



MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday,
February 21, 2012

Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Wade Williams
Councillor Allan Gallant
Councillor Michael Gallant
Councillor Ronnie Gallant
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 2/21/2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Allan Gallant (L.O.A.)

Gallery Attendants: Ron Whitaker, Toby Murphy,
Mallory King

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda: 2/21/2012

Moved for approval by Councillor F. McQuillan.

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.

3. Business/Presentations from the Floor:

3.1 Ron Whitaker presentation re: Fraud Prevention; Mr. Whitaker gave a presentation including his background and extensive experience, making a request to Council to consider hiring his services for internal fraud prevention training, including policy and procedure assessments on a flat fee basis.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Mr. Whitaker for his presentation.

3.2 Toby Murphy presentation re: Volunteers. Mrs. Murphy gave a presentation regarding volunteering in the

community and her disappointment of a recent overturning of decision by the Town Council of the Board of the Three Rivers Sportsplex, and her subsequent resignation from the Three Rivers Sportsplex Board of Directors.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Mrs. Murphy for her presentation and advised would be responding in a timely manner.

3.1.

4. Minutes

Council Meeting: January 16, 2012 Regular Meeting and business thereof:

4.1. Adoption of January 16, 2012 Regular Meeting.

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

4.2. Business from Town Council Minutes.

- **None**

5. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

5.1. General Operating Account-to January 31, 2012

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

5.2. Sewer Corporation-to January 31, 2012

- **Moved for approval as presented by Councillor M. 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 W. Williams. Motion Carried.**

7. List of Correspondence from January 17 to February 21, 2012:

7.1. Island Trails: Re: Planning the sixth annual Island East Recreational Cycling Event ending in Georgetown on Saturday, September 29th. *Council in general agreement to work with them on this event.*

7.2. Darlene MacPhee: Re: Request to use Georgetown Water Front Gazebo for wedding on August 4, 2012. *General agreement of Council re: correspondence #7.2; #7.3; 7.10; Administrator to collect further information for a description of the particulars of the events to take place, what exact location, how many participants. Further discussion to take place regarding portapotties depending on the location of the event.*

7.3. Friends and Family of Inez Clory: Re: Request for donation for upcoming prize bingo.

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant that the Administrator and the Mayor be given authority to donate the appropriate amount, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

Councillor C. Murphy challenged Council and CAO to donate \$200 out of their yearly honorariums/salary and offered to put in \$200 out of his own honorarium, and noted what a worthy and deserving cause this is, and all the extra work that Mr. Clory does for the Town.

- **Moved by Councillor W. Williams to take the equivalent dollar value out of the Public Works Budget, to be repaid by all who accept the challenge, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

7.4. Susan King: Re: Request to use bandstand on waterfront for wedding on September 8, 2012. **General agreement of Council re: correspondence #7.2; #7.3; 7.10; Administrator to collect further information for a description of the particulars of the events to take place, what exact location, how many participants. Further discussion to take place regarding portapotties depending on the location of the event.**

7.5. Atlantic Youth I.D. Services: Re: Sponsorship for youth I.D. kits. **Deferred until Council checks into what was done last year.**

7.6. Suzanne Rene: Re: Sponsorship for Rum Runner rally in August. **Specific dates, success rate of last year's venture and further information requested by Council from Ms. Rene.**

7.7. Dianne Morrison-The Guardian: Re: Presentation on the Guardian's Discover PEI Edition. **Council will possibly reconsider this request after reviewing the 2012 General Budget.**

7.8. EMO: Re: Draft of EMO plan for Council's review; Deferred **until after Council has had the opportunity to review.**

7.9. Bowl for Kids Sakes: Re: Request for donation;

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant that we sponsor in the same amount as last year, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

7.10. Alishea Gotell: Re: Request to use waterfront on West St. Beach for wedding on July 13th; **General agreement of Council re: correspondence #7.2; #7.3; 7.10; Administrator to collect further information for a description of the particulars of the events to take place, what exact**

location, how many participants. Further discussion to take place regarding portapotties depending on the location of the event.

