



## MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY,  
November 16, 2009

Mayor Lewis Lavandier  
Deputy Mayor Wade Williams  
Councillor Allan Gallant  
Councillor Ronnie Gallant  
Councillor Peggy King  
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 11/16/2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Attendance: Mayor Lewis Lavandier  
Deputy Mayor Wade Williams  
Councillor Allan Gallant  
Councillor Ronnie Gallant  
Councillor Peggy King  
Councillor Faye McQuillan  
Councillor Craig Murphy

### 1.0 Call to Order

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

### 2.0 Approval of Agenda: 11/16/2009

Moved for approval: Councillor W. Williams.

Second: Councillor F. 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 None

### 4.0 Minutes

Council Meeting: October 19, 2009 Regular Meeting and business thereof.

#### 4.1 Adoption

Moved by Councillor F. McQuillan.

Second: Councillor W. Williams. Motion Carried.

#### 4.2 Business from Town Council Minutes

No business presented.

### 5.0 Financial Statements (Unaudited)

#### 5.1 General Account-to October 31, 2009

Moved for approval as presented by Councillor P. King,

Seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried

#### 5.2 Sewer Corporation-to October 31, 2009

**Moved for approval as presented by Councillor W. Williams,  
Seconded by Councillor P. King. Motion Carried.**

**6.0 Outstanding Expenditures (preliminary & supplementary list)**

**Moved by Councillor C. Murphy for approval as presented, with the addition of Tonya Cameron's travel claim from May 2009 through November 16, 2009 in the amount of \$490.44, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

**7.0 List of Correspondence October 20 - November 16, 2009:**

**7.1 Eastern Kings Canucks: re: financial support for Peewee AA for 2009-2010 season; **deferred to finance committee.****

**7.2 Ocean 100/Krock 105.5: Invitation to Summerside Santa Claus Parade; **no action required.****

**7.3 Clifford Yorston: re: to consolidate sewer & water for lots #170670 & #653774 which was just recently purchased;**

- Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to grant Mr. Clifford Yorston permission from the Town of Georgetown to proceed with contacting Property & Taxation Records in Charlottetown to adjoin lots being owned by him and having parcel #170670 and parcel #653774. Mr. Yorston is to be made aware that sewer and water utility invoices will be billed equally on one new account (same amount as before as frontage does not change), seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

**7.4 Darren Martell: re: looking to purchase former railroad property being parcel #429680; **deferred until such time as we have ownership of the property. Councillor W. Williams would like to have the Planning Committee discuss this property and make a recommendation to Council as soon as ownership is transferred to the Town.****

**7.5 Points East Coastal Drive: IE Quarterly News; **no action required.****

**7.6 IRAC: permit for water and waste water services; **no action required.****

**7.7 Communities, Cultural Affairs & Labour: invitation to Municipal Orientation Session; **no action required.****

**7.8 Island East Tourism Group: invitation to membership social event; **no action required.****

**7.9 Special Olympics: invitation to Open House & 40th Anniversary Book Launch; **no action required.****

- 7.10** Federation of PEI Municipalities: a copy of the model of Code of Conduct for members of city, town and community councils; **Deferred until next meeting, Council to review.**
- 7.11** Norbert Carpenter: re: request to use the portion of the inner track for a soccer field; **General discussion of Council.**
- **Councillor A. Gallant moved to grant the school permission to use the land adjacent to the school, currently owned by the Town of Georgetown, to set up a soccer field, conditional upon the Eastern School District and/or Georgetown School provide insurance coverage for same – should a student get hurt on the property, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion carried.**

## **8.0 Committee Reports**

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

Mayor Lavandier gave the following report:

Welcome Council Elect - I would like to congratulate all elected members of Council. It's just great to have the same old players back as well as welcome Councillor Allan Gallant and Councillor Ronnie Gallant to our team. I think the people of Georgetown have really put together a group that is really going to move the Town forward. Thank you for putting your names forward. It speaks well of the residents of Georgetown to see 9 candidates put their names forward. I think they have made a great choice of Council. It's great to have the old members back and the new members on board. Welcome all!

Georgetown School – I have spoken with Sandy MacDonald in regards to working with us to address the issues that were brought up in the school board's report; Sandy informed me that he or a member of the eastern school board would meet with us at any time to address these issues and try to help us resolve them.

I attended the last home and school meeting and informed them that we would be working with them and would have one of our councillors be part of the combined effort of the home and school and friend's of Georgetown school groups, to try to resolve these issues.

Monthly Reports – As we are now beginning a new term, our administrator has informed me that Council members who gave their monthly reports verbally in the past were not always being properly picked up by the recorder, and this was making it difficult to provide the council reports in the minutes of the meetings accurately. As a result, I would ask Council members to provide written reports in the future.

