



The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on 12/17/2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Attendance: Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Wade Williams
Councillor Allan Gallant
Councillor Michael Gallant
Councillor Ronnie Gallant
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Mark Stephen

Gallery Attendants: Nicole Feviancek, the Eastern Graphic

MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Monday
December 17th, 2012

Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Wade Williams
Councillor Allan Gallant
Councillor Michael Gallant
Councillor Ronnie Gallant
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Mark Stephen
CAO Tonya Cameron

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda: 12/17/2012

Moved for approval by Councillor M. Gallant.
Seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. 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 A. Gallant declared conflict during new business, with respect to a letter he has submitted to Council with his package regarding a request for leave of absence and will be removing himself from Chambers during discussion thereon.

3. Business/Presentations from the Floor:

3.1. Presentations from the floor: David Tingley, Community Economic Development Business (CEDB) PEI Co-Operative Council Investment Fund Manager re: information concerning the Community Economic Development Business Program – Presentation; *General discussions regarding presentation.*

3.2. Point of Personal Interest by Councillor M. Gallant, On Friday in Newtown, Connecticut, USA, 20 young lives and six



adults were taken far too soon. We live in a society that is sometimes hard to comprehend why things happen. We must resolve to come together as communities to support ourselves in time of need. I would like to request Council to stand for a moment of silence, to remember the victims and remember the families and for those that have a long struggle ahead, and as we stand in solidarity as representatives of Georgetown for the people of Newtown, in memory of loss and in their time of need. Newtown moment of silence was observed by all.

4. Minutes

Council Meeting: November 19th, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting and business thereof:

4.1. Adoption of: November 19th, 2012 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes.

- **Moved for adoption by Councillor M. Gallant
Seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

4.2. Business from Town Council Minutes.

5. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

5.1. General Operating Account-to November 30, 2012

- **Moved for approval as presented by Councillor A. Gallant,
Seconded by Councillor W. Williams. Motion Carried.**

5.2. Sewer Corporation-to November 30, 2012

- **Moved for approval as presented by Councillor A. Gallant,
Seconded by Councillor W. Williams. Motion Carried.**

6. Outstanding Expenditures (preliminary & supplementary list)

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant for approval to pay all outstanding expenditures as presented and as funds become available, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

7. List of Correspondence from November 20 - December 17, 2012:

7.1. Islands East Tourism: Re: Invitation to Holiday social; **No Action Required.**

7.2. Chris Brennan-FPEIM: Re: Family violence prevention week invitation/grant information; **Action Required;**

Councillor F. McQuillan offered to get a hold of Maxine to see about doing the walk, similar to last year.

7.3. The Royal Canadian Legion: Re: Invitation to Celebration Banquet; **No Action Required.**

7.4. Fisheries, Aquaculture & Rural Development: Re: Acknowledgement of application for ICF fund program; **No Action Required.**

- 7.5. United Way: Re: Request for donation; **No Action Required. General discussion regarding funds needed in the community.**
- 7.6. Stephen Lewis: Re: 2014 Celebrations; **No Action Required.**
- 7.7. The Honourable Frank Lewis: Re: Invitation to the Lieutenant Governor's New Year's Levee; **No Action Required.**
- 7.8. Island Trails: Re: Rails for Trails membership renewal; **Action Required. Council declined, as support is needed in our community.**
- 7.9. PEI Senior Citizens' Federation Inc.: Re: Acceptance correspondence to the LEAP program; **No Action Required.**
- 7.10. Canadian Heritage: Re: Launch of the funding application process- Celebrate Canada 2013; **Action Required.**
- 7.11. Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Re: FCM's 2013 Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show; **No Action Required.**
- 7.12. Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Re: Reminder of FCM President's infrastructure webcast; **No Action Required.**
- 7.13. Recreation PEI: Re: Small Towns...Big Risks workshop in Charlottetown; **No Action Required.**
- 7.14. FPEIM: Re: FPEIM Semi-annual meeting; **No Action Required.**
- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant for financial arrangements to be granted to be authorized to pay for any members of Council who would like to attend to the semi-annual F.P.E.I.M. meeting, seconded by Councillor W. Williams. Motion Carried.**
- 7.15. Tourism Research Centre: Re: Annual Survey of PEI Tourism Operators & a Chance to Win \$200; **No Action Required.**
- 7.16. Georgetown Elementary School: Re: Thank you for continued support; **No Action Required.**
- 7.17. Culture PEI: Re: Update from Culture PEI; **No Action Required.**
- 7.18. Canadian Heritage: Re: Acknowledgement of Legacy Fund application for Trellis of Recognition; **No Action Required.**

8. Committee Reports

- 8.1. **Finance, Government Relations - Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair**: Mayor Lavandier submitted the following written report:
December 17th, 2012

I have spoken with Paul MacNeill and we have decided that the Sportsplex will be suitable for the Lobster supper for the Georgetown 2013 Conference. Paul has suggested that the organizing committee could pick up the cost of renting curtains from Casey's to spruce up the place. Paul has also informed me that the Parliamentary Channel will be picking up the Conference and this will give us National Exposure.

