everyone has probably noticed an influx of dirt-bikes in the community over the last little while. They are looking for an area to ride the dirt bikes safely and have inquired about the old soccer fields. They say it is secluded and would allow for easy access, and staying away from the centre of the Town and would have minimal set up costs re: hills, etc., they would maintain it themselves upon approval.

I feel we should take a look at this, based on the fact that the bike in Town that we have now are using their bikes in the centre of the Town, on the walking track of the Town, etc. – we really must look at this situation and the possibility of having them or their parents sign waivers.

Respectfully submitted, Councillor O'Brien

General discussion between Council with respect to insurance and where the dirt-bikers are currently driving in the Town, and the bylaw on off-road vehicles. General discussion about liability insurance and potential of signing a parcel over to the group to allow them to insure it themselves.

Council in agreement that now that this issue has come to the attention of Council that a “No Motorized Vehicle’s Permitted” sign should be posted near the walking track, with respect to liability issues. Councillor Williams offered to order signs.

Council in general agreement that it would be great to help this group if we can accommodate them.

Council continued general discussion with respect to possibilities of approaching private owners and/or insurance quotes. Option of leasing and allowing users to obtain their own insurance discussed.

Tonya Cameron, CAO to contact our insurance agent to see about quotes. Deferred until such time that we receive a response from our Insurer.

Georgetown & Area Development Corporation, Councillor O’Brien gave the following verbal report.

Nothing new to add, due to work schedule I was unable to attend the last meeting of the GADC.

8.6 Fire Department and Community Development, Councillor Craig Murphy, Committee Chair: Councillor Craig Murphy read aloud the following report, as submitted by Fire Chief Mark Gotell:

Fire Chief’s Report for July 2009

Fire Calls	EMS Calls	MVA Calls	Forestry Calls	Training	Meetings
2	1	0	0	0	1

I attended the Maritime Fire Chiefs Annual Meeting in Pictou County on July 6th – 8th.

I participated in a very moving experience by attending the dress parade through the town of New Glasgow and a church service with approximately 300 of my fellow firefighters, during the service they placed seven white hats and rang the last alarm for chiefs or deputy chiefs that have passed away in the last year in the Maritimes. The fact that we never had dress uniforms before; this would be the first time in 95 years of the Maritime Fire Chiefs that Georgetown ever took part in this event.

At last months report I asked if the Town could support us in painting the fire hall floor for the upcoming PEI FFA Annual Meeting. Craig then asks me to get a price on what it would cost. We would need around 10 gal of paint at \$35.00 a gal so a cost of \$350.00 plus tax with a few misc supplies it should cost around \$450.00 tax Inc. As time is slipping by before the event we would like approval as soon as possible.

Yours in Fire Safety

Mark G. Gotell
Fire Chief

Respectfully submitted by Councillor Craig Murphy.

- **Motion made by Councillor McQuillan to charge the paint required to paint the fire hall floor in the amount of approximately \$450 plus tax, with funding from the 2009 Civic Centre maintenance budget, seconded by Councillor O'Brien. Motion Carried.**

8.7 *Kings Playhouse: Councillor Faye McQuillan, Committee Chair*

Councillor McQuillan read aloud the following King's Playhouse report:

Been a busy month here at the theatre...We have two EDA contracts completed. Both Kathy & Sharon have completed 13 weeks. Both did a fantastic job and are to be commended for the great job they did.

We now have an RJI (Rural Job Initiative) staff on for 14 weeks...Amber MacLean (engaged to Ryan Stevens) is with us now. This is her second week. She will be handling the box office on a regular basis as well as assisting Melvin with other office matters.

Gladys and Kelly are with us for another 4 weeks. Melvin will be applying to other agencies to see if there might be the possibility of finding another program to hire more people for the remainder of the summer and into the fall since we are now year round.

There is still no word on the funding for the upcoming renovations to the theatre. If and when that happens, Melvin will notify all council right away.

Thanks to the Town of Georgetown, the Playhouse now has overdraft on their account at the Credit Union. This allows us to continue to book acts into the new year while waiting for the remainder of the funding comes through from Heritage and the Province. All acts being booked into the next year require a 50% deposit before a show can be announced and advertised.

Melvin will be attending a conference in Pictou on Aug. 11 & 12 sponsored by Atlantic Presenters Association. This is where theatres come together to place offers on shows for next year as well as offer suggestions for groups that may be of benefit to the area. It is like bulk buying, the more theatres interested in a show, the cheaper the acts can come to this area.

