



MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Monday,
March 19, 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 3/19/2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Attendance: Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Councillor Michael Gallant
Councillor Ronnie Gallant
Councillor Faye McQuillan

Regrets: Councillor Allan Gallant (L.O.A.)
Councillor Craig Murphy
Councillor Wade Williams

Gallery Attendants: David Macdonald

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda: 3/19/2012

Moved for approval by Councillor M. Gallant.

Seconded by 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.

3. Business/Presentations from the Floor:

3.1 None.

3.1.

4. Minutes

Council Meeting: February 21, 2012 Regular Meeting and business thereof:

4.1. Adoption of February 21, 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 February 29, 2012

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

5.2. Sewer Corporation-to February 29, 2012

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

6. Outstanding Expenditures (preliminary & supplementary list)

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant for approval to pay all outstanding expenditures as presented, with the exception of looking into the Superior Sanitation Invoice, and as funds become available, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

7. List of Correspondence from February 23 – March 19, 2012;

7.1 Canadian Heritage: Re: Notice of approval for grant in the amount of \$47200 for “Town of Georgetown’s 100th Anniversary Centennial Celebration 2012”; **No action required.**

7.2 Finance & Municipal Affairs: Re: Financial information due April 1, 2012; **No action required.**

7.3 Canada/PEI Infrastructure Secretariat: Re: Applications are being accepted for the Gas Tax Community Fund; **No action required.**

7.4 Town of Georgetown: Re: Rezoning of property #483701 from Open Space to Multiple Family Residential; **No action required.**

7.5 Georgetown Minor Hockey Organization: Re: Request for \$100 sponsorship for upcoming Atom Provincials being held at the Three Rivers Sportsplex; **No further action required.**

7.6 Minister of Canadian Heritage & Official Languages: Re: Notice of approval for grant in the amount of \$6261.00 for the “2012 Diamond Jubilee Initiative”; **No action required.**

7.7 Sydney Powers: Re: Request for sponsorship to help aid in her expenses as part of the Atlantic Girls Atom Hockey Team;

- **Moved by Councillor R. Gallant to donate \$100, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

7.8 Office of Public Safety: Re: Emergency preparedness week; **No action required.**

7.9 Office of Finance, Energy & Municipal Affairs: Re: Equalization and the Municipal Support Grant: 2012/2013 Funding; **No action required.**

8. Committee Reports

8.1. Finance, Government Relations -Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair: Mayor Lavandier submitted the following written report:

Councillor Mike Gallant and I attended an information session in Summerside recently concerning the Navy contract for the Halifax Shipyard. Although the Irving rep we spoke to could not tell us when or how their contract may affect East Isle Shipyard, we were quite optimistic that when everything is ready to go in Halifax, it is going to have a huge impact on the Maritimes and hopefully East Isle Shipyard.

Councillor Ronnie Gallant, Mike Gallant and I attended an information session concerning the roundabout at Poole's Corner. We were pleased that they intend to start in May and hope to have the job completed sometime in July.

I would like to make a request that as we have one of our citizens in her 100th year, that we change the format for the Citizen of the Year award for the year 2012 and make this person this year's honorary Citizen of the Year.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lewis Lavandier, Mayor*

Mayor Lavandier thanked Councillor Ronnie Gallant for his lobbying efforts and bringing the idea of the roundabout forth to Council in the first place.

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant that Council support further development of the new endeavor of changing the format of the Citizen of the Year Award, to be looked at again next year, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**
- **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 sent his regrets.

Motion(s) from Report:

- **None**

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

Seniors: The Seniors Club LEAP program is coming to a close. The Open House is on Wednesday April 4th, at 7:00 p.m. I would like to extend an invitation to Mayor and Council to join us and see what an amazing job the Seniors did this year. We are still awaiting grant funding so we can continue with our plans for the quilting and ukulele initiatives.

Special Events:

Centennial Celebrations/Summer Days: My Committee is meeting tomorrow night for Summer Days and Centennial Anniversary Celebrations. We are ready to finalize quite a few of our events. We received confirmation on the HCMS Summerside and the HMCS Moncton. They will be arriving on July 24th and leaving on July 27th. This should bring a lot of people to the Town.