I attended the Annual Senior's Christmas Dinner and would just like to say it was a huge success again this year. A very special thank you to the Georgetown Lions Club for putting it on, and to all of those involved.

Councillor Mark Stephen and myself attended the last King's Playhouse meeting and heard a presentation by John & Bernadette Dalingwater. This couple has requested our support in trying to relocate to this community, and possibly working with the King's Playhouse Board in trying to develop the King's Playhouse to its full potential. I would hope that we are able to work with these folks in the upcoming months.

At this time, on behalf of myself and Clara Anne, we would like to wish everyone here and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lewis Lavandier, Mayor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt Mayor L. Lavandier's report as presented, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

General discussion and agreement on not having a Levy this New Year's Day.

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

Councillor Wade Williams submitted the following written report:
December 2012

Public Works: Replaced culvert by Ultramar property on Fitzroy Street. A hole had rusted on top of pavement and ready to collapse. A more permanent fix will be looked at later.

Replaced another pipe on Fitzroy Street. Was completely collapsed and unsafe for walking across.

Storm Water Management: Due to ongoing water problems the north side of rink culvert was replaced. Drainage gravel and proper grade will help. Rain gutters will have to be replaced as well. Rink Manager is finding what the cost would be. Public Works will pave the entrance next construction season. These areas are part of the ongoing storm water management plan.

Community Heritage and Beautification: Tim Mair has completed one section of the trellis at the A.A. Macdonald Memorial Gardens. Looks great! Two more sections later on.

Joey did a great job of decorating ships wheel and trees. Looks awesome at night.

I would like to wish Mayor, Councillors, Staff and residents a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Wade Williams, Councillor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt Councillor W. Williams' report as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

General discussion regarding the beautiful job Tim Mair is doing on the 2012 trellis of recognition.

- 8.3. **Community & Media Relations and Seniors Affairs: Councillor McQuillan, Committee Chair:** Councillor McQuillan submitted the following written report: Councillor's Report –December 17th, 2012

Seniors: The seniors have completed their quilting project and had their final night celebration. The LEAP program will begin on January 2nd 2013. The seniors will be creating stained glass artwork with Sharon Forsyth. We will have to advertise and can accept up to 30 people.

Special Events/Centennial Celebrations/Summer Days: Going into December celebrations, Sue, Tonya and Lisa worked on the budget to prepare the committee was left to work with from the funding for 2012. The amount was approximately \$2300.00. The committee elected to put \$600 of it back into the community with a Holiday decorating contest. Sue prepared the flyer and it was sent out along with notice for the parade. We chose to attend the Souris Christmas parade and changes were made to our birthday float. All councillors available attended the parade along with Sue and although it was very cold, a great time was had by everyone. On behalf of everyone attending I would like to thank Lewis for lunch.

Moving on to the Georgetown parade, disappointment was felt by all of the committee as well as council regarding the lack of turn out from other communities when we attempted to attend all of theirs. We advertised with flyers, an ad in the Graphic, Sue made calls to businesses that usually attend our summer parade, that weren't in Souris to receive one of the flyers. Cardigan fire department did call on Wednesday to express regrets for not coming. The floats that were in the parade were all very well thought out and the Santa Float

was incredible! We will have to examine if the parade will/should be a part of our plans for 2013 & beyond.

Funding/Applications: Sue is currently working on applications for both Celebrate Canada & PEI 2014 Fund. Celebrate Canada has expanded to 4 events and we are planning to apply for 3 out of the 4. National Aboriginal Day, Multiculturalism Day & Canada Day.

PEI 2014 Fund application is going a little slower. Sue was meeting with Julie to discuss what the Playhouse would like to do for the event. Sue has also been speaking with Ron Zakar from the Mi'kmaq Confederation of PEI and has found out that they may be interested in bringing a show to the Playhouse on a weekly/bi-weekly or monthly event during the 2014 theatre season. She is also going to be speaking to Julie regarding that offer. She has found out, speaking with a representative from Culture PEI it would be better for the Mi'kmaq Confederation to apply so the town wouldn't be responsible for any costs associated and that the application would be given higher consideration. It sounds like a win for the Town, the Playhouse & the Confederation if the Playhouse is interested. Sue will report to myself or Tonya what Julie has to say in regards to this information.

