



The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on January 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**MINUTES
GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL**

**MONDAY,
January 19, 2009**

Mayor Peter Llewellyn
Deputy Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Councillor Peggy King
Councillor Barry O'Brien
Councillor Wade Williams
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Craig Murphy
CAO Patsy Gotell

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Peter Llewellyn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda: 1/19/2009

Moved for approval: Councillor Barry O'Brien
Second: Councillor Faye 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

Councillor O'Brien declared himself in a possible interest in issues regarding entertainment bookings at the Kings Playhouse and stated that he would abstain from voting on such issues.

3.0 Business/Presentations from the Floor:

4.0 Minutes

Council Meeting December 15, 2008 Regular Meeting.

**4.1 December 15, 2008 Regular Meeting
Adoption**

Moved by Councillor Barry O'Brien,
Second: Councillor Wade Williams. Motion Carried.



4.2 Business from Town Council Minutes – December 15, 2008

No business presented.

5.0 Financial Statements (Unaudited)

5.1 General Account -unavailable

5.2 Sewer Corporation--unavailable

6.0 Outstanding Expenditures

Moved for approval as presented: Councillor Barry O'Brien.

Second: Councillor Craig Murphy.

Motion Carried.

7.0 List of Correspondence December 16 to January 19, 2009:

7.1 Federation Canadian Municipalities: Members Advisory-Call to action from FCM President /Federal Budget 2009 –Infrastructure as Economic Stimulus;

7.2 Community and Cultural Affairs: Notice of approval of Arena Support Grant in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars.

7.3 Canada PEI Infrastructure: Correspondence from Darlene Rhodenizer on a status update of (a) Project number 13343 –Sewer Lagoon Upgrades. (b) Project number 15645-Lagoon Upgrades Phase 2 and (c) Project number 17930 – Sewer & Water Main Replacement Water Street. CAO responded by email providing update as requested. Councillor provided with a copy of CAO's reply.

7.4 PEI Physician Resource Planning Committee: Correspondence from Dr. George Carruthers in response to letter from Mayor Llewellyn dated November 17, 2008 requesting to hire "Fee for Service Physician" position. Dr. Carruthers advised that the current physician complement in Kings County was increased last year from seven to eight physicians. The complement is determined according to the hospital catchment area and demographics. The current complement does not have a physician designated to the Town of Georgetown, however, Georgetown may wish to discuss with the physicians in Kings County and they may wish to hold clinics in Georgetown as part of the Kings County Hospital catchment area. Mayor Llewellyn advised that he contacted Dr. Carruthers and a further letter is expected addressing specifically a "Fee for Service Physician".

7.5 Heart & Stroke: Notice of Foundation's Annual campaign

7.6 2009 Canada Summer Games: Information and invitation.

7.7 Environmental Industrial Services Inc.: Correspondence from Pam Cameron with sample results for Water Quality Testing. November 20 to Dec 31, 2008 Sample # 231972, 231337, 231251, 231252, 231250, 230985, 231769, 231771, 231770, 231335, 231336.

7.8 Georgetown Minor Hockey Association: Request for support in the amount of \$200.00 for local Rocketahon Fundraising Event. Council agreed to defer this matter to look into what Council did in previous years regarding financial support.

- 7.9 Community and Cultural Affairs:** Correspondence from Albert MacDonald regarding Amendment to the PEI Municipalities Act; item: 35.1.for Council's attention.
- 7.10 David Boyce, Three Rivers Heritage Association:** Notice of meeting_on Thursday, January 22 in Georgetown.
- 7.11 Big Brothers, Big Sister "Bowl for Kids Sake" event:** Invitation to participate and support.
- **Moved by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Williams that the Town support the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowling event with a donation in the amount of \$100.00 towards Councillor McQuillan's participation. Carried.**
- 7.12 Matheson & Murray:** Correspondence from Kerri Lynn Seward Carpenter, Matheson & Murray legal firm providing legal information to Council regarding proposed closure of Georgetown School. This correspondence to be dealt with later in the meeting under New Business.

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 *Finance, Government Relations and New Physician-Mayor Llewellyn, Chair:*

Meeting with Mayors: The meeting with the three Mayors of the Towns of the Kings County last week in Souris. Two items discussed were regional policing and immigration to rural PEI. The Mayor of Souris will be doing a press update on this matter.

School Report: Mayor advised: The School Report was his major focus over the last couple of weeks. He noted that prior to the Council Meeting this evening, he had forwarded to Council members important information. (School Report, School Act and School Board Policy) for their review.

