



## MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY,  
January 18, 2010

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 1/18/2010, 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: 1/18/2010

Moved for approval by Councillor A. Gallant.

Seconded by Councillor W. Williams. 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 R. Gallant discussed the Haiti Earthquake with Council and requested Council to consider making a contribution to the donation relief fund. General discussion of Council and Mayor with respect to dollar figure.

- Moved by Councillor R. Gallant that the Town of Georgetown make a donation to the Haiti Relief Fund via the Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.

### 4.0 Minutes

Council Meeting: December 21, 2009 Regular Meeting and business thereof.

#### 4.1 Adoption

Moved by Councillor W. Williams.

Seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.

- 4.2 Business from Town Council Minutes**  
**None.**
- 5.0 Financial Statements (Unaudited)**
- 5.1 General Account-to December 31, 2009**  
**Moved for approval as presented by W. Williams**  
**Seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**
- 5.2 Sewer Corporation-to December 31, 2009**  
**Moved for approval as presented by Councillor W. Williams,**  
**Seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**
- 6.0 Outstanding Expenditures (preliminary & supplementary list)**  
**Moved for approval to pay as presented by Councillor W. Williams,**  
**seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**
- 7.0 List of Correspondence December 23, 2009 – January 18, 2010:**
- 7.1 Highway Safety: copy of letter sent to MLA Michael Currie in response to M. Curie's letter to Highway Safety concerning gravel trucks causing damage to vehicles in Georgetown; **Mayor Lavandier noted he has also discussed this issue with the Montague RCMP and they have agreed to look into same and keep an extra eye out. No further action required.****
- 7.2 Communities, Cultural Affairs & Labour: re: seeking confirmation on the road/street lengths which are municipally owned. **CAO already confirmed via emailed response. No further response required.****
- 7.3 Tourism PEI: re: Invitation to be part of Dept. of Tourism's "The Fall Flavours Trail". **Council confirmed that the King's Playhouse Theatre is taking part and will be a venue – via discussion with Manager Melvin Ford. No further action required.****
- 7.4 Communities, Cultural Affairs & Labour: re: Approval of increase to the municipal support grant for municipalities providing police and or street services. **No action required.****
- 7.5 Federation of PEI Municipalities: re: taking applications to host the 2010 FPEIM. **General discussion of Council, the Theater expansion will not be completed in time. No action required.****
- 8.0 Committee Reports**
- 8.1 *Finance, Government Relations -Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair:***  
Mayor Lavandier gave the following written report:  
F.P.E.I.M. – Council members Allan Gallant, Wade Williams and I attended the FPEIM meeting held on January 9, 2010 in Summerside. The meeting was helpful in giving us an overview of the Commission on Local Land and Governance Report by Commissioner Judge Ralph Thompson.  
The meeting also gave us the opportunity to speak with Mayor Basil Stewart as well as council members from other municipalities and get

some feedback on how different communities feel about the report in general.

As the report deals with recommendations from the Commission we are going to have to see how Municipalities working with Government and unincorporated communities can work together in the best interest of Islanders as a whole.

This process will not happen overnight and will require much discussion from all concerned.

Dangerous, Hazardous & Unsightly Premises – I have had complaints from some concerned citizens in regards to couple of properties in the Town being very unsafe as well as being unsightly, this has been an ongoing problem and I would ask council to consider our options with respect to this matter and try to address their concerns. **General discussion of Council with respect to the letters that have been sent to the property owner(s) and no response being given to Council.**

Promoting Our Area – I have been attending meetings with Councillor Peter Doucette from the Town of Montague as well as other surrounding communities. We have been brainstorming with reps from the Three Rivers Region to work on promoting this area this year. Peter will be contacting us as to when the next meeting will take place.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mayor Lewis Lavandier

- **Moved for adoption as read by Councillor A. Gallant, seconded by Councillor W. Williams. Motion Carried.**

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

Councillor Wade Williams gave the following written reports:

**Public Works, Property, Main Street Programs, Sewer & Water**

Water St. "Streetscape": Request to Council to resubmit another Streetscape Proposal to ACOA re: Water Street. Hopefully this one will be finalized and approved.

