



MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday
April 22, 2014

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 4/22/2014, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Councillor Allan Gallant

Gallery Attendants: Cindy MacLean, Brenda Latorre

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda: 4/22/2014

Moved for approval by Councillor Michael Gallant.
Seconded by Councillor Faye 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.

None.

2.3. Be advised that we are recording these proceedings; If anyone else is recording we would ask that you please declare same. .

3. Business/Presentations from the Floor:

3.1. Presentation on Planning for Rural Sustainability by the Southeast Environmental Association. Mapping a Community's Values and Places of Importance! Advising that the Southeast Environmental Association is conducting community discussions with residents and summarizing their places of land and sea they find significant. Giving residents the opportunity to identify specific places that they

personally value and explaining / demonstrating how this information will then be used to help make decisions about sustainable community development on your island.

Mayor Lavandier welcomed Ms. Bourgeois. She explained to Council how this is for the local watershed area and that there are three main priorities: economics, social and environment. The tool that they are using has people map where there values are locally, whether it be spiritual, historical, sentimental, etc. She explained how this is a good tool for when applying for grants to see where people value. Ms. Bourgeois showed Council how to use the website.

Ms. Bourgeois said how she would be willing to make presentations to other community groups.

There was general discussion about the presentation.

Mayor Lavandier thanked her for coming.

Councillor Michael Gallant called for a five minute recess. Seconded by Councillor Faye McQuillan. Motion carried.

Mayor Lavandier reconvened the meeting.

4. Minutes

Council Meeting: March 17th, 2014 Special Budget Meeting and March 17th, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting minutes and business thereof:

4.1. Adoption of: March 17th, 2014 Special Budget Meeting Minutes and Business thereof.

- **Moved for adoption by Councillor Michael Gallant.
Seconded by Councillor Ronald Gallant. Motion Carried.**

4.2. Adoption of: March 17th, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes and Business thereof.

- **Moved for adoption by Councillor Michael Gallant.
Seconded by Councillor Ronald Gallant. Motion Carried.**

A guest of the gallery asked what 4.0 was? Mayor Lavandier explained it is on the Town Council's agenda. Councillor Michael Gallant explained that as a point of procedure that even though the meeting is an open meeting that it is for Council has started to deliberate there can be no interruption. Mayor Lavandier told the gallery that Council does welcome you to the meeting, and if there is anything that you want to discuss go see the girls at the office and they will make sure that you can speak at the next meeting by speaking with the chairman.

5. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

5.1. General Operating Account-to March 31st, 2014

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

5.2. Sewer Corporation-to March 31st, 2014

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

6. Outstanding Expenditures (preliminary & supplementary list)

- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant for approval to pay all outstanding expenditures as presented and as funds become available, seconded by Councillor Faye McQuillan. Motion Carried.**
- **Councillor Michael Gallant questioned Councillor Wade Williams and Councillor Ronald Gallant on why there was such a huge difference in the cost of the cellular bills of the head of public works and the fire department. Councillor Ronald Gallant and Councillor Wade Williams both stated that they will look into it.**

7. List of Correspondence from March 18th – April 22nd, 2014:

7.1. Department of Environment, Labour & Justice: re: Fire protection services; **No Action Required;**

- Mayor Lavandier stated that he would like to forward this correspondence until the next meeting to have time to contact with legal council with a couple of issues.

7.2. Go!PEI: re: Call to host 'go!PEI Let's Walk 2014; **Action Required;**

- Mayor Lavandier told Council that we are going to have a walk and he is looking for a team. The young people from the school are going to participate as well as the administrative staff. We are going to take a picture and send it along to GoPEI and we will be registering. There will be more information available. We will discuss it further as time goes on.

7.3. Island East: re: Free exclusive offer to Island East Tourism Group members-easy and effective packaging promotion on our new website; **Action Required;**

- There was general discussion and Councillor Michael Gallant noted that April 18th was the cutoff and that it was already missed.

