



The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on 2/18/2014, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Wade Williams  
Councillor Allan Gallant – L.O.A.

Gallery Attendants: James Schaffer, Randall Fletcher;

## MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday  
February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Approval of Agenda: 2/18/2014

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

#### 2.1. Additions to Agenda – None

#### 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. **None.**

### 3. Business/Presentations from the Floor: Mayor Lavandier opened the floor to hear public budget presentations:

3.1. *BUDGET CONSULTATION / PRESENTATION FORUM FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN GENERAL PUBLIC, COMMUNITY GROUPS, COMMITTEES & BOARDS:*



**James Schaffer – Averaging about 18 youth at the Eagles Nest and some parents have been turning out too. Its an open door from 7p.m. to 10p.m. Use of the big screen there, we just have had a Wii donated. Card play, use of the pool table, music. We were also very fortunate to have had a \$1000 table tennis table donated, and will soon have coaching for table tennis. Some coaches from Charlottetown are looking at coming out to put on a presentation of table tennis. The youth are interested in keeping things the way they are and hoping to partner with the coaches for table tennis. Equipment, we purchased some nets and paddles and are looking for \$1,000 for replacement equipment, chips and pop and to hold a movie night here and there and to include hotdogs etc. People are very giving. We are now officially “Project Y” a fully licensed P.E.I. nonprofit organization. Project Y are working with a lawyer in Town who has been donating her time. Lots of support from the community and special thanks to Manfred O’Hlandt and Mark Gotell at the rink. Kudos to the community for all their support.**

**Mayor Lavandier thanked James & Cindy for getting so engaged and taking on this project, it is really important for our youth and we will make every effort we can to support this group. On a separate note, a very special thank you for videoing Ms. Francis Llewellyn for the Town. General discussion regarding video, Town vision tieing our history in with our tourism, upcoming movies at the Theatre, upcoming ukulele class with the seniors and potential to have them play for the youth.**

**Randall Fletcher, King’s Playhouse Chairperson, thanked Council for all the support they have provided over the past year. A lot of work has been taken care of for the addition with the exception of two things. Problem with water under the kitchen and the outdoor flu. We would like the water to be removed from the building and directed away from the building. The furnace flu is the second problem – this was installed too low outdoors. If snow or ice gets into the box around the flu it causes issues and even shut down. I had to go over 8 different days this January to reset the furnace. Physically its difficult to dig it out and get in under the crawl space. I have some concern that if we had a heavy snowfall on a day when I was working and couldn’t get to it that there is potential for the pipes to freeze. I discussed the issue with Barry Walsh and he thought what we needed would be an outside chimney that would go up to the roof and would cost approximately \$2,000. We discussed this at the last board meeting, it was decided that if the Town could come up with ½ the cost, the board has agreed to endeavour to come up with the other ½.**

**General discussion regarding King’s Playhouse water issue under kitchen and to have King’s County provide a quote and look at current swale, or potentially add a catch basin, etc. Generally discussed the reservoir that**

*used to be under the former fire dept. this area has had water issues for some time.*

*Randall requested that the World War I plaque be mounted on the war memorial or find another home for it as there is no room to display it at the Playhouse presently. General discussion regarding World War I plaque placement. General agreement of Council that it should be displayed. Further discussion will be needed regarding placement as the item is approximately 150 - 200 pounds and would need some kind of protection from the elements as it is brass. This is a significant plaque and deserves a place of honour in the Town. Perhaps consider affixing it to some of the new pillars.*

*Mayor Lavandier and Council thanked Mr. Randall Fletcher for all of the great work he, the board and volunteers have been doing at the King's Playhouse.*

*Susan Walsh, Librarian pre-submitted a request for the Georgetown Library for the 2014 Budget, along with a report on the Genevieve Soloman Library for the 2013 year.*

*As there was no further presenters, Mayor Lavandier continued with the regular meeting.*

#### **4. Minutes**

Council Meeting(s):

- 4.1. January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Council Meeting;
- 4.2. Adoption and Business thereof.