- **Motion by Councillor A. Gallant to allow Tonya Cameron, CAO and Councillor W. Williams to continue to re-apply under the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency Innovative Communities Fund for a grant in an amount of up to \$120,000. If approved, ACOA would cover up to 80% of the funding and the Town would cover the other 20%, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

Have spoken with a collection agency about what services and fees they could provide on overdue sewer accounts. Will be sending notices to overdue accounts. Arrangements can be made to pay overdue accounts before March 31, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Councillor Wade Williams

- **Moved by Councillor C. Murphy to adopt Councillor W. Williams' report as read, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

**8.3 *Friends of Georgetown School, King's Playhouse Theatre & Three Rivers Sportsplex: Councillor King, Committee Chair:***

Councillor King gave the following written reports:

Friends of Georgetown School Committee

This month I attended 3 school meeting. Two of the meetings were with the Eastern School District Board of Trustee regarding school rezoning. One was held at the board office in Stratford and the other at Colonel Gray High School. Rezoning of all schools in the Eastern School Distinct is going to be a hot topic over the next couple of years and the parents group representing our school feel it is vey important to have a strong presence at these meetings. I also attended the Home & School Meeting here in Georgetown on January 12, 2010. This was a very positive and informative meeting and I felt so proud to be sitting there hearing all of the positive things that are happening at the Georgetown Elementary. Home & School President, Toby Murphy, received word on Friday that our school has been granted approval of \$14,700 from the Island Community Fund towards the construction of a new playground. Also Toby was talking with a representative from ACOA and putting the finishing touches on another grant of \$12,000. The Home & School will have to raise \$8,750 on their own as their share of the costs for this project. Various fundraising ideas were discussed at the meeting and the parent group is starting immediately to put together a Georgetown School cookbook whereby all the recipes will come from the students at the school.

Georgetown Elementary has recently received a \$5,000 donation from the Irving Shipyard to promote the school breakfast club and healthy eating incentives. There are 20-25 students who take part in this event every day.

The school is hosting a winter carnival at the school from February 9-12. They will be hosting a pancake breakfast and the major event being Olympic family day – where the school hopes to go to the King's Playhouse and watch a major Olympic event on the big screen. Also a family literacy day is being held with David W. coming out to the school to do a special reading. Great things are happening in Georgetown Elementary. Hats off to all those who are making this happen!

Three Rivers Sportsplex

The Sportsplex is entering into the second half of its season. This past weekend the Rink hosted 18 hours of ice time for the Norsemen Tournament. This tournament was a great success and brought many visitors to our Rink and Town.

This week the Sportsplex hired new EDA workers, Charlie Woods and Margo Bond.

Various tournaments are scheduled at the Sportsplex over the next couple of months. One of the major tournaments is the Jimmy Carroll memorial which is being held February 21 -27, 2010. The Sportsplex Board of Directors is getting ready to launch a major fundraiser for the Sportsplex. A total of 200 tickets at \$100 per ticket will be sold with a total of \$10,000 going out in prizes. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$7,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$2,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize being \$1,000. This will raise \$10,000 for the Sportsplex. Draw date is to be the last week of March 2010.

At this time I would like to make a motion to Council to accept Nicki Scanlon to the Board of Directors of the Sportsplex.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Councillor Peggy King

- **Moved by Councillor P. King that the Town Council grant approval to the Three Rivers Sportsplex to accept Nicki Scanlon to their Board of Directors, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

King's Playhouse Monthly Report (prepared by Manager Melvin Ford) – submitted by Councillor King

The Playhouse had a very busy month of December with 7 events held over the course of the month. We held a Georgetown Christmas on December 20 with about 100 people in attendance. December 18 we had a show The Truth About Christmas – which had 75 people at the show... We hosted two very successful school concerts on Dec. 15 and 16 with pretty much standing room only. We then also hosted the George Canyon Christmas Concerts on Dec 10, 11 & 12. Every show was sold out with 300 \_ at every show the theatre also was very happy to allow the Home & School Association the opportunity make and sell fudge at the theatre during these shows., and I am happy to inform you that they made over \$400 for the group. The theatre is happy when it has the opportunity to partner with organizations such as this to help with such a worthwhile cause.

At this time, I am currently working on our Year End at the theatre. I have been working with Tonya to make sure everything is in order and ready for the accountants for the end of the month. I am certain that this will be

completed with a lot of hard work. Again, thank Tonya for your help with this.

The project is moving along pretty nicely now. The roof trusses are now in place, and the boarding in will start progressing quickly. A hole has been dug for the 435 sq ft addition to the facility which will now house a "kitchen" preparation area for anyone who wishes to use the facility for weddings or other things. Roger Kelly is doing a great job and we anticipate the work to be completed by Apr 7. I will keep you posted as things progress. Currently, we are working with figures coming in under budget. Our regular Building Committee for continuing to give of this time to help with this expansion, as well as the rest of council who has been so helpful with supporting this project. It is great to see everyone working together to get things done. Just as a note, we have been contacted by three different individuals to rent out the facility for weddings this summer. We have finalized a rental fee for the facility and a copy of that will be made available to the Town office for inquiries.