7.4. Maroon Pig: re: Kent Square Street Rentals; **No Action Required;**

- Councillor Michael Gallant told Council, that when municipalities see a building permit, whether residential or commercial, all permits, if people feel, whether their rights or rights to enjoy their own property, they feel that it is going to impact their property or the Town negatively, they have a right to appeal to IRAC within 30 days if it. As having so many businesses of the same nature in a community, what we go by, does it fit the context and the contents and reflects the Official Plan and the municipal by-law, if it fits those two characters of those two documents of the municipality then under normal

- circumstances they are approved. And if citizens feel that the process somewhat violates those principals they have that right to appeal. Mayor Lavandier stated that the Town's policy has been all along to approve, if the resident requires a permit to start a new business. And if the residents feel that there is a problem they have to put in a grievance and that IRAC would deal with it. Councillor Michael Gallant suggested that when the C.A.O. returns that he and the C.A.O. draft a response letter to the Maroon Pig.
- 7.5. Turner, Drake & Partners: re: Planning for tomorrow, today; **No Action Required;**
- 7.6. Federation of PEI Municipalities: re: 57th Annual Meeting; **No Action Required;**
- Mayor Lavandier stated that he, the Administrative staff and Councillor Michael Gallant will be attending.
- 7.7. Southeast Environmental Association: re: Planning for Rural Sustainability; **No Action Required;**
- 7.8. Bruce Martell: re: Civic Centre paint project; **Action Required;**
- Councillor Ronald Gallant notified Council that he has taken care of this matter.
- 7.9. Canadian Heritage and Official Languages: re: Summer Days grant; **No Action Required;**

8. Committee Reports

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Deputy Mayor Williams, Councillor Michael Gallant and our administrators, Tonya and Lisa, for presenting the budget at our last Council meeting while I was away. We were fortunate that we do not have to raise taxes this year. And there are a few good things in the budget. It is very difficult to keep providing services and not have to raise taxes, we have been doing a lot of juggling, some of the services have to be cut back but I want to commend Council on bringing us out with a budget that we do not have to increase taxes.

Councillor Faye McQuillan, Councillor Mark Stephen & myself, presented a cheque to the Project Y youth group on behalf of the Town on Saturday night. We were really impressed with the amount of young people who were present, this is fantastic, we want things going on for our young people and this is really something that has taken them off the streets, it's giving them things to do and also a number of parents were in attendance. Kudos go to Cindy and James for starting this initiative, it seems to be catching on with the young people as well as the parents and we our very fortunate to have residents and folks that want to take on this responsibility and work for our youth. We are going to be working close with Cindy and James and try to make things more available for the kids over the summer, going to work with the skate park, and all these

things together will make it good for the kids, and that is what we need, we need to keep our young people with things to do, things going on and I think this is just wonderful.

Our administrators and myself will be attending the annual FPEIM on Monday, April 28th in Kensington.

I attended the ukulele session a couple of weeks ago and was impressed with the amount of seniors participating. The youth are getting things to do and now the seniors, I couldn't get in the hall because there were a lot of entertainers, and I was quite thrilled because with the upcoming Cloggeroo folk festival is coming up this fall, I'm sure that we will have lots of musical entertainment from our ukulele group. It's great to have things going on for our seniors and I have to send kudos goes to Councillor Faye McQuillan for continuing to provide entertainment and activities for our seniors.

We have Joey Clory back on staff and Joey is going to tear down the old greenhouse and get our workers back. Councillor Michael Gallant commented that a building permit will have to be submitted for the tear down of the greenhouse. Councillor Wade Williams said that he would submit one tomorrow.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Lewis Lavandier, Mayor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant to adopt Chairperson L. Lavandier's report as presented, seconded by Councillor Mark 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:

Public Works, Property and Utilities & Beautification:

Spring is finally here, now assessing the damage. Plow damage will be looked after when things dry up. Considering the heavy snow and excessive water, streets fared out not bad. Some of the storm management work we have done is paying off.