We also seem to be having some issues with open discussion with people in the Council Chambers who are not on the agenda. As we want to conduct our meetings in a professional manner, we should try to refrain from open discussion as much as possible unless it is unavoidable.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mayor Lewis Lavandier

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

Councillor Wade Williams gave the following report:

Water St. Upgrades: Landscaping and sidewalks are being finalized. Next year the pavement will receive final coat. Asphalt in front of the firehall is to be sealed in front of the street next year as well.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Councillor Wade Williams

Council had general discussion regarding the storm drains, and sewer lines under Water Street, as well as, insurance for any incidentals.

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

Councillor King gave the following report:

The Sportsplex Board had their monthly meeting last Wednesday night. Overall operations seem to be going really well. Ringette Tournament was a success.

Halloween Dance made \$2,000 plus in the bar. The book-keeper will have a report prepared of expenses paid for the next meeting. Mark Murphy is doing a tremendous job, putting a lot of hours in free of charge. Samantha Wight has been doing a fantastic job, she has gone above and beyond her zamboni duties and has been sweeping, cleaning and helping out in the canteen. She puts in 110% percent and is always willing to try to take on new responsibilities. She is a really great asset to the rink!

Advised that she has been hearing a lot of compliments on the condition of the ice at the Three Rivers Sportsplex, one in particular was that Georgetown has the best ice around.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Councillor Peggy King

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor P. King for her report, as well, for doing such a great job with the Remembrance Day Service.

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

Councillor McQuillan reported that the Georgetown Senior’s group is doing well.

LEAP Program - They will be working on a play between now and March which is being funded by New Horizons. Dawn Sadoway will be the play’s Director. The contracts have been signed and grant is approved.

Computers – We received 60 computers for the Senior’s this year. The Senior’s Group has decided to take the money from the computers (each computer had a \$10 donation/fee) and apply it to purchasing a chair at the King’s Playhouse Theatre. Seat to be purchased this Wednesday.

Weekly Meetings – The Senior’s Group elected Bernice “Binnie” DeLory as Chairperson for their Group. They meet weekly (every Wednesday) and hold a regular monthly meeting at the end of each month. They now have a Secretary, Chairperson and different committees.

Respectfully submitted,  
Councillor Faye McQuillan.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor F. McQuillan for her report.

**8.5 Youth & Recreation: Committee Chair to be replaced, no report at this time.**

**8.6 Fire Department and Community Development, Councillor Craig Murphy, Committee Chair:** submitted in person by Fire Chief Mark Gotell:

Fire Chief’s Report for November 2009

Fire Calls	EMS Calls	MVA Calls	Forestry Calls	Training	Meetings
1	4	1	0	1	2

I am very pleased to report that we had a very quiet Halloween again this year with No Fire Calls, I contribute this to having the town patrolled by Minor Hockey parents, as well as Fire Prevention with our school kids over the years, as they get older and they see us at the school year after year, they realize the dangers of setting fires.

As we are coming to the end of yet another year I would like to take this opportunity to give a little review over the past year. Total number of calls as of November 15th was 37 with 13 being fire calls and 24 being EMS; we had 10 meetings and 14 training sessions. We had 3 people successfully complete the Level 1 firefighting course at the PEI Fire School this is a commitment of over 200 hours to complete this course.

We have 6 new First Responders for a total of 20 in our department. We have hosted a very successful PEI Firefighter Annual Meeting and Trade Show, one of the best shows on PEI and people are still talking about it.

As I stated, we are coming to an end of another year, which also means that I am coming to the end of my two year term as Fire Chief in the Department we hold elections of officers every two years and with this year being an election year my term will end on December 31st. Where does the time go!

I will however be re-offering my name for Fire Chief at our Annual Meeting on Friday November 27th at Maclans but one never knows what will happen.

Also at our Annual Meeting 5 Firefighters will be presented with their 20 years of service Provincial Medals along with 6 Firefighters getting their 5, 10 or 15 years of service pins from the Provincial Fire Marshal. The Chief Instructor of the PEI Firefighters School will also be in attendance to present the three new Level 1 Firefighters with their certificates. I would ask that Account 5360 be released to the Fire Department as well.

At this time I would like to congratulate his Worship Mayor Lavandier along with all members of council on your recent victory in the municipal election on November 2nd. I don't have to tell you that it is hard to get people interested in serving their community and much like my job as fire chief I am sure there are times that you wonder why you go through the agony, but then you see the achievements you have made in the community and it all becomes worth while.

Even though you are all old faces to the council table at one time or another I would like to remind you that in the past we had a good working relationship with the Mayor and Town Council and would like to see this continue over the next three years.

As a reminder please keep in mind when residents pay taxes they pay them for services and one of the most important services the Town provides is Fire coverage.

Imagine if your fire service was coming from far away say Cardigan or even Pools Corner, People wouldn't be able to afford to live in Georgetown as their insurance rates would be through the roof.

Believe it or not regionalization of the fire service is on the horizon, that is why we have to continue training our firefighters and keeping our equipment current and in good working order to insure the Department stays as part of our Town.

