



MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY,
October 19, 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 10/19/2009, at 7:00 p.m.

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

1.0 Call to Order

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

2.0 Approval of Agenda: 10/19/2009

Moved for approval: Councillor O'Brien.

Second: Councillor King. 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: September 21, 2009 Regular Meeting and business thereof.

4.1 Adoption

Moved by Councillor O'Brien.

Second: Councillor Williams. Motion Carried.

4.2 Business from Town Council Minutes

No business presented.

5.0 Financial Statements (Unaudited)

5.1 General Account-to September 30, 2009

Moved for approval as presented by Councillor King,
Seconded by Councillor McQuillan. Motion Carried

5.2 Sewer Corporation-to September 30, 2009

Moved for approval as presented by Councillor Williams,

Seconded by Councillor O'Brien. Motion Carried.

- 6.0 Outstanding Expenditures (preliminary & supplementary list)**
Moved by Councillor Murphy for approval as presented, with the exception to check into the snow tender ad being listed twice (two different areas), seconded by Councillor McQuillan. Motion Carried.
- 7.0 List of Correspondence September 21, 2009 to October 19, 2009:**
- 7.1 The communities in the Three Rivers Area: re: support of the relocating of the Coast Guard Station to Georgetown; - **addressed in Mayor's report.****
- 7.2 Canadian Postmasters: re: rural post offices; - **general agreement to respond with letter in support of their efforts to maintain this service.****
- 7.3 Cheryl Perry: RBC's Stay in School program; - **General discussion with respect to the Town applying on behalf of the Georgetown Home & School. Council supports their effort to make our school better. No response required;****
- 7.4 Transport Canada: use of transit sheds-Summerside & Georgetown Marine Terminals; - **no action required;****
- 7.5 King's Playhouse: Halloween Fun Day**
- **Moved by Councillor McQuillan to donate \$200 to the King's Playhouse Theatre with respect to their upcoming Halloween fun day which will be provided free of charge to all, seconded by Councillor Williams. Motion carried.**
- 7.6 Terry Parker: re: interest in purchasing old railway line between Grafton and Richmond; - **deferred until such time as the Town takes ownership. Letter/email to be written in response to Mr. Parker advising that until the Town takes ownership of the property that Council really cannot comment on same.****
- 7.7 Canadian Heritage: re: acknowledgement of request for funding for 2010 Georgetown Summer Days Festival; - **No action required.****
- 7.8 James Dawson: Request to provide patrols or a visual presence to the town of Georgetown; - **deferred until such time as we may require additional Bylaw Officer Services. A meeting could be scheduled with him at that time.****
- 8.0 Committee Reports**
- 8.1 *Finance, Government Relations -Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair:***
Mayor Lavandier gave the following report:

I have recently met with reps from the communities of Montague, Lower Montague, Brudenell, Cardigan, Lorne Valley and Valleyfield, which represents a combined population of about 6500 residents.

We are trying to have these communities come together and work toward promoting the three rivers area of Easter P.E.I.

As an example of this combined effort, we have sent off a letter to the Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries & Oceans requesting that she consider Georgetown as the future home of the Coast Guard Facility now under consideration by the federal government.

We also discussed meeting with reps from tourism to find new creative ways to promote the area, we are hoping to meet again in the next couple of weeks.

I would like to congratulate Fire Chief Mark Gotell and the Georgetown Fire Dept. for the excellent job they did in hosting the P.E.I. Firefighters Annual Meeting and Trade Show. We received a lot of compliments from other fire departments as well as vendors; they said it was the best they have attended to date.

Well done everyone!

We had our first meeting with the friends of Georgetown School Group on October 1, 2009. It was a very productive meeting as we discussed a lot of the issues that now face our School. I am hoping to meet with Sandy MacDonald, Superintendent, as soon as possible to try to start a working relationship with the Eastern School Board and find out where the Town can help to make our school the best it can be.

Water Street Upgrades is starting to take shape and we are now able to see how this project is going to help our Town.

The Playhouse Expansion Project has begun and this too will help to promote Georgetown.

I would just like to thank each of the existing Town Council members for the part they have played in moving Georgetown forward over this term.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Lewis Lavandier

- **Moved by Councillor O'Brien to appoint / designate a Councillor to work with the School Committee Group, seconded by Councillor Williams. Motion carried.**

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

Councillor Wade Williams gave the following report:

Drainage Issues: Maintenance Crew has been cleaning up ditches to help with drainage problems. Work has completed on Grafton St. / Fitzroy St. to help improve some drainage issues. Next Council should apply for funding to deal with the undersized culverts in filled areas by Ultramar.

Request to re-open side road: Side road between Burnt Point Rd. and East St. has been blocked by Burnt Point Rd end for some time. A request has been received to open this back up to gain access to haul buoys, etc. Road has been blocked because of ongoing garbage dumping in the past.

General discussion and agreement of Council to send a letter declining request. Council is unable to facilitate the request at this time as the current blockage is there for the sole purpose of protecting this well field protection area from illegal refuse dumping.

