



**MINUTES
GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Monday
October 21st, 2013**

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



The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on 10/21/2013, 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

Regrets: None

Gallery Attendants: James Schafer & Cindy Schafer

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda: 10/21/2013

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

2.1. Additions to Agenda

Councillor A. Gallant requested to have the addition of James Schafer and Cindy Schafer be added to the agenda under Business / Presentations from the floor regarding activities for youth in the community.

**Moved for approval by Councillor A. Gallant.
Seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

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. None.

2.4. Be advised that we are recording these proceedings; If anyone else is recording we would ask that you please declare same. **None.**

3. Business/Presentations from the Floor: Mayor Lavandier welcomed James Schafer and his wife Cindy Schafer to make a presentation:

James and Cindy Schafer. James thanked Council for giving them the opportunity to speak, and handed out bulletins to Council with respect to their presentation. James advised that they are Canadians that have moved here and decided to make their home in Georgetown. He is a documentary film maker and a pastor and she is an Administrator. Over the past few months they have been working with some local youths that have been facing concerns about their future. They have previous experience working with youth with drug and alcohol use struggles out west. They wish to work with the leaders of the community to create a fun recreation environment for Georgetown residents with a special focus on youth as they are the future in every Community. They have done this before with youth rallies on Friday nights and have volunteer leaders there with good success. They will need a place to meet and hoping that the community could provide a space with a regular venue where they can work together to launch this program and link to other initiatives in other communities, starting out with a humble little coffee shop that the youth feel comfortable to go to with simple game nights and music, movie nights, activities, etc. This coffee shop is to be drug, alcohol free, all volunteers working with the youth are to have criminal reference checks, must be community supported to work – school principal, parents, Council, etc... It all starts with having a venue...positive thinking, positive information, etc. The Meeting Place Initiative – Fun Recreation Environment for Georgetown residents with an emphasis on youth as they are the future of every community. James and Cindy also shared personal stories and past experiences; they feel they are called to help to try to make a difference.

Mayor Lavandier thanked them for stepping up to the plate and offering up their help. Anything we can do to support assisting the youth that we will try our best to facilitate that. Council to discuss further.

General discussion and agreement of Council - great idea, wonderful offer. Happy to help provide a venue, potentially the rink, look into the school, other possible venues, etc.

4. Minutes

Council Meeting(s):

- 4.1. September 16th, 2013 Regular Council Meeting;
- 4.2. Adoption and Business thereof.

- **Moved for adoption by Councillor M. Gallant that the minutes of the September 16th, 2013 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as given, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

5. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

- 5.1. General Operating Account-to September 30th, 2013

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

5.2. Sewer Corporation-to September 30th, 2013

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

6. Outstanding Expenditures (preliminary & supplementary list)

- **Moved by Councillor W. Williams for approval to pay all outstanding expenditures to be paid as presented with the addition of a \$220.35 reimbursement for expense in relation to the fire truck and as funds become available, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

7. List of Correspondence from September 17th to October 21st, 2013:

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant that all N.A.R. items are tabled as presented, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

7.1. Keith Peardon: Re: Request for removal of trees on former Bouldreault property that has become a danger to his property and vehicles; **Action Required.**

General discussion regarding tree. General discussion to pro-rate the cost. General agreement for Town to look after the cost after reviewing quote. C.A.O. to have Lairds tree Care / Removal come out to assess it, and price both just the removal of the side on the Peardon Property and for the removal of the entire tree.