The complete schedule of events will be posted in the next two weeks. We are working on finalizing the acts for this year. We have also sent out applications for grants, over and above what we normally do for over 60,000. We are also sending out letters to community groups and individuals as well as business owners in the province looking for support for the year's events. We are confident that we will secure enough funding to see us through this year and look at hopefully turning a profit in the 2010 season.

Islander day is planned at the theatre for Feb 15. The Theatre Group, with Dawn Sadoway, will be performing at the days' events at the 2 in the afternoon. Admission for the days' events is \$5. Movies are running every Saturday afternoon at 2 and there are adult movies the last Saturday of the month at 7 p.m. Things are starting to pick up at the theatre again. Admission to the movies is FREE to everyone.

We are also looking for sponsors to sponsor the afternoon movies for the kids, so if you know of anyone that may, please let me know.

The management committee would like to put the names of Dona Glass and Tom LeClair forward for approval as Board Members of the Kings Playhouse. Donna Glass is a business owner and a volunteer with the theatre. Tom LeClair is the site manager for Orwell Corner. Both of these individuals have been invited to our next Board Meeting to find out how things will proceed. Both of these individuals we believe will contribute greatly to the success of the Board of Directors.



Thanks for a great year, and I look forward to continued success and partnerships with the Town Georgetown to promote this wonderful facility we have.

Melvin Ford, Operations Manger

Respectfully Submitted,  
Councillor Peggy King

- **Motion by Councillor P. King to grant permission of the Town Council to the King's Playhouse Theatre to accept Donna Glass and Tom LeClair to their Board of Directors, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

General discussion of Council with Melvin Ford regarding Islander Day Show and Sunday night Theatre Group Plays for the summer.

- **Moved by Councillor W. Williams that Councillor P. King's report be adopted as read, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

#### **8.4 Community & Media Relations & Seniors Affairs: Councillor McQuillan, Committee Chair:**

Councillor McQuillan gave the following written reports:

##### Seniors

We had our first rehearsal for our up coming play. It went really well. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. We sent out a flyer for new members and everyone interested in joining us for our play. The school children are going to be a part of it as well. Dawn Sadoway is doing an excellent job on this project. I recorded a few minutes of the rehearsal and it will be available for view to anyone who would like after tonight's council meeting. The senior's are having a lot of fun. The play has been scheduled for March 27, 2010. The senior's are not allowed to charge at the door of the theatre for the production under the program, so the Playhouse is working on giving us a break for the play, as well, Melvin is checking with Philip Bullpitt to see if he may be able to give a discount for his sound board services.

##### Upcoming Events

I am trying to get a committee together to see if we can get something going in February. We are thinking maybe a winter carnival.

##### Computers

We are working on getting some of the senior's computers replaced or fixed.

I am also working on Citizen of the Year Dinner.

2010 Canada Day

Councillor F. McQuillan asked Council for a motion with respect to making application for 2010 Canada Day.

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant, seconded by Councillor W. Williams that authority be granted to Councillor Faye McQuillan to make application to Department of Heritage Celebrate Canada Day Committee on behalf of the Town of Georgetown, to make application for funding to host the annual Canada Day event in Georgetown. Motion unanimously carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Councillor Faye McQuillan.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor McQuillan.

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to accept Councillor F. McQuillan's report as read, seconded by Councillor W. Williams. Motion Carried.**

**8.5 *Civic Centre & Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department, Councillor Ronnie Gallant, Committee Chair: Councillor Ronnie Gallant gave the following written reports:***

**Civic Centre**

The furnace is still giving off fumes at the Civic Center. Joe McConnell was called and could not find any problems with the furnace.

General discussion of Council to contact our security company and see what the costs would be to get a monitor hooked into our current system, and/or purchasing a carbon monoxide detector. Age and efficiency of furnaces discussed. Council made a request to Melvin Ford to send the people from Ultramar over to the Civic Centre to discuss a quote with Councillor R. Gallant while they are installing new furnaces at the Playhouse with respect to the new expansion project over the next few days.

- **Councillor R. Gallant moved to purchase a carbon monoxide detector for use at the Civic Centre as soon as possible, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

**Fire Department**

The fire department is having a busy winter with training and calls to fires. There was also an accident. The door of the fire department was accidentally hit. The Civic Centre will replace the door. At the last meeting I noticed there was no railing going up the stairs to the office at



the fire dept. I would like Council to approve funding to install a railing. Therefore I would like to make a motion to have the work done.