Few issues will have to be looked at:

- Playhouse roof on east side had excessive ice damming. Higher snow amounts, colder temperatures and freeze thaw cycles are causing water problems. Ice shield needs to be higher than normal practice of 4 feet. (9' to 12')
- water is entering foundation through the electric panel by front entrance
- downspouts by parking lot and kitchen are causing problems
- furnace vent is not working properly
- Three Rivers Sportsplex will need some important fixes. Bent brine line, collapsing wall, under mining ice surface on East corner. Proper storm water and downspouts need to be looked at also. Putting this off is not an option. Brine line and under mining of concrete slab should be looked at ASAP.

Sewer flushing will happen this month. Hopefully no issues will arrive.

Public Works will try to replace some culverts. This is part of ongoing storm management issues. I have looked at paving East Street this year, I had requests in the previous years and I have had contractors out. Town would have to apply for funding for East street upgrade. (Grafton St. to Richmond St.) Estimate cost would be \$31,000.00. Paving without proper ditching, culverts, Class A gravel and asphalt base with seal is only option. Next Council would have to decide if this a priority. Putting a small skiff of asphalt does not solve the problem, there is no base and everything is wet, this just won't do.

Gardens, looking at more improvements. Have to finish some of last year's outstanding features.

Greenhouse collapsed this winter and needs to be cleaned up. Looking at painting craft shop and bandstand this year. Last year we put a first coat on the bandstand so hopefully we can finish the second coat. With 2014 celebrations a fresh coat of paint will go a long way.

Hanging baskets, flowers, tree plantings will still be part of beautification.

Georgetown to sign on to the MOU by Eastern PEI Municipality Coalition. In principal, by signing, we agree to the terms outlined in this MOU and demonstrate our commitment to upholding the spirit of collaboration the EPEIMC embodies.

This is just the start, hopefully the more we can sign onto it the better.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Wade Williams, Councillor*

Councillor Ronald Gallant asked if Councillor Wade Williams could get Joey to set the timer at the Band stand. Councillor Williams said how Joey just started back and that the boards need to be taken off in order to access it. Councillor Gallant also informed the Council of broken boards on the boardwalk. Councillor Williams suggested that Councillor Gallant write it in Joey's book that is located in the Town Office and that he will deal with it, when possible.

Mayor Lavandier suggested that we get another quote on the work needing to be done at the Sportsplex. Councillor Michael Gallant commented to get invitational quotes. If the Town can get three companies, and compare for the same work. Mayor Lavandier agreed that Council will have to move on this, and that it is a serious issue. General discussion. Councillor Gallant suggested that maybe with the new quotes, have them break down each individual component. Councillor Gallant suggested that the Public Works and Sportsplex committees meet. Mayor Lavandier stated how the Town is looking to put the skate park in there again this year.

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Georgetown to sign on to MOU by Eastern PEI Municipality Coalition. In principal, in signing, we agree to the terms outlined in this MOU and demonstrate our commitment to upholding the spirit of collaboration the EPEIMC embodies. Moved by Councillor Wade Williams and seconded by Councillor Michael Gallant. Motion carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant to adopt acting Councillor W. Williams' report as presented, seconded by Councillor Faye McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

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

Seniors: Seniors have started the Ukulele class and all seems to be enjoying it. We have 31 in the class and we are having a blast! Councillor Ronnie Gallant and Councillor Mark Stephen should be able to entertain us soon....we are also working on a documentary on the ukuleles and the seniors, we are looking for funding, as always, and are not having that good of luck with it but we are still working on it. What we are planning on doing is, since the senior group started we are going to build up from everything that they have done.