I met with Sharon Riley last week and we are working on a 5 page ad for our Celebrations.

Our new event coordinator started today, Sue Yoshikawa, she is a great gal and is going to do a fantastic job.

Respectively Submitted,
Faye McQuillan, Councillor

Motion(s) from report:

Mayor Lavandier advised that we are disappointed to see Denise Carroll leave as coordinator, she helped us out a lot and we are quite fortunate that she will be staying on as a volunteer this summer on our committee.

- **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 March 2012:**

Fire Department: The Fire Department is still looking for new members. The Department will be busy this spring with training. There will be no grass burning in the Town.

Civic Center: The Civic Center will be having some work done to the building. New shingles and painting will be done. I would like to have some work done to the Library painting as soon as possible and later on I would like new floor covering installed.

*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 February 21st – March 18th, 2012

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

Given that we have approached a year since implementing the Paid on Call Policy, I have been asked to give a brief overview on how the policy worked out in 2011. After over 20 years of service and many years of issuing Honorarium cheques I can honestly say this has been the first year that I felt it was reasonable and fairly done, although we came in under budget some firefighters received cheques in an amount as high as \$400.00 and as low as \$15.00 .

This policy had put the onuses back on the Firefighters; if the Firefighter chooses not to attend then they don't get paid. For example one of those Firefighters who received a \$15.00 cheque does not work out west and only attended 3 of 53 calls, meaning he should have had a \$30.00 cheque but because he did not attend 50% of his training he received a \$15.00 cheque. There were a few Firefighters who had their cheques cut in half due to lack of training attendance.

As I stated earlier this is the fairest distribution of funds and hope Council will continue to support this in the coming years.

Mark G. Gotell, Fire Chief

Motion(s) from Report:

General discussion that Councillor R. Gallant will be bringing some quotes to his Civic Centre Committee regarding work in his report.

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

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 verbal reports:*

REPORT FOR MARCH 2012

PLANNING, PLAYHOUSE AND SCHOOL

Planning: Nothing new to report.

Playhouse: The facility has hired Julie Haddow as Executive Director who will be starting in the Spring.

School: Nothing new to report.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gallant, Councillor*

Motion(s) from report:

8.6. Three Rivers Sportsplex and Youth & Recreation: Councillor Craig Murphy, Committee Chair. *Councillor Murphy sent his regrets.*

Motion(s) from report:

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.

Respectfully Submitted
Wade Williams, Councillor

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

Tonya Cameron, CAO gave the following report:

We completed the year end MFIR claims. Compiled documents to submit to the auditors for year end. Reviewing yearend figures. Assisting with budget preparations. Assisting with Planning & Development Bylaw Amendments. Advertising for Gardens Supervisor. Training a new staff member, assisting to set up new computer and reporting to Skills PEI. We have also sent out requests to all local businesses for tendering the FPEIM catering for March 31 deadline. I would like to welcome Sue Yoshikawa as our new Centennial Celebrations Event Coordinator.

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

Motion(s) from Report:

Mayor Lavandier thanked the administrative staff for all their help this year.

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

9. New Business:

9.1. General discussion/presentation of fountain for the AA Macdonald Memorial Gardens as per the quote that Councillor W. Williams had sent in for the meeting.

- **Councillor M. Gallant moved that up to \$12,000 be allotted from the Breedon estate that was directed towards the AA Gardens be used towards the fountain for the AA Gardens Project, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion carried.**

9.2. General discussion/request from CAO regarding annual vacation days for Chief Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant.

- **Moved by Councillor R. Gallant, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan that the Chief Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant be given an additional annual week of vacation.**

9.3. General discussion regarding Councillor A. Gallant's request for leave of absence.

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to extend Councillor Allan Gallant's leave of absence until his return in April 2012, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

9.4. General discussion re: quarterly budget installments for Town Facilities.

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant, disbursement of monies for the Theatre and the School be paid in quarterly installments, installments may be adjusted depending on municipal finances at that time, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

9.5. General discussion re: need for porta potties for summer months.

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant, to install porta potties at the ball field, one at the gazebo, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

10. Adjournment:

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

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.
April 16, 2012

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.