At this time I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Respectively Submitted,
Faye McQuillan, Councillor*

Motion(s) from report:

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant that the special committees get together and have the authorization to get some type of appreciation for Duane Yoshikawa in an amount up to \$100, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt Councillor F. McQuillan's report as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

8.4. ***Three Rivers Sportsplex & Georgetown Volunteer Fire Department, Committee Chair Councillor Ronnie Gallant:*** *Councillor Ronnie Gallant gave the following written reports:*

Submitted on behalf of Mark Gotell, Fire Chief, read aloud by Councillor R. Gallant:



Fire Chief's Report From November 18th – December 12th

Fire Calls	EMS Calls	MVA Calls	Forestry Calls	Training	Meetings
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As we become to the end of yet another year I am pleased to report that our numbers of calls are down slightly from last year, Membership numbers are up, as well as Training numbers and we still managed to come in under budget for the second year with regards to paid on call for Firefighters. At this time I would ask for Councils approval to forward the funds from account # 5361 and funds from account # 5360 in the amount of \$3,630 to the Fire Department.

The Towns CAO and I spoke to Stephen Lewis from the Island Community fund on Wednesday December 12th , we were informed that they are working on the application however because we are getting into the Holiday Season, we may not have authorization before the Town's year end. I am requesting council approval to transfer any remaining funds from our 2012 Budget over to the Fire Department to cover our share of the ICF Grant, this would be after all Invoices are paid for December.

At the last meeting I brought up the concern that we now do not have a plow operator within the Town of Georgetown. This causes great concern in the case of an emergency during a storm. For as long as I can remember we always had a snow plow and operator located in the Town of Georgetown or Georgetown Royalty. With the Towns Streets being done by a company from Lower Montague, the Governments portion being done by a plow and operator located in Cardigan it will certainly add a major delay in response times during a storm. I hope the Council will support me in this concern and request from the Minister of Transportation to reconsider this decision after all we are still the Capital of Kings County and once we lose something it is difficult to get it back.

At this time I would like to wish Mayor Lavandier, Councilors, Town Staff and Families a Very Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year!

Have a Fire Safe Holiday!

Mark G. Gotell,
Fire Chief

We Make House Calls!

Councillor's Report – Fire Department and Sportsplex for December 17th, 2012, Councillor R. Gallant submitted the following written report.

Fire Department: The fire department has applied for funding through the Island Community Fund for a grant to purchase equipment. Buy extra tickets from the firemen this month as they will be having a special draw.

Sportsplex: The rink is open after major repairs to the ice systems. There was a lot of work done on the inside of the rink; new boards, painting and a new furnace/heating system.

Civic Center: There were repairs done to the windows. There will be more work done in the New Year; we are waiting to see what the budget will be.

At this time I would like to express a very Merry Christmas to the Mayor, Councillors, Staff and the people of Georgetown.

*Respectfully submitted by
Ronald Gallant, Councillor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor R. Gallant to At this time I would ask for Councils approval to forward the funds from account # 5361 and funds from account # 5360 in the amount of \$3,630 to the Fire Department, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

General agreement given to Councillor R. Gallant's fire dept. committee to analyze the remaining fire department funds at the end of this fiscal year for any funds remaining to be used towards our share of the ICF Grant.

- **Moved by Councillor R. Gallant that we borrow the necessary funds from the Town's operating line of credit to pay for the chiller, condenser and furnaces for the Three Rivers Sportsplex in an amount up to \$73,210.20 until such times as funds are available from ACOA, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt Councillor Ronnie Gallant's reports as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. Motion Carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant we forward the remainder of the startup funds plus \$20,000 loan to the Three Rivers Sportsplex be formally approved, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

General discussion that it's a credit to our committee chair, committee, manager, board of directors at the rink it looks fantastic. A credit to the available funding opportunities to support the rink to allow us to continue its operations.

8.5. *Planning & Community Development, Friends of Georgetown School Parent Group and King's Playhouse, Councillor Michael Gallant Committee*

Chair: *Councillor M. Gallant submitted the following written reports:*

REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2012

PLANNING AND SCHOOL

PLANNING: One permit issued to Seafood 2000 to install a CO tank in front of their facility. Also I requested His Worship to call a special meeting for January 3, 2013. The purpose is to pass a resolution that will adjust the Official Plan to better coincide with recent amendments to our Bylaw in relation to the Morrison property. Unfortunately this was due to an unintentional oversight when advertising to amend the Development Bylaw. This will correct this minor inconsistency.

SCHOOL: The School had a great Christmas fair with many people in attendance. Also they are very grateful for the Town's financial support in their activities. These funds are very important in developing activities that promote educational skills and formation.

CHRISTMAS: At this time I should like to extend my sincerest wishes to you, Your Worship, my Council colleagues, staff of the Town, our Boards at the Kings Playhouse, Three Rivers Sportsplex and our dedicated Fire Department, special committees of the Town and the good people of the Town of Georgetown a very merry and blessed Christmas Season and the very best for a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year in 2013.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gallant, Councillor*

Motion(s) from report:

General discussion regarding having Merry Christmas on the Town Sign this year.