Fund Raising for Three Rivers Sportsplex: The Three Rivers Sportsplex Prize Bingo is doing well, we have given Carol \$1800 so far and the crowds are picking up each week... We have one more week at the playhouse and then we are moving upstairs at the Rink for a few weeks until it gets warmer, then we go to the ice service until the ice is ready to put back in. So everyone come on down, prizes are great and the bottle bingo is \$300 plus. Everything is building up so it should be good.

Grants: We finally got the Secretariat grant money, the computers are in and I will pick them up tomorrow. The class starts on the first of May and I was

speaking with the instructor today and he is all ready to go. It is going to be an evening class and held in the library. We have four computers in the library that we can use and I have purchased three laptops so we will set it up there, so we will probably have to double up. It is a basic learning the computer class, some have asked for it and they want to know why this work, and how to do this. We also received 30 computers from computers for seniors, there are still a few left, you have to be 55 to receive one, we are having a few issues with these computers, there is a certificate error, Councillor Gallant is working on this for me, hopefully we will be able to fix it before we give any more out.

United Way: I was speaking with a gentleman from the United Way today and they have a project where they get people from other communities to come into your community and do things like needed their barn painted, yard cleaned up, or to clean up the rink. There is 10-15-20 that will come to your community and they will be here for one day and one day only, we are going to look into that. We have to provide rakes, paint, and we have to give them something to eat. This is for anyone who wants to volunteer, so if anyone on Council, that is good too, the more from local communities, right now they have 15 from the Charlottetown area and 15 from the Summerside area, there is really no one from the Kings County area yet, but they will travel out here if we need them. It would be nice to get some locals, from Cardigan, Montague, Georgetown and that area. But I will leave the information and maybe you can figure out something for them to do.

Summer Days: We have to set a meeting including my committee which is Mike and Ronnie. We will set a meeting for next week and I will notify the rest of the committee and if anyone else wants to come, if interested please feel free to come. We shortened it down this year, it is only going to be three days, I think, we just have to figure out what we can do and not do in three days. I will get Lisa to post it.

*Respectively Submitted,
Faye McQuillan, Councillor*

Motion(s) from report:

- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant to adopt Councillor Faye McQuillan's report as presented, seconded by Councillor Ronald Gallant. Motion Carried.**

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

Councillor's Report – Civic Center, Fire Department and Sportsplex for April 22nd, 2014, Councillor R. Gallant submitted the following verbal report:

Civic Center: I will be putting out a tender in the near future for new windows and shingles, I would like to have this done as soon as possible before we get into summer days. I will be talking to Lisa to put the tender in the Eastern Graphic.

Fire Department: No report. Thursday night they will have their monthly meeting and I will be bringing up their phone bills, which something will have to be discussed, they seem a little high and Council and myself.

- Councillor Mark Stephen suggested that maybe Councillor Gallant might want to hold off bringing it up at this month's meeting as both phone holders, Fire Chief Gotell and Deputy Fire Chief Gallant will not be in attendance. So you might want to hold on to the next meeting.

When they get back, I will be in touch with them or just have a private meeting with them

Sportsplex: You heard Councillor Williams outlined of the damage that was done over the winter. I was informed tonight that there will be some money coming, not sure how much, but we will have to wait and see.

*Respectfully submitted by
Ronald Gallant, Councillor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant to adopt Councillor Ronald Gallant's reports as presented, seconded by Councillor Faye 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 written report:

Also there was a \$1000 grant to be given to the school this year, as we do every year. I would like to make a motion that one half of the grant be given on or about June 1st and the other on or about December 1st of this year.

PLANNING: Due to the holy weekend and the facility and concerns over staff, last week Seafood 2000 did put a new roof on their building, the old Lion's Club, it does require a building permit because you are changing the type of material, an individual did contact me from Seafood 2000, between the weather and whatever, they were up there on Good Friday putting it on, they do still require a permit, but I did give them informal approval to go ahead because we know that it is was a fairly general operation.