Snow Removal Tenders:

Tenders for snow removal have been received.

Municipal facilities snow removal tender – received 2 quotes. Michael Lavie was the lowest tender.

- **Moved by Councillor Williams to accept Michael LaVie's snow removal tender for municipal facilities at \$3,500 for the 2009/10 season, seconded by Councillor O'Brien. Motion carried.**

Tender for Snow Plowing & Ice Control 2009 – 2010 – received 2 quotes. King Enterprises was the lowest tender.

- **Moved by Councillor Williams to accept King Enterprises tender for snow plowing & Ice Control at \$31,500 for the 2009/10 season, seconded by Councillor O'Brien. Motion carried.**

Water St. Upgrades: Project is starting to shape up. Some minor delays due to soil conditions and bad weather. This can be expected due to fall construction.

Maintenance Supervisor: Joe Clory is done for this year and will be called as needed.

At this time I would like to thank everybody for all the work you have done. It takes a team effort as a group to get things done, and with this Council it

has been a good group to work with. We have accomplished quite a bit and I would like to thank you all for that. Hopefully I can work with you again. You've done a great job Mayor Lavandier and it's been great to work with you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councillor Wade Williams

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor Williams.

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

Councillor King gave the following report:

Board held it's monthly meeting September 9I have just left the Three Rivers Sportsplex and after speaking with Mark Murphy it looks as though it is cooling down quite quickly and hopefully with no problems there will be ice by the weekend. A couple of EDA workers starting there this week.

Special Events – I have been working with Melvin Ford on the Remembrance Day Service.

Councillor King thanked all Council for working so well together over the past three years and reflected on everything that Council accomplished together as a team.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councillor Peggy King

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor King.

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

Councillor McQuillan reported that the Georgetown Senior's group had another foot clinic, a bring your grandchild to Senior's night (about 20 children came) – it both were a big hit. As well, the Senior's were able to enjoy a trip to Halifax this month. Most recently, last week the Senior's had a pot luck thanksgiving dinner which was cost free and Mayor Lavandier and his wife were both in attendance.

LEAP Program – Barb Johnson brought forward a clipping from a newspaper to apply for same – Councillor McQuillan thanked Lisa MacKenzie and Tonya Cameron for putting this application together on short notice. We are hoping that we can bring arts to Georgetown Seniors if we are approved for this funding.

New Horizons – we are currently putting together an application for a grant to bring new tables and chairs to the Senior's Group for their meetings.

Councillor McQuillan wished good luck to all Council who re-offered for the upcoming municipal election. Thanked all, and a special thank you to Mayor Lavandier.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Faye McQuillan.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor McQuillan.

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

Councillor Barry O’Brien had nothing new to report: Councillor O’Brien thanked all Council for working together over the past term. As well as Mayor Lavandier for stepping up and giving the community a face of leadership in a time when it was badly needed. Councillor O’Brien generally discussed how Council has done so much to help change the community for the better, especially singling out Councillor Williams. It’s been an incredible pleasure getting to know Councillor Williams over the process and that his efforts have been tremendous and will forever change the community in a positive manner.

It’s been a tremendous experience over the past 6 years working on and with Council and that I would like to run again someday when I do not have so many other responsibilities. I wish you all the best of luck.

As well, a special thank you to all of the local volunteers in this community. Two of the big things over the past 6 years (over the potential closures of the rink and the school) – the way the community bonded together and always seem to in the face of adversity is incredible and it makes me proud to be a resident of Georgetown.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor O’Brien for all of his contributions to the Town and wished him the best of luck on behalf of himself and all of Council with his future endeavors.

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 October 2009

| Fire Calls | EMS Calls | MVA Calls | Forestry Calls | Training | Meetings |
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I am pleased to report that we have successfully held the 2009 PEI Firefighters Association Annual Meeting and Trade Show, everything went

over very well we had 25 suppliers from across the Maritimes and even as far away as Ontario. The President of the Association made the remark that whom ever host it next year has a long way to go to top this years show.

Saturday night we held a Suppliers night at Maclans with Mussels & Music that showed the suppliers some good old fashion Georgetown Hospitality.

I would again like to thank the Town for their support as well as the Kings Playhouse and Philip Bulpitt it was a great venue for the guest speakers, the big screen for the power points presentation was tremendous and is a definite asset to have in the community. I would also like to thank Mayor Lavandier for his welcoming remarks at the show.

I am also planning on working and updating the Fire Department By-laws over the next month or so, I will be in touch with council to meet and go over them when I have them done.

At this time I would like to take this opportunity to wish those who are re-offering and those who may be entering the race to serve on town council, all the best in the upcoming election in November.

Yours in Fire Safety

Mark G. Gotell
Fire Chief

Councillor Murphy congratulated the Fire Department on a very successful event.

Councillor Murphy thanked Council for all their team work over the past 3 years. I will proud if given the opportunity to serve on Council for another 3 years and will continue to put forth my best effort in everything I do.