7.2. Entrepreneurs' Forum: Re: Invitation to annual Entrepreneurs' Forum's New Prince Edward Island Showcase; **No Action Required.**

7.3. Environment Division: Re: Water quality assessment - Sept. 13, 2013; **No Action Required.**

7.4. Minister of Canadian Heritage & Official Languages: Re: \$19,938 was approved to the Town of Georgetown for the "Trellis Of Recognition"; **No Action Required.**

7.5. Stephanie Perry: Request to purchase land at the end of Glenelg St.; **Action Required. Council deferred until more information on location of property requested is made available to Council by the proposed purchaser, and have them provide specifics on how much property (size) is being requested.**

7.6. FPEIM: Re: 2013 FPEIM Semi-Annual Meeting; **No Action Required.**

7.7. Canadian Heritage: Re: Acknowledgement of request for funding for Summer Days 2014; **No Action Required.**

7.8. Georgetown Elementary School: Re: Thank you for the Town's continued support; **No Action Required.**

7.9. Souris by the Sea Treasures Gift Shop: Re: Inventory clear out; **No Action Required.**

7.10. Orwell Corner: Re: Orwell Corner Fall Fair; **No Action Required.**

7.11. Environment Division: Re: Water quality assessment-Sept. 26, 2013; **No Action Required.**

- 7.12. Small Business Week: Re: Small business week events schedule; **No Action Required.**
- 7.13. Engineers PEI: Mayor's invitation to the Engineers PEI-MLA Reception; **No Action Required.**
- 7.14. Alice Blackett: Re: Request for extra wide culvert; **Action Required.** *General discussion about infill, drainage, catch basins, possible water issues, etc. General agreement that letter to be sent that they can go ahead with the culvert at her expense, some engineering would have to be done, and also that that any other necessary ancillary work and problems that may arise from this work that may include storm water management infilling and a catch basin would be their responsibility for costs for that as well. A permit must be completed.*
- 7.15. Children's Wish Foundation: Re: Thank you for donation; **No Action Required.**
- 7.16. Maxine MacLellan: Re: Pink shirts; **Action Required.**
- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant that the town contribute up to \$100 for the pink shirts for students against violence as per Maxine McLellan's email request, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried. To be sent with a note saying donation as opposed to the purchase of shirts.**
- 7.17. Dorothy Robinson: Re: Trademark issue; **No Action Required.**

8. Committee Reports

- 8.1. **Finance, Government Relations - Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair**: Mayor Lavandier submitted the following written report:
Monthly Meeting – October 21st, 2013

I attended the Georgetown conference on October 3rd-5th. And I would just like to say that it was a wonderful experience. It exceeded all expectations and everyone included myself came away with a renewed commitment to go forward and try to make their respective communities the best that they can be. The inspirational speakers showed working with the assets that we have can really make a difference.

I learned that we are so fortunate in Georgetown to have the assets that we do, on which we can build our community into the destination that we hope that it can become. I was told by many of the delegates how impressed they were by the direction that we have taken so far to achieve this goal.

My goal will be to try to share some of the ideas and suggestions made at the conference to Council and so we can try to achieve the goals we hope that will become a reality in Georgetown.

I want to thank the organizers for making Georgetown the face of the Georgetown Conference. All the volunteers that helped to make the conference the success that it was. Again the delegates told me how impressed they were with the volunteer efforts from the residents of the Town.

I believe that the upcoming brainstorming session with Community Councils from Kings County on October 26th is a wonderful way to continue the conversation on “Redefining Rural PEI”.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lewis Lavandier, Mayor*

General discussion of Council regarding the Georgetown Conference and brainstorming session.

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt Mayor L. Lavandier’s report as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. 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 report:
October 2013

Public Works, Property and Utilities: Storm management work is near complete. Final details and paving will finish this week. Some of our sewer lines on Grafton St. are only down roughly 31 inches, future storm water work we may have to accommodate 2 pipes instead of one larger one – as the sewer lines in places aren’t deep enough.

East Royalty Road / West Street – Province has not given a time frame.

Sewer line from (George St. to Gordon St.) @ Kent St. is still causing problems. Will have to dig up in front of Baptist church. See what’s happening and go from there. 50 m section unable to video and see problem.

Tenders for snow removal have been received.