General discussion regarding size and placement of new tanks at seafood 2000.

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt Councillor M. Gallant's report as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

8.6. Youth & Recreation and King's Playhouse: Councillor Mark Stephen, Committee Chair;

King's Playhouse: Julie Haddow's employment has been extended until the end of January, they will continue to review this on a month to month basis.

I was in contact today with "Above All Else You Need A Roof"; they will be commencing the repairs during the week of January 7th, 2013.

George Canyon has been booked for April, I hope everyone can attend. This should be a big boost for the Playhouse.

Youth & Recreation: I have reviewed the budget and understand that the remaining funds may be used to help pay for the unbudgeted roof repairs at the King's Playhouse.

On behalf of my family and myself, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

- **Moved by Councillor M. Stephen to accept the name of Bobbi-Jo MacLean onto the King's Playhouse Board of Directors, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. Motion Carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt Councillor M. Stephen's report as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

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

Councillor A. Gallant gave the following verbal report:

GADC: They had an open house this month and are actively seeking new tenants. I believe the presentation from David Tingley earlier may be a good fit to pass along to the GADC.

Finance: Statements in Monthly Package. I would like to suggest to Youth & Recreation Committee that we contact the welding school to see if we can have them build new bleachers for the ball field.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year from Wanda and myself.

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt his own report as presented, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

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

Tonya Cameron, CAO gave the following report:

Sue Yoshikawa, Centennial Event Co-coordinator: Our contract with Skills PEI for Sue is coming to a fast end on January 3, 2013. I would like to report to Council that Sue has been extremely reliable, dependable and quick study on the job here for the Town. She has gone above and beyond for us every month and it's been a very enjoyable experience having her with us. If ever we are able to hire her on a part-time or full time basis, I feel the Town should jump at the opportunity if and when it arises. I am sure Sue will be sadly missed by all.

Animal Control Officer: Mark Oliver will be gone from January – March of 2013. We can continue to pay for his service as his son and daughter can take shifts to cover for him. One works days, the other nights, but may take up to a couple of hours for response. He is offering to suspend his contract, if we would like to hire someone else for the interim.

Special Meeting: Friendly Reminder that Mayor Lavandier has called a Special Meeting of Council on January 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. regarding adopting the change to the designation of PID#618330, 46 East Street, Georgetown, P.E.I. from the current RESIDENTIAL (R1) designation to MIXED USE (MU) designation on the Town of Georgetown Revised Official Plan 2009 General Land Use Map, which will ensure conformity between the General Land Use Map (Plan) and Zoning Map (Bylaw), in response to the previously reviewed request to establish a car restoration and sale business on property in question.

Vacation: I will be on holidays with my family from Saturday, January 12th to Sunday, January 20th, but feel I am leaving the office in very capable hands. If anyone is looking for my cell number, I have emailed it to all this evening.

Christmas: I am sorry to say that I missed our Christmas Parade this year, but heard that it was fantastic. I would like to thank everyone involved, especially Duane & Sue Yoshikawa for building such a beautiful display that I got to have a sneak preview of.

Staff is very excited and thankful to all regarding Christmas Bonuses. The office will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26 and will re-open on December 27th. Closed again over the holiday for ½ day on December 31st and on January 1st.

Sue, Lisa and myself would like to thank Mayor Lewis and Clara Anne, and Council for the lovely Christmas Dinner, and we would like to wish a Very Merry Christmas to each of you and your families.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.*

Motion(s) from Report:

General agreement of Council to keep our Animal Control Officer contract ongoing during Jan-Mar leave of absence.

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

Thank you to Tonya, Lisa and Sue for all the work throughout the year from Mayor & Council.

9. New Business:

9.1. Councillor A. Gallant vacated the Council Chambers for Council to review his written request for a leave of absence for the period of January, February and March 2013, for return on or before April 7, 2013.

General discussion / suggestion to update and look at how our bylaws read and coincide with the realities of the day, terms we use, etc. to cover what is and what isn't a leave of absence, etc. Councillor M. Gallant offered to work with the administrator and anyone else on Council on our bylaws and procedures and/or policies that are fair, respectful of tradition and also respectful of where we want to be in the future. Hopefully we can find solutions to better accommodate individuals who may need to work out of Province and serve on Council.

- **Moved by Councillor M. Stephen to grant Councillor Allan Gallant's request for a leave of absence from Council for the months of January, February, and March, 2013, to return on or before April 7, 2013, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

Councillor A. Gallant was invited to return to the Council Chambers and updated on the aforementioned motion granting his request for leave of absence Jan – April 7, 2013.

10. Adjournment:

- **Moved: by Councillor M. Gallant that the meeting be adjourned as there is no further business, Seconded: by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.
January 21st, 2013

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.