- 7.11. Royal Commonwealth Society: Re: Invitation to the PEI Branch Commonwealth Day Observance; ***No action required.***
- 7.12. Canadian Volunteer Fire Services Association: Re: CVFSA Lifetime Achievement Award request; Deferred ***to Councillor R. Gallant to take this item up with the Fire Chief.***
- 7.13. Georgetown Minor Hockey Association: Re: Atom Provincials being held in Georgetown March 16-18, 2012. ***Deferred to rink Manager to discuss with Mr. Scanlon.***

8. Committee Reports

- 8.1. ***Finance, Government Relations -Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair:*** Mayor Lavandier submitted the following written report:
Monthly Report February 21st, 2012

On Feb. 15th, we participated in the Walk of Silence to honor those who live with abuse in their lives.

I would like to thank Councillor McQuillan and the Playhouse Board of Directors, students from Georgetown Elementary, also PEI Family Violence Prevention Services Inc. and all those who took part in the walk this year.

I would like to congratulate Denise Carroll and welcome her aboard, as she is our new Centennial Event Coordinator. We are looking forward to working with Denise to make Our Centennial year the best it can be.

I would just like to comment on the story in the Guardian, given the numbers from the latest census for 2011. Georgetown is the fastest growing community in Kings County. I believe that although we have had some setbacks, we as a council, are heading in the right direction, promoting our town as a wonderful place to live, work, raise a family and retire. I feel we have a great team and I am very proud of all members of Council.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lewis Lavandier, Mayor*

Motion(s) from Report:

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

**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 reports:

Public Works Properties and Utilities: A.A. Macdonald project have most of the quotes. Waiting a few items to come in.

Prices for floating fountain with lighting package and decorative fencing would be our top priority items if we go alone.

Ships Wheel is in the process of being made.

Community Heritage/Beautification: If budget allows I would like to get some new banners for 2012 celebrations. This would have to come out of budget.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Wade Williams, Councillor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to accept Councillor W. Williams report as presented, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

**8.3. Community & Media Relations and Seniors Affairs: Councillor McQuillan,
Committee Chair:** Councillor McQuillan submitted the following written report:

Seniors: The Seniors Club are doing great things with the LEAP project this year and sculpting instructor, Peter Llewellyn, they are sculpting dolphins and polar bears. They are doing an amazing job and are having a great time doing it. We are still awaiting word on the quilting and ukulele projects funding. We had our annual Valentine's Day potluck last week, it was a great turnout and I would like to express our thanks to Mayor Lavandier and his wife for attending.

Special Events: Walk of Silence on February 15, it had a great turnout. I would like to thank the Admin staff and Council for attending, the Fire Dept. for leading us and the grade 7 and grade 8 classes for walking, as well as the King's Playhouse for the use of their facilities. We are working on next year now.

Centennial Celebrations/Summer Days: We received word that we are getting the grant, I have a meeting scheduled tomorrow night for 5:30. All kinds of great ideas so far from the committee.

*Respectively Submitted,
Faye McQuillan, Councillor*

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor F. McQuillan, her committee and Admin staff and volunteers for all the work they have put in to make this year's 2012 Celebrations such a great line-up. The funding available to us this year is amazing and working with the Event Coordinator provided to us through Skills PEI we are sure to have a fantastic 2012 Celebration for all residents and visitors.

Motion(s) from report:

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to accept Councillor F. McQuillan's report as presented, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

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

**Councillor's Report –
Fire Department and Civic Center for February 2012:**

Fire Department: Thanks to the Fire Department for attending the Walk for Family Violence Prevention on February 15th. The Fire Department is still looking for new members.

Civic Center: The Civic Center has signed a contract with Irving Oil to maintain its furnaces. The cost was around \$390 per year. The Civic Center will be needing some work done this spring and summer. New shingles and facer boards to the front of the building. Also new paint. The cost will be between \$15,000 - \$20,000. To be taken from budget.