Snowplowing and Ice Control 2013 – 2014

King’s Enterprises	Mike LaVie
\$34,200	\$32,000

Recommend: King’s Enterprises

Municipal Facilities Snow Removal 2013 – 2014

King’s Enterprises	Mike LaVie
\$6,840	\$6,000

Recommend: Mike LaVie

Costs for municipal facilities are going up every year. Public works is being asked to add more services with a decreasing budget. Have been looking at options. Long term Town has to explore other solutions.

Community Heritage and Beautification: Few more items to be installed. Banners, cultureville sign and gardens. Overall the Town looked impressive this year. Compliments from the Georgetown Conference were impressive. Residents, staff and Council should be proud.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Wade Williams, Councillor*

General discussion regarding new and used tractors. John Deere at the Catholic Cemetary in Charlottetown – one machine has only 32 hours.

Motion(s) from Report:

- ***Moved by Councillor Wade Williams to accept King's Enterprises' Tender of \$34,200 for Snowplowing and Ice Control 2013 – 2014, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.***
- ***Moved by Councillor Wade Williams to accept Mike LaVie's Tender of \$6,000 for Municipal Facilities Snow Removal 2013 – 2014, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.***
- ***General agreement of Council to fix the sewer issue before having to dig it up in the middle of winter. Awaiting costs from Chapman's.***
- ***Moved by Councillor Wade Williams to purchase the John Deere lawnmower that Councillor R. Gallant viewed with Joe Clory at the Catholic Cemetary in Charlottetown, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.***
- ***Moved by Councillor W. Williams' to adopt his own report as presented, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.***

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

Summer Days: Grant Application has been sent in.

Seniors Bus Trip: Senior's bus trip to Moncton will be leaving on October 26, 2013 – all are welcome to attend, there are approximately 50 seats, and I have about 28 people confirmed to date.

Christmas: No Christmas Parade this year, we will be doing tree lighting, horse and wagon ride, hot chocolate with Santa at the theatre, etc. Propose to use

some Christmas money to pay for radio advertising, greeting as per last year with Ocean 100.

General discussion re: Souris Parade, to see if Town Council can attend.

Remembrance Day: We have had a couple of meetings, everything is in place for that, ie. bugler, united church minister, catholic church minister, etc. all in place.

Motion(s) from Report:

- ***Moved by Councillor M. Gallant that the monies for Remembrance Day be put aside for the Committee to have access as per budget to deal with necessary costs, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.***
- ***Moved by Councillor A. Gallant that Councillor F. McQuillan's report be adopted as given, 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 verbal reports:***

Councillor R. Gallant submitted the following written reports for Fire Dept., Three Rivers Sportsplex and Civic Center Reports:

Fire Dept.: The Fire Department received their new fire rescue truck.

Three Rivers Sportsplex: I spoke with the rink manager and the rink is in good shape, we haven't had any problems to get it up and running, we have beautiful ice there now. Lowthers is looking into warranty info for us on the new system.

Civic Center: A new rail has been put on the library by Joe Clory, he did a fantastic job. A new toilet was installed at the Fire Department.

A good friend of mine passed away last night, Frances MacLean, he has done a lot of work for the Town over the years, I would like to see a card go out.

Motion(s) from Report:

- ***General Agreement of Council to send out a card and make a donation on behalf of the late Frances MacLean.***
- ***Moved by Councillor R. Gallant that Pam Martin be added to the Three Rivers Sportsplex Board of Directors, seconded by Councillor A. Gallant. Motion Carried.***

- **Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt Councillor Ronnie 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 update:**
Councillor's Report for September 2013

GEORGETOWN SCHOOL: Parents meeting at the school tomorrow evening.

PLANNING: Changes made to the Georgetown residential Development Program to be reviewed by Council for the next meeting.