- **Moved for adoption by Councillor M. Gallant that the minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as presented, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.**

#### **5. Financial Statements (Unaudited)**

5.1. General Operating Account-to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

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

5.2. Sewer Corporation-to January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

- **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 funds become available, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**
7. **List of Correspondence from January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014:**  
***General Agreement of Council that all N.A.R. items are tabled as presented, and to only deal with those that require action.***
- 7.1. Kings County Kings Bantam Girls: Re: Request for sponsorship for 2014 Bantam Female Atlantic Championship; ***Action Required.***
- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to donate the amount of \$100 to the King's County Bantam Girls, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion carried.**
- 7.2. Canada-Prince Edward Island Infrastructure Secretariat: Re: Reminder of applications for Provincial Infrastructure Fund; ***Action Required.***  
General agreement of Council to have the following three items applied for:
- Playground equipment and outdoor shower at West St. Beach;
  - New accessibility ramp / walkway leading into the library at Civic Center;
  - Armour Stone for replacing Gabians at West St. Beach;
- All three items to be applied for separately if we can put them under appropriate categories and are eligible.
- **Moved by Councillor M. Stephen for the C.A.O. to apply to the Provincial Infrastructure Fund as per general agreement of Council, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. Motion Carried.**
- 7.3. Bobbi Jo MacLean: Re: Request for exclusive rights to host old fashioned seafood/BBQ bakes at West Street Beach Gazebo; ***Action Required.***  
***General agreement of Council to send correspondence to invite Mrs. Bobbi Jo MacLean to discuss planning and other particulars for further discussion with Council at an in-camera session.***
- 7.4. Festival & Events PEI: Re: Membership application; ***Action Required.***  
***General agreement that this is not required for the Town. Lisa to check with the King's Playhouse tomorrow for their 2014 events.***
- 7.5. Rural Beautification Society: Re: Request for use of room at Playhouse for workshop; ***Action Required.***  
***Deferred to Councillor Wade Williams & Committee & King's Playhouse.***
- 7.6. Cloggeroo Steering Committee: Re: Expression of interest to host a Kings County Music Festival in Georgetown; ***Action Required. General discussion***

**and agreement of Council to send correspondence in response that we will try to find an amount up to \$5,000 and provide in-kind facilities.**

- 7.7. Georgetown Fire & Rescue: Re: Official notification of dismissal of Mike Lavie; **Action Required.**

**General discussion of Council. Councillor M. Gallant advised that he was less than edified with the prior proceedings. Council agreed.**

- **General agreement of Town Council to accept the dismissal and respect the 2/3 vote of the Fire Department.**

**Council agreed to work on measures of clarity going forward.**

- 7.8. New Horizons for Seniors Program-PEI: Re: Approval letter for "Georgetown Senior's Ukulele Club"; **No Action Required.**

- 7.9. Perry & Patsy Gotell: Re: Sewage Rate rebate; **Action Required.**

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to issue the sewer rebate, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

- 7.10. Naomi Gotell: Re: A.A. MacDonald Memorial Gardens; **Action Required. Deferred to Budget Process.**

- 7.11. Susan Walsh, Librarian of the Genevieve Soloman Memorial Library: Re: 2013 library report and budget request; **No Further Action Required deferred to Finance Committee to review with budget requests.**

- 7.12. PEI Seniors' Secretariat: Re: Request for additional information concerning Basic Computer Skills application; **Action Required. Deferred to Councillor F. McQuillan and Committee.**

- 7.13. Military Family Resource Centre: Re: Invitation to Military Family Resource Centre; **No Action Required.** Council to check their schedules and advise if a representative is available.

## **8. Committee Reports**

- 8.1. **Finance, Government Relations - Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair:** Mayor Lavandier submitted the following written report:  
Monthly Meeting – February 2014

On February 10th Lieutenant Governor H. Frank Lewis, Leader of the Opposition Steven Myers, Grade 7 & 8 students and staff, citizens of the Town and myself participated in the Walk of Silence for PEI Family Violence Prevention Week.