He advised that he has had many calls from surrounding communities regarding their concerns over school closures in their areas. There is a meeting tomorrow evening in St. Peters that he will attend.

The legal firm Matheson and Murray was contacted and Thomas Matheson and Kerri Lynn Seward Carpenter were updated on the Town's position. They have submitted correspondence on the matter that will be dealt with later in the meeting. Also, Mayor Llewellyn noted to Council that the Town received on Jan 15th, an email from Mr. Kevin Stonefield requesting additional information for the school report. Administrator advised Mr. Stonefield that we would be happy to supply some information to assist him in the coming weeks. We are presently working on our Integrated Community Sustainability Study, Review of the Town of Georgetown Official Plan and Zoning and Development Bylaws for the Town of Georgetown which all require similar information. The consultant team began compiling the required information in December and anticipate having this ready in February; which we felt was reasonable

given the time and effort required to gather and present the data. We should then have the information available to assist in answering the questions. Mr. Stonefield also dropped into the Office hoping to pick up the information and at the time Mayor Llewellyn briefly discussed particulars of the report. The Town has had many calls from surrounding communities regarding their concerns over school closures in their areas. There is a meeting tomorrow evening in St. Peters that he will attend.

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

Councillor Wade Williams reported:

Public Works:

Water Street Reconstruction: ADI had submitted amendments to Canada PEI Infrastructure Secretariat for the Lagoon Project and Water Street Project as approved at last months meeting. We are hopeful that the Tenders will be able to go out in March.

Sewer Lift Station: The damages that were incurred during the recent storm at the West Street lift stations, beach house buildings and deck area have been fixed. Harrow Roofing is in the process of finishing the roofing repairs. Maritime Electric will be responsible to cover the costs.

Storm Water Management Plan: Three engineering firms were invited to quote on the plan (CBCL, ADI and MHE). The closing date is Monday, Jan 26th.

- **Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor McQuillan that the Public Works, Sewer and Water Committee be granted authority to review specifications of the quotes and accept the best quote. Carried.**

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

Councillor King distributed Three Rivers Sportsplex Financial for Councillors to review. The statement is a great start from the new bookkeeper. The Sportsplex is running smooth with the next month being booked for six tournaments. The Bar and Canteen are both doing well.

8.4 Seniors Affairs: Councillor McQuillan, Committee Chair:

Councillor McQuillan advised that the Seniors continue to meet weekly. As always Council members welcome to attend. A foot clinic has been scheduled for February 13.

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

Councillor O'Brien reported:

Continue to work with Sheldon Thompson on “Putting a poppy in every Canadian School” Regardless of the government’s idea of closing the Georgetown School the plan is to go ahead with the first poppy being in Georgetown School. Further update next month.

8.6 Fire Department: Councillor Craig Murphy reported:

Councillor Murphy read monthly report as submitted by Fire Chief Mark Gotell as follows:

Fire Calls: 0
MVA Calls: 3
EMS Calls: 1
Training: 2
Meetings: 1

Members of the Fire Department Executive had a good meeting with the consultants for the ICSP and Official Plan and Bylaw review.

Currently there are three members of the Department taking the IFTA5-level 1 firefighting course. They started in January and will continue two nights a week until the middle of April. If successful this is a recognized course anywhere in North America. Councillor Murphy commended the efforts of those members taking this course.

Mike LaVie had been contacted a few times by the Fire Chief, in regard to snow removal at the Fire Hall and hydrants. Following the last major storm it was 2 p.m., before the Fire Hall was cleaned out. This should be a priority on Mr. LaVie’s list. Councillor Murphy advised that he had been contacted regarding the Fire Chief’s concerns and discussed the matter with Mike LaVie and the issue is taken care of. Also on snow removal the Fire Department suggested that more of the Playhouse parking lot be cleared when there are movies playing. (The public are using the fire hall parking area to park and when the firefighter’s are at the Fire Hall they use the Playhouse parking area to park as their parking area is not big enough.)

The Fire Chief requested that as we begin the New Year the Fire Department executive meet with Council to discuss the year ahead and the upcoming budget. A mutually convenient time to meet will be arranged.

8.7 Community Development & Kings Playhouse: Councillor Lavandier, Committee Chair:

Councillor Lavandier reported:

Kings Playhouse:

Councillor Lavandier read monthly report from Playhouse.

Financials: Account Balance as of Dec. 31/08 -\$ 9284.03

Outstanding Bills: \$ 1,811.88
Movie License: \$3000.00

Movies: Movies are running every Friday and Saturday evening as well as a Saturday afternoon Matinee. Attendance is low, but is starting to increase every weekend. The movies are still not where we want them to be, but is going to get there in time.