I am sure you will be faced with many challenging moments. So on behalf of myself and members of the department, I would like to wish the new Mayor and Council all the best over the next three years, we look forward to working with you for the betterment of the Department and the People we serve.

On a personal note I want to congratulate Mayor Lavandier and all members of council on a job well done with the reconstruction of Water Street, the new lights are beautiful and I can't wait to see them lit and the completion done. Keep up the great work!

Yours in Fire Safety

Mark G. Gotell  
Fire Chief

Mayor Lavandier thanked Fire Chief Gotell, as well, gave remarks advising on behalf of Council that they fully intend and look forward to working together with the Fire Department in any way possible as always.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Fire Chief Gotell for all the service he has provided personally.

Councillor Murphy commended the Fire Department on their efforts.

- **Moved by Councillor Murphy to release the Fire Department's Honorarium in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) Dollars as per the 2009 Budget, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

Community Development – we have received a building permit application for the removal of the smaller tanks and buildings from the Ultramar property.

Respectfully submitted by  
Councillor Craig Murphy.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor Murphy

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

Councillor McQuillan gave the following verbal report:

Playhouse renovations are going great, Melvin Ford Manager to submit a further report later this week.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Faye McQuillan

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

Nothing new to report

**8.9 Georgetown and Area Development: New Councillor to be appointed – no report this month.**

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

Tonya Cameron, CAO gave the following report:

It was a very busy month with the election affairs; Senior's New Horizon's & Leap Program approvals were very exciting this month. Otherwise, it has been regular day-to-day duties in the office.

Congratulations to each of you on your recent election, I look forward to working with you during your term.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tonya Cameron, CAO

Mayor Lavandier thanked Tonya Cameron for her report. Councillor F. McQuillan also thanked Tonya Cameron for her work on the LEAP Program Application.

**9.0 New Business:**

**9.1 New Town of Georgetown Standing Committees**

Mayor Lavandier read aloud the Councillor's new portfolios and Standing Committees as follows:

GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES–Nov. 16,  
2009  
MAYOR - LEWIS LAVANDIER  
DEPUTY MAYOR – WADE WILLIAMS  
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER - TONYA CAMERON  
MAYOR LAVANDIER IS EX-OFFICIO ON ALL COMMITTEES,  
BOARDS OF MANAGMENT AND DEPARTMENTS

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<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>CHAIRPERSON</u></b>	<b><u>MEMBERS</u></b>
<b>Civic Centre</b>	Ronnie Gallant	Faye McQuillan Craig Murphy
<b>Community Heritage &amp; Beautification</b>	Wade Williams	Ronnie Gallant Craig Murphy
<b>Community &amp; Media Relations and Special Events</b>	Faye McQuillan	Ronnie Gallant Craig Murphy
<b>Finance, Government Relations</b>	Allan Gallant	Craig Murphy Wade Williams
<b>Fire Department</b>	Ronnie Gallant	Faye McQuillan Craig Murphy Volunteer Fire Fighters
<b>GADC Representatives</b>	Allan Gallant – Town Rep	Wade Williams Volunteer Board of Directors
<b>King’s Playhouse Theatre</b>	Peggy King	Allan Gallant Craig Murphy Volunteer Board of Directors
<b>Planning &amp; Community Development</b>	Craig Murphy	Allan Gallant Wade Williams
<b>Public Works, Property, Main St. Program &amp; Utilities</b>	Wade Williams	Ronnie Gallant Craig Murphy
<b>School</b>	Peggy King	Allan Gallant Craig Murphy Volunteer School Committee
<b>Senior’s Affairs</b>	Faye McQuillan	Ronnie Gallant Craig Murphy
<b>Three Rivers Sportsplex</b>	Peggy King	Allan Gallant Craig Murphy Volunteer Board of Directors
<b>Youth &amp; Recreation</b>	Craig Murphy	Allan Gallant Wade Williams

**9.2 Signing Authority:** Mayor Lavandier made a request that Allan Gallant be given signing authority as Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

- **Moved by Councillor R. Gallant that Councillor Allan Gallant be granted signing authority for the Town of Georgetown and for all Town of Georgetown bank accounts and banking documents, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

**9.3 Next Council Meeting:**

Councillor R. Gallant advised of his regrets for the upcoming December 21, 2009 meeting due to surgery. Councillor R. Gallant

On behalf of all of Council, Mayor Lavandier wished Councillor R. Gallant all the best and a speedy recovery with his upcoming surgery.

Mayor Lavandier again welcomed Councillor R. Gallant and A. Gallant to Council.

**10.0 Adjournment**

**Moved: by Councillor A. Gallant.**

**Second: by Councillor W. Williams. Motion Carried.**

Minutes recorded and submitted by:  
Tonya Cameron, CAO

Approved, December 21, 2009

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Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

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Tonya Cameron, CAO