Respectfully submitted by
Councillor Craig Murphy.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor Murphy

- 8.7 *Kings Playhouse: Councillor Faye McQuillan, Committee Chair***
Councillor McQuillan and Melvin Ford gave the following verbal King's Playhouse report:

Melvin Ford gave a quick update on the Playhouse expansion project. As of today there are 9 employees working on same. The building committee has given Brian Pound the green light to finish the upstairs within budget.

Upcoming Performances - Two George Canyon Shows are completely sold out already and it looks like all three of his December shows will be sold out. We have a total of 7 shows between now and Christmas. Buddy What's His Name is also sold out.

We have signed on Don Herring and Charlie Fergusson exclusively to us for 10 weeks. I spoke with Johnnie Reid today and it's looking like this could turn into a 3 show event late in the Spring.

We are down to one Playhouse staff again, it's just me.

For next season we have asked Barry O'Brien to be the anchor for the down east tradition for next summer along with Margie Carmichael. It's so nice to have one of our own be able to host a show like this.

We had a great success with last week's foodbank fundraiser.

Things are great at the Playhouse – the Halloween Haunting (day) on the 31st should be great for everyone. The apples were donated by Havilands for the day. Humpty Dumpty has donated all the chips for this event.

There is free admission to all the movies now. It's much easier to have 50-60 people coming to the canteen instead of 6-10 people showing up for the theatre showing. We feel this will be a success as long as we are able to continue to get businesses sponsoring the movie. This weekend is sponsored \$250 by the Georgetown Inn. Other businesses have been contacted for future sponsorship.

It's been an honour and a privilege working with all of you.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Melvin Ford for all of his contributions and everything he has done.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Faye McQuillan

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

Councillor Williams gave the following report:

Streetscape: Working on putting streetscape proposals associated with Water Street in place.

Veteran's Landing: New sign for West St. beach is completed and will be installed tomorrow.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councillor Wade Williams

8.9 Georgetown and Area Development: Councillor O'Brien, Committee Chair: Councillor O'Brien- nothing new to report.

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

Tonya Cameron gave the following report:

The playhouse expansion project and the water street upgrades have kept the office pretty busy over the past month. I am thrilled to report that things are really looking good on both of those projects and things are quieting down in the office; We are really enjoying the positive results we are seeing!

Summer Days – we are anxiously awaiting the response from the application that has been submitted.

Senior's Project & New Horizons Project – as Councillor McQuillan noted in her report, I am working on these exciting new applications with Lisa and Faye. The first being replacement tables and chairs for the Senior's Group. As well, I would like to thank Dawn Sadoway, who is an amazing artist, for her support and commitment to the LEAP Program. We are so lucky to have such a talented person right here in our community and although we threw this LEAP program at her at the last minute she has agreed to take the role of theatre troop leader/instructor on if we are fortunate enough to receive funding (up to a maximum of \$3,500). With everyone's assistance involved we were able to put some of potential ideas down on paper for the theatre group, including make-up and costume rentals.

Georgetown Municipal Election Nominations – today at 4:00 p.m. was the cut-off for the list of Nominees. Nominees as follows:

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NOMINEES FOR MAYOR:

**Michael Gallant
Lewis Lavandier**

NOMINEES FOR COUNCIL:

**Allan J. Gallant
Ronald Gallant
Brendon Galway
Peggy King
Gordon Lavers
Faye McQuillan
Craig Murphy
Toby Murphy
Wade Williams**

Thank you to Council for allowing me to give this position a try, and for giving me the opportunity to be hired on for my position with the Town, and especially, for all the help you give to me on a daily basis.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tonya Cameron, CAO

Mayor Lavandier thanked Tonya Cameron and advised that we are fortunate to have her on board.

9.0 New Business:**9.1 Energy Audit:**

Councillor Murphy generally discussed with Council that perhaps Council and Playhouse Board and Rink could all get together to discuss the required input to finalize the Energy Audit.

Tonya Cameron to email draft for input to all involved.

9.2 King's Playhouse Theatre Haunting:

PEI Ghost Hunters reported that there is some reason to believe that there should be a follow up session made by them. There were some strange unexplained incidents recorded and a follow up investigation session has been warranted.

9.3 Next Council Meeting:

Mayor Lavandier thanked all Council once again, and added that he hopes that at the next meeting we will all be present and be able to continue on

forward with the business of Georgetown, I hope the residents of Georgetown feel the same way.

It was generally agreed by Council to have the swearing in of the new Council immediately preceding the next council meeting (meet and greet as well as swearing in to be held at the King's Playhouse Theatre) at approximately 6:00 p.m. Monday November 16, 2009. Regularly scheduled Council Meeting to be at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Council Chambers.

10.0 Adjournment

Moved: by Councillor O'Brien.

Second: by Councillor McQuillan. Motion Carried.

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Tonya Cameron, CAO

Approved, November 16, 2009

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Tonya Cameron, CAO