- **Moved by Councillor R. Gallant to install a new railing at the fire hall, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Councillor Ronnie Gallant.

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt Councillor R. Gallant's report as read, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

**8.6 *Planning and Community Development & Youth and Recreation: Councillor Craig Murphy, Committee Chair.*** Councillor Murphy gave the following written reports:

Nothing new to report at this time. Working on a couple of things to be discussed with the Development Committee and will have more information at the next Council Meeting.

Recreation – I will be meeting this week with respect to the energy audit and everyone else is welcome to attend that meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Councillor Craig Murphy

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor C. Murphy for stepping up to the plate and looking after the volunteer manager's position at the rink – it is going above and beyond the call of duty and we are all very appreciative of this. Thank you Councillor Murphy.

- **Moved by Councillor P. King that Councillor's Murphy's report be adopted as presented, seconded by Councillor W. Williams. Motion Carried.**

**8.7 *Finance & Georgetown and Area Development Corporation: Councillor Allan Gallant, Committee Chair***

Councillor A. Gallant gave the following written reports:

Finance Committee – Recommend that we hold an open Public Consultation/Presentation Forum to the General Public and all Committees and Boards seeking funding from the Town of Georgetown for the 2010 fiscal year. I suggest we set Wednesday & Thursday Feb. 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> from 7p.m. – 9; p.m. for presentations. Notices should be given to all Committees, Boards and the General Public to make their presentations with their proposed budgets (wish lists) to the Finance Committee. All of Council is welcome to attend.

GADC – unable to attend the regular monthly meeting.

Government Relations – Attended the Semi-Annual FPEIM meeting in Summerside Saturday January 9, 2010 along with Mayor Lavandier and Deputy Mayor Williams.

Presentations were made by Ralph Thompson and the Land Use Governance Report. There is a lot to digest in this report.

Also making a presentation were representatives from IRAC. I had the opportunity to speak with Maurice Rodgerson, Chairperson of IRAC. We spoke about how sewer rates are set presently and the need to review that process. He assured me that in the near future there will be a consultation between existing Sewer Corporations and IRAC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Councillor Allan Gallant

General discussion of Council with respect to the Public Consultation/Presentation Forum dates.

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to have the Town Administrator to send out notices that there will be an open Public Consultation/Presentation Forum to the General Public and all Committees and Boards seeking funding from the Town of Georgetown for the 2010 fiscal year. On Wednesday & Thursday Feb. 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> from 7p.m. – 9; p.m. for presentations to the Finance Committee at the Council Chambers, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

Alternate storm date to be set for Friday, February 12, 2010. First come, first serve basis – no appointment necessary.

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant that his report be adopted as read, seconded by F. McQuillan. Motion carried.**

#### **8.8 Administrator's Report: Tonya Cameron, Chief Administrative Officer:**

Tonya Cameron, CAO gave the following report:

Chief Administrative Officer's Report for January 18, 2010

- Energy Audit – At the request of Councillor Murphy, I have set up a meeting with Sean Wheeler of Coles & Associates for Wednesday, January 20 at 1 p.m. to review the preliminary energy audit and suggestions. As noted, they are looking for feedback with respect to the items that Council is interested in perusing. These items should relate to existing building conditions, financial and cost savings objectives of the

Town. A representative from the King's Playhouse, Three Rivers Sportsplex, along with Councillor Murphy have confirmed their availability for the meeting. Mayor & Council are all welcome to attend; those unable to attend are welcome to email their input to myself or Councillor Murphy.

- Community Internship Program Application – We received a phone call advising that our application has moved forward to the second stage of the review process. The start date has been changed to March 2010 and we are hopeful that we will be awarded an intern under this program for a period of 6 months.

- Day-to-day operations – Lisa and myself have been working on the year end entries and have spoken with Darren Shea and Glen Kennedy of MacPherson Roche Smith, they will be beginning their procedure for our year end shortly. PSAB requirements are coming along and we will soon be issuing the T4's.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tonya Cameron, CAO

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt the Chief Administrative Officer's report as read, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

**9.0 New Business:**  
**None**

**10.0 Adjournment**  
**Moved: by Councillor A. Gallant.**  
**Second: by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

Minutes recorded and submitted by:  
Tonya Cameron, CAO

Approved, January 18, 2010

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Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

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Tonya Cameron, CAO