OFFICIAL PLAN and DEVELOPMENT BYLAW: Nothing new to report.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gallant, Councillor*

Motions from Report:

- **General discussion regarding use of the school.**
 - **General agreement of Councillor A. Gallant to subsidize utilizing the school gym if no other space is available for the youth group proposal as per James & Cindy Schafer. Councillor M. Gallant would like the CAO to obtain details on renting and utilizing the school after hours from the school board requirements and/or forms.**
- 8.6. **Youth & Recreation and King's Playhouse: Councillor Mark Stephen, Committee Chair presented the following verbal report(s):**
King's Playhouse: Joe MacConnell will be doing the work beneath the kitchen at the Playhouse as soon as his other job is wrapped up for the season.

Youth & Recreation: Getting some quotes for the dugouts in the Spring including compacting the gravel, possibly getting the concrete out of there, etc.

Motions from report:

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

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

Councillor A. Gallant submitted the following verbal report:

Finance: Statements presented in Monthly Package. PST rebate.

GADC: I attended the last meeting. Nothing new to report.
General discussion regarding Clam Diggers Building.

FPEIM: Due to scheduling conflicts and changes, I was unable to attend the last meeting re: Dinner at the Playhouse and First Responders Course.

Motions from report:

- ***Moved by Councillor A. Gallant to adopt his own report as presented, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.***
- *General discussion regarding the PST rebate.*
- *General discussion regarding how to spend the money for the PST refund. A new digital sign was discussed. Sewer Utility needs upgrades to Accounting System. Official Plan next year, possible S.T.E.P. program expense, etc. It was agreed to wait until the end of December to review budget expenses. General agreement to make up a wish list for items, but to await until we are closer to year end to see how we did with keeping within budgets.*
- *General agreement to pay for the new “used” lawn tractor out of the Breedon AA Gardens fund.*

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

Tonya Cameron, CAO gave the following written report:

I am so very proud to announce that this year Georgetown has won the very special designation of CBC Maritime’s Cultureville.

At the end of September we submitted an application for Summer Days 2014 event through Canadian Heritage.

Last week we sent out friendly reminders to residents concerning upcoming events and flue cleaning, winter parking, etc. as per requested at last meeting.

The 2013 Georgetown Conference was a hugely successful event. We have had a lot of positive feedback regarding this redefining rural conference which took place between October 3 - 5.

Lisa and I have also been receiving a lot of great feedback concerning the Remembrance Flags, residents are very proud of these.

I received permission last month from Council to release the Halloween budgeted funds to Minor Hockey when needed, also to run the Halloween ads.

Friendly reminder of the upcoming Municipal Brainstorming Session this Saturday, October 26, from 9 am to noon at the Montague Curling Club.

I hope everyone enjoyed a lovely Thanksgiving with their families and friends, and enjoy a safe Halloween next week.

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

General discussion regarding Land & Sea episode re: Maritime Cultureville.

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

9. New Business:

- 9.1. *Dangerous Hazardous Unsightly Properties:* *General discussion about the state of a property in disrepair on Grafton St. Complainant not wishing to make the complaint official at this time. General agreement of Council to ok Councillor M. Stephen to proceed with a general discussion with property owner. General discussion regarding a property owned by Housing Authority which has generally been cleaned up, but a smell is still coming from this property. CAO asked to speak with Dept. of Environment and/or Wildlife regarding same, that it is beyond our abilities to deal with. Written complaint already received.*
- 9.2. *Taxation Followup:* *CAO to call finance to check into the answer to our questions regarding Sewer Taxes and Provincial Tax Sales.*
- 9.3. *S.T.E.P.:* *General discussion about the S.T.E.P. program, general agreement to leave it during this term. Next November Council has a full term to deal with same. Discussions to take place with Souris. Defer until after the upcoming brainstorming sessions. Perhaps we can proceed on a regional level. To be discussed further before next election.*
- 9.4. *Anglican Church:* *General discussion about suggestions regarding a new potential use for the former Anglican Church that could compliment the King's Playhouse with Scott Parsons.*

Adjournment:

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

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.
November 18th, 2013

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.