*Respectfully submitted by
Ronald Gallant, Councillor*

Councillor Ronnie Gallant submitted the following report on behalf of Mark Gotell, Fire Chief, as prepared by Fire Chief Gotell:



Fire Chief's Report From December 20th – February 20th

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

Please note that this report is for both January and February.

Georgetown Fire Department held its annual meeting as part of their Christmas gathering on December 30th, during the meeting a new executive was elected for 2012 -2013 following is the new executive.

Fire Chief -Mark Gotell
 Deputy Chief #1 – Allan Gallant
 Deputy Chief #2 – Randy Chiasson
 Captains – John Hebert, Aaron Blackett, Mark Stephen and Billy Perry
 Secretary/Treasurer – Shelley Jenkins

Captain Mark Stephen recently successfully completed his Medical First Responder Recertification.

It seems that once again this year the Fire Hydrants throughout the Town are not being cleaned out. I realize that these Hydrants are flushing Hydrants however it is where the Fire Department gets its supply of water to fill the trucks during a fire within the Town or surrounding area. Any delay in getting water during an emergency could possibly be a liability towards the Town. I hope council will address this issue and have it corrected as soon as possible.

Mark G. Gotell, Fire Chief

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to adopt Councillor R. Gallant's reports as presented, seconded by Councillor C. Murphy. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Lavandier asked Councillor R. Gallant to get a breakdown of how the honorarium went in 2011 to review the policy again for 2012.

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 FEBRUARY 2012

PLANNING, PLAYHOUSE AND SCHOOL

Planning: No permits issued. In March amendments to the Town's Development Bylaw and Official Plan will be presented. These amendments will be small in order to bring them up to Provincial standards and guidelines and clear up some language in our documents to make them clearer.

Playhouse: The facility is in the process of determining of hiring an Executive Director who will oversee the operations for the upcoming season. The weekly ceileighs are still doing quite well. The Board was notified of a leak in the building where the new addition joins to the main facility. Apparently with the ice storm there was a buildup (an ice dam) in the valley of the facility causing water to back up under the shingles. This will be resolved when warmer weather comes.

School: I was unable to attend the January meeting at the School due to the fact I had a family matter that I had to take care of.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gallant, Councillor*

Motion(s) from report:

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to adopt his own report as presented, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

8.6. Three Rivers Sportsplex and Youth & Recreation: Councillor Craig Murphy, Committee Chair. *Councillor Murphy submitted the following written reports:*

Youth & Recreation (February 2012): At our recent meeting on February 15th of the Board of the Eastern Region Sport & Recreation Council Inc. we welcomed our new Executive Director Rachel Harper. She has started off by getting to know the area and networking with the other Regional Directors on the Island. As well, she has been registered to multiple courses to add to her many attributes. We will be introducing her publically soon to promote her hiring and the many things this Board will be able to offer to the Eastern Region.

Three Rivers Sportsplex (February 2012): This has been a very busy month at the Sportsplex, with a lot of positives and negatives. I am almost at a loss as to where to start. I will start with the maintenance and the positives of the Rink. We had a compressor seize just before the Jimmy Carroll Memorial Tournament started and because our ice has been so well maintained we were able to keep ice on just one compressor until it was able to be fixed early the following week. The Tournament was a huge success once again this year with some very entertaining hockey to watch and the rink was busy all weekend. Just recently the Manager notified me that we had a drainage problem on the North end of the rink that was allowing water to enter the pit where the header and brine lines supply the ice surface. After further investigation it was determined that the water supply line from the well had a leak. It was dug up and repaired successfully and hopefully now eliminates the water entering the pit where the header is located.