Summer Schedule is now being negotiated and booked. All bookings are now going through (Melvin) in the office. All work done previous to Melvin working in the office has since been passed over to him for him to complete. "**The Irish Descendants**" have been tentatively booked for March 28th and "**The Legend In Black**" has been confirmed for April 26th. Advertising for these shows will be starting shortly.

The year end books have been completed as of last Friday, and Melvin is now working with Patsy to have them forwarded to the Auditors before Tuesday. Dawn Wheeler spent two days working with Melvin to update him on the proper working of Simply Accounting 2008. This program is a little different from the program that was previously being used, but will be more efficient in the day to day operations of the Theatre.

On Friday of last week, the Theatre experienced some frozen pipes. The damage occurred outside the main bathroom area, caused by a copper pipe bursting and a sewer pipe freezing. Both of these pipes were located on the south wall and exposed to extreme cold overnight. Heat was on in the building, but the pipes were located in the bulk head where no heat was able to get to. Also, a major lack of insulation caused extremely cold temperatures between the floors. The insurance adjusters were out to visit the site on Friday afternoon and the insurance company's restoration people were brought in the same evening - heaters and de-humidifiers were put in place for the weekend to dry the floor and gyproc. As of this morning, workers were on site tearing gyproc, baseboards and floors up to be replaced. The plumber was in all Friday afternoon and again on Saturday, insulating the water pipes and putting insulation against the outer wall to avoid further damage. Damage is estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$8,000. There is a deductible to the Town in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Also this morning, Melvin discovered water leaking in to the building on the stage, just above the new projector unit. The proper people have been notified and the restoration people entered the attic area to find that a sheet of plywood that covers the louvers in the tower on the roof of the building had been blown off in a previous storm, and the tower had filled with snow. With these mornings' temperatures, the snow melted and the water came in on the back of the stage. The projector unit has been properly protected and no further damage is expected due to this incident. The restoration crews have

removed the snow and have placed heating units in the tower to dry up the area. Council commended Melvin on doing a terrific job and keeping on top of the running the Playhouse.

Planning and Development:

The Planning Committee will be meeting with Community Development representatives on Wednesday. At that time there will be discussion on new projects for the Town. As well some members of the GADC will also discuss a project that they would like to proceed with if funding is available. It is great to see the new citizens of the Town so interested in what is taking place. The public meeting held at the Inn last week for the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan was an example of some of the newest residents showing a desire to work with the Council to bring about changes. Councillor Lavandier commented that the enthusiasm at that meeting was great to be a part of.

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

Councillor Williams reported:

The Three Rivers Heritage Association will meet on Thursday, January 22, 2009 in Georgetown at the Civic Centre.

8.9 Georgetown and Area Development: Councillor Murphy, Committee Chair:

Councillor Murphy reported:

The GADC have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday morning with Community Development and Active Communities to give consideration of a project with Service Canada.

8.10 Administration Report: Patsy Gotell, Chief Administrative Officer:

ICSP/Official Plan & Bylaw Review: Meetings to date have shown good turnouts and very impressive visions. Phil Wood has sent out to Council members the first email in preparation for the review of Bylaws and Plan. I encourage all members of Council to review as per Phil's email. Tonya and I are compiling additional information from the past ten years to update stats.

Year End Financials: We are working on the preparation of reports for the audit and financial statement; expect to have a date scheduled before the end of January for the year end review.

Budgets: As soon as we receive revenue numbers for 2009 we should start preliminary preparations for the Annual Budget for General and Sewer Account.

Insurance Policies for Employees: Two proposals have been received for consideration – Cook Insurance and Derek Nicholson. They should be given consideration during budget review.

8.11 New Business:

Proposed Closure of Georgetown School: The legal firm Matheson and Murray was contacted by the Mayor and Thomas Matheson and Kerri Lynn Seward Carpenter were updated on the Town’s position. They were asked to submit a legal opinion. A letter was received by fax this evening prior to meeting. Council members were given the opportunity to review.

- **Moved by Councillor Barry O’Brien and seconded by Councillor Lavandier that Georgetown Town Council appoint our Mayor - Peter Llewellyn to instruct the Town’s Solicitor – Tom Matheson to seek a declaration from the Court, as per the letter from his firm, dated January 19, 2009 to Town Council. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

8.12 Adjournment

Moved; by Councillor Williams
Second: by Councillor King. Carried.

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Patsy Gotell, CAO Town of Georgetown

Approved: February 16, 2009

Peter, Llewellyn, Mayor

Patsy Gotell, CAO