As part of Georgetown Days, the theatre played host to the first annual Gospel Concert, due to the inclement weather. About 100 people took part in this event, and it was truly enjoyed by all. This is just another way the Playhouse can contribute to the success of an event such as this.

The Playhouse has three major concerts in the next two weeks. On Friday (July 24), Jimmy Flynn will be with us. Prior to this show, the Playhouse will be offering a Take Out Lobster Dinner for \$15. All proceeds from this dinner will go towards building maintenance and upkeep. Another supper will be held on Sunday afternoon (July 26) right after the Scott Woods show. Both dinners run from 4 to 7 and tickets should be purchased by Thursday of this week to allow for preparation. If anyone is interested, please let Melvin know to reserve your tickets. The following week, Tim Chaisson will be here on Friday, July 31st.

Our Wednesday night show featuring Lester Stubbert and Margie Carmichael continues to grow. It is a great show featuring down east music mixed with some stories and lots of laughter. Other guests are due to appear as well throughout the summer. Tickets are only \$10 for this show, and everyone is urged to come out and support this performance.

Items for our silent auction have started coming in to the theatre. Our Major fundraiser is set for Sept 12th at 8. Many local and provincial artists will be donating their time to this concert in the hopes of raising \$20,000 for the Playhouse. Tickets are \$30 per person and it includes a social gathering before with a Wine & Cheese reception. Tickets are now available, and everyone is urged to purchase their tickets now. During the course of the evening, a silent auction will be held. Bidding sheets will be placed out in the next two weeks with the items on display for all to see and bid on. Winners will be announced that night. This money will help with many needed renovations and upkeeps to the facility. Please spread the word and encourage others to attend and enjoy this wonderful night. See Melvin for more details.

We are fortunate to have the Visitor Information Centre at the Theatre again this year. The centre has been moved to the main lobby of the theatre for greater access and visibility. After a few little bumps in the road, things are running much smoother. Thanks Tonya for your help with getting her set up and running.

Movies continue to run on Monday and Tuesday afternoon and evening. A few people are taking in some of the movies, but not what we would like. I am sure it has a lot to do with the weather, but we will continue to offer these on a regular basis for the summer. They will switch back over to Friday and Saturday in the fall.

WE are having great numbers of tourists visit the theatre on a daily basis. Melvin will be placing a guest book in the foyer for visitors to sign as they come through. One big item of interest seems to be the Ghost that continues to haunt the theatre. So much so, that the PEI Ghost Hunters Society, as well as members of the Nova Scotia Ghost Hunters Society, have asked permission to come to the theatre for a night to observe and feel for the presence of the GHOST. This is a service that many patrons pay for, but the interest of the Ghost in the Theatre has sparked enough interest that they are coming here, free of charge to find out for themselves. They have already been present for a tour of the facility and are returning on Saturday, August 15th for the night. This might be of interest to some people.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, July 27th at the Theatre. Councillors are welcome to attend if they so choose. Meeting starts at 7 and last for about an hour and a half.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Faye McQuillan

General discussion with respect to the "Theatre's Ghost". Councillor Faye McQuillan to contact people that she knows has had some experiences at the Theatre.

8.8 *Community Heritage and Beautification: Councillor Williams, Committee Chair:*

Councillor Wade Williams gave the following report:

Community Development –

Island Construction has been given the ok to patch the streets; they will begin as soon as they are available.

There was damage to change-house over the weekend, a couple of broken windows.

ADI has sent a schedule of the work to be done over the next few weeks on Water Street:

The Contractor to begin work early this week on the storm outfalls at the fish plant and at Fitzroy. Most of this work will be off Water Street and is expected to take 2 to 3 days.

- The Contractor will be milling the asphalt on Water Street early this week. A thin layer of asphalt will be left on the roadway so the surface will remain in tact as much as possible.

- The sanitary sewer work will begin by late this week. This will begin at the intersection of West Street and Water Street, and will continue east until the Irving parking area. It is expected that this will take approximately 3 weeks to complete.

During the sanitary work, the contractor is expected to complete the 3 remaining outfalls off Water Street, located at Kent Street, Victoria Street and the Irving parking area.

- Once the sanitary work is complete, the Contractor will begin the storm sewer work on Water Street. It is anticipated that the Contractor will begin at Kent Street and proceed east. It is expected that this will take approximately 2 weeks.