The Town Council met with the Fire Department at their regular monthly meeting in January to bring forth Mr. LaVie's concerns to hear both sides of the story in regards to his dismissal. At that meeting the issue was dealt with internally and we feel that as council we must respect the final decision made by the fire department. Town Council thanks Mr. LaVie for his many years of volunteer service to the Town of Georgetown.

*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 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:

Councillors Report – February 2014:

Seniors: Seniors LEAP program is going well. They all seem to be enjoying the Rug hooking. They are calling themselves the "Happy Hookers". There will be an open house at the end of March so they can show off their finished projects. I will let you know the date at the next monthly Council Meeting. We got great news from the New Horizon's grant – we will receive \$14,803 for seniors to learn the Ukulele. We will start this on March 20<sup>th</sup>. They are very excited! We are still waiting to hear on one more grant, but should hear from this soon. It is a busy year for our senior's club.

Three Rivers Sportsplex Fundraising: The Summer Days Committee and the Three Rivers Sportsplex Board of Directors are working together to have a Bingo



to Raise money for the Rink. So far it is going well. We are getting more people each week and are getting great feedback on the prizes and the Bingo itself. The crowd is picking up week to week. I met with Carol and gave her \$460 for the first few weeks. We are not going to make big money at these little bingos but each little bit helps. If we make approximately \$450 per month that is \$5400 per year. Not too bad. We are going to try to have a few money money bingos in the summer, this should bring in more money.

I would like to make a request to the Town for the Big Brother's Big Sister's Bowl for kids.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Faye McQuillan, Councillor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- ***Moved by Councillor F. McQuillan to donate \$100 for curl for kids, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. Motion Carried.***

***General discussion to have the theatre to host a pancake breakfast for ash Wednesday community event, deferred to Councillor F. McQuillan and committee for further discussion with Randall Fletcher.***

- ***Moved by Councillor F. McQuillan that her own report be adopted as given, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. Motion Carried.***

***Mayor Lavandier thanked F. McQuillan and Bingo group for all their hard work. The turnouts are great considering the weather has been so terrible.***

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

*Written Fire Dept., Three Rivers Sportsplex and Civic Center Reports submitted by Councillor R. Gallant:*

Three Rivers Sportsplex: The Sportsplex is having trouble with their brine pipes. When the ice goes at the rink this year we should get a lot of work done there at the north east wall. Joey and his crew could be doing some work there on rainy days. I was reviewing the bills and feel the propane is high for the Zamboni, its burning about double what the canteen is using. This needs to be looked at further, I would like the Administrator or assistant to review the propane for the last couple of years.

Civic Centre: The Civic Centre will need some work done this Spring including a couple new windows upstairs on the front and Tonya has indicated she would

like to see something done about the draft coming in at the front door entrance. Perhaps we will look at a double door or something for the winter.

Fire Dept.: The department made the decision to let M. LaVie go, as we discussed earlier.

**General discussion and agreement to have Lisa to be asked to pull the last two years of propane records for the rink to review for discussion. Mayor Lavandier and Council expressed a very sincere thank you to Lisa MacKenzie, John Arsenault and Philip Fraser for all the volunteer work they are doing behind the scenes to help out with the rink.**

*Fire Dept. Report submitted by Mark Gotell, presented by Councillor R. Gallant:*



Fire Chief's Report From January 21<sup>st</sup> – February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Fire Calls	EMS Calls	MVA Calls	Forestry Calls	Training	Meetings
2	3	0	0	1	1

Mark G. Gotell,  
Fire Chief

**We Make House Calls!**

Motion(s) from Report:

*None*

- **Moved by Councillor R. Gallant to adopt his own reports as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. 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 updates:

Councillor's Report for January 2014:

PLANNING: I had an enquiry pertaining to the moving of a mini-home onto either an R1 or R3 zone. After discussing the issue with Council it was generally agreed that at this time not to proceed with such requests until such time as the Town's Official Plan and Development Bylaw are updated. Also Councillor Williams is to get prices on expanding the present mini-home park which maybe in the long run be more appropriate for such development.

Also there was an enquiry into moving a garden suite aka a granny flat. There was general consensus to allow such a venture as was done before. I spoke with the party involved who related to me that it will be some time before any final plans and paperwork are to be completed and before Council would have to officially decide.