GEORGETOWN SCHOOL: Also your worship, it has been discussed around Council that with the dwindling population of our local school and we are the not the only municipality facing difficult futures with the schools in population, but I think that it is time that the Town of Georgetown request the English School Board to look at the rezoning of our school to include the entire 652/C0A 1L0 postal code, right now it does not cover the whole area or even the whole Georgetown fire district area, as another example. To try to increase the catchment area to try and increase the population of our school.

And at this time would like to give my sincere condolences to Lisa and Tonya on the passing of Betty Perry.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gallant, Councillor*

Motion(s) from report:

- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant and seconded by Councillor Mark Stephen that one half of the \$1000 funding be given to Georgetown Elementary on or about June 1st and the second half on or about December 1st of this year. Seconded by Councillor Mark Stephen. Motion carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant that if Council is in agreement, a request be sent to the English School Board, that they look at rezoning for the catchment area of Georgetown school to include either the entire 652 telephone exchange, or the C0A 1L0 postal code or the Georgetown fire district catchment area as the zone for our school. Council agreed.**
- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant to adopt his own report as presented, seconded by Councillor Mark Stephen. Motion Carried.**

8.6. Youth & Recreation and King's Playhouse: Councillor Mark Stephen, Committee Chair presented the following verbal report:

King's Playhouse: Councillor Williams pretty well has everything spoken about the Playhouse. The water has stopped coming in the hydro panel which I believe is a broken plastic pipeline underneath the step that was allowing the water to come through. There is only one issue that was brought to me before the last meeting at the Playhouse, and that is some damage that was done by the snow removal gentleman to the step of the kitchen where it looks like he came along with the blade and caught the front of the steps and tore a chunk of the steps off and they wish to have it replaced by either the gentleman insurance who did it. And I said that I would bring it up to Council next time. Basically all the other damage from the ice and snow, that we can't do anything about. It would likely be a \$5 piece of wood the cost to repair and four screws, I figure that we might as well just go get a piece of wood and get Joey to put it on or I'll get a piece of wood and put it on and that will be the end of that.

Additional Report: King's Playhouse report prepared by Julie Haddow, Director, submitted by Mark Stephen, Councillor:

Youth & Recreation: I did get up to the youth group and it was amazing seeing all those kids up there and they were having a hoot. I never got to listen to the band but I imagine they were going to be pretty good. Which is great to see them up there like that. It keeps them off the streets and out of abandoned buildings. Earlier I submitted a quote for Fundy Fencing for the swing set down of West Street beach, I gave you a new copy of it because I did go through and I did make a change on it, the first one I had two splash proof tot seats, I now just put down one tot seat and an accessible seat for disabled children, for like the local MacConnell boy, who would probably love to swing, this has restraining straps in there so that he can't fly out. I would like Council's permission to go forward and order it, so we can get it in as soon as possible. And also I got a couple of guys coming down to give me quotes on the dugouts for the hard ball diamond to get that cement out of there and scraped up. I did ask for quotes to have that cleaned up and "A" gravel to be put in so that it is good and solid for the kids to run in and out of and for a sheaf of steel for the roof, and get them fixed up right so that they will last a few years.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mark Stephen, Councillor*

Motion(s) from report:

- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant that Councillor Mark Stephen have the authority to spend up to \$5000 on new playground equipment for West Street Beach. Seconded by Councillor Faye McQuillan. Motion Carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant to adopt Councillor M. Stephen's report as presented, seconded by Councillor Faye McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

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

8.8. Administrator's Report: Tonya Cameron, Chief Administrative Officer:
Tonya Cameron, CAO sent her regrets.

9. New Business:

- 9.1. Mayor Lewis Lavandier expressed his condolences to both Tonya and Lisa on the recent passing of Betty Perry.

10. Adjournment:

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

Minutes recorded by:
Lisa MacKenzie, Administrative Asst.
Minutes submitted by:
Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.
May 19th, 2014

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.