- Once the Storm sewer is complete from Kent Street to the Irving parking area, the Contractor will install the storm sewer from West Street to Kent Street. It is expected that this will take approximately 2 weeks.

- Depending on the availability of the Contractor's crews and the weather, street reconstruction may begin in some areas while the storm sewer is being installed in other areas.

The above schedule is an estimate based on the information the Contractor has to date, and will change if unforeseen conditions arise on site. If there is a significant change in the schedule, we will inform the Town as soon as possible.

Councillor Williams advised that he has ordered some new signs for the businesses.

Beautification –

Veteran's Landing Sign – The cost has come in at \$2,200 plus tax.

- **Councillor Williams made a motion to accept Sign Craft's quote of \$2,200 plus applicable tax and to purchase the Veteran's Landing sign, to be placed at West Street Beach, seconded by Councillor King. Motion Carried.**

Advised that some residents of Victoria Street are wishing to be added to the Water Utility. At this time it appears E.I.S.I. is looking for the Town to absorb the costs of the extension, we are awaiting a response from E.I.S.I. Deferred until such time as we receive a response.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Wade Williams

8.9 Georgetown and Area Development: Councillor O'Brien, Committee Chair: Councillor Murphy had nothing new to report as he had to send his regrets to the last GADC meeting. Councillor Williams advised that he and Director Lavandier had to leave the last GADC meeting early as well, in order to attend another meeting. It was reported that the last meeting of the GADC was a "dinner" meeting, and it was held at Clam Diggers Restaurant.

8.10 Administrator's Report: Tonya Cameron, Acting Chief Administrative Officer:

Energy Audit – Terms of Reference have been completed and are being reviewed by Coles and Associates.

Cap Site Funding – Agreement has been signed by Librarian, Mary Cameron and I. We have now begun advertising for the position in hopes to start someone in August to keep the CapSite open for extra hours during the summer.

Summer Games – Lisa MacKenzie and myself met with Olive Bryanton and Sheila FitzPatrick on Friday July 17, with respect to the Summer Games August 26, 2009 day in Georgetown. Their committee will be supplying a visual artist a "weaver", who will be setting up a tent at 10 a.m. to perform a weaving demonstration during the day, between the Playhouse and the AA Gardens. Once she completes her project it will be presented at the Kings Playhouse in the evening. Canada Games Committee will also be sending out a "Celebrity Chef" with the "cuisine machine" that will be performing cooking demonstrations outside of the Playhouse during the day between 2 and 5 p.m. And finally, they will be supplying Performing Arts –beginning at 8 p.m. – Scott Parsons & Theresa Doyle & Brook Miller at the King's Playhouse Theatre.

I have confirmed with Peter Llewellyn that he will be doing daily artisan demonstrations during the Canada Games. Lisa and I look forward to working with Councillor King and Melvin Ford on other venue items that the Town will be providing. We are hoping to get some volunteers including any members of Council that wish to help. Currently we suggest to have volunteers give a walking tour of Georgetown, utilizing our walking tour brochure at 2 planned times (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.). Lisa has sent a request to the Shipyard in hopes that we will be able to do a tour of the Shipyard while on the walk. As well, we will be requesting the same of the Mair Museum and the Courthouse, as well as the AA Gardens, if all are available for a scheduled tour, this will make the walking tour a main event, covering many exciting areas of our local history.

Would Council like to put aside a budget to work on different ideas, i.e. purchasing some bar clams, and burying them in a "marked off" area of

West St. Beach? Potentially, a very unique and interactive presentation – we could have people go down to the shore and dig their own bar clams and cook them on the bbq. I believe that pre-planted clams in a roped off area at West St Beach would alleviate any insurance issues, but I would need to follow up with this.

As well, another potential area for the walking tour could be viewing the “Socking of mussels at the wharf.”

If we are unable to have a tour of the Shipyard, I am hoping to seek out someone that can give a presentation near the water with respect to our long shipbuilding history. We really want to target what Georgetown is noted for and we want to put focus on that. I.e. O’Leary is hoping to give people the opportunity to pick potatoes.

Again, we are open to suggestions and volunteers. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya Cameron, CAO

General discussion, Council passed on pre-planting of clams due to issues that may arise from Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans.

9.0 New Business:
Nil

10.0 Adjournment

Moved: by Councillor O’Brien.

Second: by Councillor King. Motion Carried.

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Tonya Cameron, CAO Town of Georgetown

Approved, August 17, 2009

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Tonya Cameron, CAO