There has been some discussion in the media and elsewhere about municipal boundaries, amalgamation and annexation especially in light of the Judge Thompson Report of 2010. There are many issues to think of in this debate that would affect people on many different and varied levels. In the e-edition of the Eastern Graphic (February 17, 2014) editor Paul McNeil offered some insight into the situation but in my opinion no real solutions. I do concur with him that the Provincial Government must be the leader in this debate and for it to facilitate open and fair discussions with all concerned. As time passes by it will become increasingly clear that the future of our municipalities would be better served to have these discussions sooner rather than later.

Municipalities are "creatures of the province" and as such it is in the best interests of the Province to have its municipal units strong, and vibrant both socially and financially in order to maintain and enhance good services to their citizenry and be more competitive in the market place. Again the main thrust for this issue must be one for the Province to organize, facilitate and lead.

GEORGETOWN SCHOOL: Nothing new to report.

OFFICIAL PLAN and DEVELOPMENT BYLAW: Nothing new to report.

Respectfully submitted  
Michael Gallant, Councillor.

Motions from Report:

***General discussion regarding story and gathering information.***

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant that the budget be presented at the regularly scheduled monthly March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Town Council Meeting, seconded by F. McQuillan. Motion carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to adopt his own report as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

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

Youth Activities: Budget has been requested. Hoping to get funding for the park items for the younger kids at West St. Beach. I do believe that James and Cynthia Schafer are doing a great job with the youth group and that we need to continue to support them in any way we can. Wonderful volunteers! Its so nice to have these options for our youth. I look forward to working with them and on the skatepark this summer. I hope we can get someone equally as good in the skatepark this year, last year Doug Kinnear did a great job and we were very fortunate to have him. We might have to look at getting a few more helmets.

King's Playhouse: Budget has been requested.

Motions from report:

*General discussion regarding having bingo on Sunday afternoons at separate times from skatepark once that season begins.*

- ***Moved by Councillor M. 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 is on a leave of absence.*

**8.8. *Administrator's Report: Tonya Cameron, Chief Administrative Officer:***  
Tonya Cameron, CAO gave the following written report:

Scotts Canada Grassroots Grant: Councillor W. Williams and myself put together this application and submitted same, we are hopeful to be successfully awarded the small grant through this program for the AA Macdonald Gardens.

Upcoming Budget: I would like to respectfully request Council to set Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2014 the night of our regularly scheduled Council Meeting to also

have the Budget meeting on the same date, looking for general agreement of Council so that I may advertise same.

Oil Tank: The oil tank did have a partially clogged nozzle, I am very glad Councillor R. Gallant picked up on this and hopefully we will start to enjoy smaller oil bills.

Walk of Silence: We had another successful walk of silence again this year. Thanks to Councillor F. McQuillan, her committee, Mayor and Council, Maxine MacLellan, the Fire Department, the grade 7 & 8 students at the School, the King's Playhouse and the Lieutenant Governor, his honourable H. Frank Lewis for another great event. A special thank you to the Premier's Action Committee against family violence for sponsoring the refreshments. I am very proud of Council and Fire Dept. for such a great turnout to show their support for this event. I also think Jessica Perry did a great job speaking on behalf of her class on CBC Compass regarding the event.

Valentine's Theater Show – I attended the valentine's special production at the King's Playhouse Theatre, "Salt Water Moon". It was a fantastic production, we were very impressed with the show and look forward to their next show.

Year End Accounting – Lisa is almost ready to forward our Simply Accounting Files to MacPherson Roche Smith & Associates. Darren Shea of their office will be coming out to the Town Hall during the 1st week of March to perform a file audit. We should have our financial statements and MFIR return for the March meeting.

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

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

## **9. New Business:**

9.1 Nice card of recognition should be prepared and presented by the Mayor & Council to the Kaylee girls. Everyone that attends from all over the Island looks forward to this weekly event and attends regardless of the weather. They are doing a great job, Khristy & Kendall should also be thanked for all their work!

## **Adjournment:**

- **Meeting to be adjourned as there is no further business.**

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

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

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