I would like to start off by saying I am not a believer of creating negative publicity but due to the series of events that has happened in the past 2 weeks I believe the residents of the Town and the patrons of the Three Rivers Sportsplex deserve to have all of the direct facts rather than rumors from word of mouth. I have to admit with the recent overruling of a decision made by the Board of Directors that I have actually contemplated resigning as a Councillor. I have had comments made to me that have been extremely insulting, and honestly I thought that the CAO, Mayor, Council and myself had a closer and more open relationship than what has been shown. I feel this whole situation could have and should have been avoided if it was handled professionally and proper communication was exercised. The overruling decision was made without notice of urgency and without communication with me that this was going to happen. The word "discrimination" and "human rights challenge" has been mentioned on numerous occasions without even investigating if there was any warrant for such a case. It took one phone to get an answer that there would be no grounds for any type of "discrimination" or "human rights challenge" to deny a convicted criminal to work in a Town owned facility. Especially if the work involved was taking away paid hours of an Employee, which essentially it would, and currently is. When Council decided to overrule the Board's decision I immediately replied via e-mail with the following message dated 2/8/12 at 10:29 a.m.

OK, let me get this straight. I am confused. I left a message with the Mayor last night that the Board was not able to meet until next week and to call me if there were any questions???? NO CALL. The request for a meeting was "NOT" declined, people are busy as I am sure Council can relate with. The Board is currently working to supply extra manpower for the Tournament this weekend and THE MAYOR has not even bothered to even ask this question???? What exactly is the hurry on this placement? It seems there is poor communication happening, and an extreme lack of respect for the capability of the Board. This

is an unacceptable decision that has been made hastily before getting all, or even any of the facts.

I request that this decision be rescinded immediately until complete facts have been put on the table. Everyone needs to hear "BOTH" sides of this decision to make a rational and legitimate decision before this turns into a larger than necessary situation.

Craig

I received no questions and no phone calls from any Councillors so obviously they were receiving their information from other sources than myself or any board members.

If I was awarded the decency and respect as a fellow Councillor, I should have been notified of the urgency for a decision. I would have suggested a temporary placement at an alternate location for the community hours until the CAO, Mayor, and Council could have a proper face to face meeting with the Board of Directors to evaluate all of the information pertaining to this decision.

Instead I was told that the decision was made and a quote from an e-mail response was "When a vote takes place whether we like the decision or not we have to accept that" How hypocritical is that? When we were given a decision by the Board, and didn't accept it.

I would also like to add that I spoke with the other Board members who were not available to attend the meeting they expressed that even though they were unable to attend, they would support the decision that the Board made.

I have been trying lately to get an answer from the Mayor and/or CAO of the status of the Board?

Toby Murphy representing the Board announced the resignations on behalf of the Board and then the Mayor commented saying "this is for the best" because he was going to "disband the Board anyway". Your Worship, perhaps you could clarify to me your reasoning behind this bold statement? After all the work this Board has done for this Town, this statement is completely unacceptable and warrants investigation.

So now I am asking why I was not notified of this overruling before it was made? And how could the Mayor and Council make such a hasty and irrational decision without any, facts from the Board?

*Submitted by
Craig Murphy, Councillor*

Motion(s) from report:

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

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

Councillor A. Gallant sent his regrets and is currently on a leave of absence.

Motions from the Report:

None.

Mayor Lavandier asked Councillor W. Williams to report on GADC as he is already a member there. He submitted the following written report:

Georgetown & Area Development Corporation: Board is looking for new tenants for Retail Shops.

Clock for building has arrived, waiting to get installed. Some landscaping to take place.

*Respectfully Submitted
Wade Williams, Councillor*

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

Tonya Cameron, CAO gave the following report:

At the direction of Council, I have engaged MacPherson Roche Smith & Associates to perform the 2011 financial audit and financial reports. They will be out later this week to review our files.

Very happy to report that we have signed a contract with Skills PEI for a 47 week term through their work experience initiative. The successful candidate was Denise Carroll and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome her on board as our 2012 Centennial Event Coordinator. This project includes reimbursement for a new laptop computer and printer which we hope to be able to benefit from with future Skills PEI projects.

I have been speaking with Darrell Fisher of E.X.P. and hope to have a new map drawn up for us in the near future for our March Planning meetings. Those maps will have to be made available as soon as the public meetings are advertised.

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

Motion(s) from Report:

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

9. New Business:

9.1. None.

10. Adjournment:

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

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.
March 19, 2012

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.