



MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Monday
March 17th, 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 3/17/2014, at 6:35 p.m. immediately following the Special Budget Meeting.

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

Absence: Mayor Lewis Lavandier – Regrets
Councillor Allan Gallant, (on L.O.A.)

Gallery Attendants: Angus MacPhail, the Eastern Graphic

1. Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Wade Williams called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda: 3/17/2014

Moved for approval by Councillor M. Gallant.
Seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. 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. **Angus MacPhail advised he would be recording on behalf of the Eastern Graphic.**

3. Business/Presentations from the Floor:

3.1. **None.**

4. Minutes

Council Meeting: February 18th, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting and business thereof:

4.1. Adoption of: February 18th, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes and Business thereof.

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

5. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

5.1. General Operating Account-to February 28th, 2014

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

5.2. Sewer Corporation-to February 28th, 2014

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

7. List of Correspondence from February 18th – March 17th, 2014

7.1. Consumer, Labour & Financial Services: Re: Copy of the Lottery/bingo license for Three Rivers Sportsplex Board of Directors; **No Action Required.**

7.2. Family Service PEI: Re: FSPEI expansion of services for Credit Counseling Services; **No Action Required.**

7.3. Confederation Entertainment: Re: Thank you for supporting Credit Union Music PEI Week 2014; **No Action Required.**

7.4. Municipal Affairs & Provincial Planning: Re: Thank you for recent correspondence requesting an extension to the ministerial approval of the current Official Plan associated Development Bylaw and Community Sustainability Plan; **No Action Required.**

7.5. Earth Day Canada: Re: Call for nominations for awards for everyday eco-heroes; **No Action Required.**

7.6. PEI Senior Citizens Federation: Re: Information concerning Myers-Briggs for Seniors; **Action Required. General discussion of council regarding Myers-Briggs personality traits course, approximately 2 day course. General agreement of Council to utilize the Town of Georgetown for same.**

7.7. Recreation PEI: Re: Accepting nominations for the CPRA Award of Merit; **No Action Required.**

7.8. Rodney Perry: Re: Information concerning band "Flipside"; **No Action Required.**

7.9. Lisa MacKenzie: Re: Request for sponsorship for Bantam Girls provincials being held at the Three Rivers Sportsplex March 28-30; **Action Required.**

General discussion of Council regarding the budget. It is unfortunate but with the tight budget this year we are unable to fulfill any further donation requests. CAO to advise of same.

- 7.10. Sue Yoshikawa: Re: Request to host First Aid Course in Georgetown; Action Required; **Action Required. General agreement of Council to offer the fire dept. and/or Town Hall and/or rink.**

8. Committee Reports

- 8.1. **Finance, Government Relations - Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair:** Mayor Lavandier sent his regrets.

Deputy Mayor Wade Williams gave the following written report as Acting Mayor:

2013 was a year that showcased Georgetown in many ways. Georgetown Conference put the Town on the radar. People were energized and gained a more positive outlook for the future. Winning CBC Cultureville for the Maritimes was definitely the icing on the cake. Moving forward the Town will need to build off of our new attitude. With ever decreasing budgets and increasing demands on infrastructure it will be a struggle. By maintaining a positive outlook and team approach we can accomplish great things. With 2014 celebrations beginning lets show Georgetown what all the buzz is about, "the little engine that could". Welcome mat is out!

- 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: Still working on quotes for the new year, things will be coming forward soon, but with tight budgets finding money is going to be the key and priorities are going to have to take precedence.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Wade Williams, Councillor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to adopt acting Chairperson W. Williams' report as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

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

Seniors: The LEAP Program is coming to an end Wednesday night. We did rug hooking this year. They did a really good job, just beautiful rugs; there will be an open house with a lunch this Wednesday night. Please take your family and friends to see what they accomplished, the Graphic will be there as well.

The ukulele class will start on Thursday evening. We have 28 signed up for it; hopefully we will have 28 right until the end. They are really looking forward to it.

We are awaiting the final papers for the Seniors Computer Class grant, hopefully this will be happening in May, and I already have an instructor lined up. We will be receiving 30 used computers through this program.

Special Events/Centennial Celebrations/Summer Days: We will be meeting on Monday evening for Summer Days and anyone interested is welcome to attend at 6:30 p.m. I had some fireworks quotes dropped off tonight and we are still waiting to hear from the grant to see if we can do that this year. We think it will be every bit as good as last year if not better.

Three Rivers Sportsplex Bingo: Our crowds are getting bigger every week. We have already given the rink nearly \$500 and by the end of this month we should be able to give them \$1000.

*Respectively Submitted,
Faye McQuillan, Councillor*

Motion(s) from report:

- **Moved by Councillor F. McQuillan to adopt her own report as presented, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

General discussion regarding senior's computers and what a great program for the Government's used hardware.

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

Fire Dept. Report from Fire Chief, submitted on behalf of Mark Gotell, Fire Chief, read aloud by Councillor R. Gallant:



Fire Chief's Report From February 11th – March 15th, 2014

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

Mark G. Gotell,
Fire Chief

We Make House Calls!

Councillor's Report – Civic Center, Fire Department and Sportsplex for March 25th, 2013, Councillor R. Gallant submitted the following verbal report.

Civic Center: There is some work to be done at the Civic Center this year; we will have to get some tenders put out. New windows upstairs in the Civic Center this year are needed. We will have to get in touch with the painter that we had here two years ago and we will need to get some touchups done.

Fire Department: Nothing new to report.

Sportsplex: The Three Rivers Sportsplex has some problems that are going to have to be addressed including the northeast corner, the floor broke, brine pipes. This is a major problem for the rink to run another season. We will be addressing this later on after we get some quotes on this. I would like to thank the Playhouse for the use of the Hall with the Bingo on Sundays for the rink and the Summer Days Committee for their volunteering.

Respectfully submitted by

Ronald Gallant, Councillor

Motion(s) from Report:

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

Acting Mayor Wade Williams advised that there is always costs associated with maintenance to maintain our infrastructure and we are doing our best to address that. As Councillor R. Gallant advised we are grateful for the volunteer support to help us keep our facilities maintained. Council was in full agreement.

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 report:

GEORGETOWN SCHOOL: Our principal will be retiring at the end of this year. We wish her our best wishes!

PLANNING: On Friday I received a call from the office with respect to an additional Granny Flat installation on a residential property. Past practice on these Granny flats have been allowed due to them being temporary hookup on properties. When they cease to be used they are immediately returned to the Government. Building permit for the marine terminal inlet outlet shed type structure.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gallant, Councillor*

Motion(s) from report:

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

General discussion about it being great to see new development in the Town. Granny Suite to be discussed after the application is received. It is an involved process and will require a special motion of Council.

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

King's Playhouse: Unfortunately we have again another leak problem with the roof. We are getting quotes for this. I was speaking with J. Haddow regarding a

scheduling conflict which we resolved by looking at the original agreement between the Town and the Playhouse. Bingo will have to be moved to another location or cancelled for that day. They have offered to allow us to use the King's Playhouse for the month of April with the exception of April 6th due to recitals. Hopefully by the end of April it will be warm enough to hold the bingo at the rink, if not St. David's United Church has offered to allow us to use their hall for the rink bingo if the rink isn't warm enough in a couple of weeks.

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

The Playhouse is currently gearing up for its 2014 season with auditions, scripts being written advertising being planned and grants being applied for. We are preparing for the upcoming Victorian Tea in May which will be our first big event of the season. I have submitted for our Provincial Operating Grant as well as our Tourism Innovation grants for 2014 and for the remainder of our 2013 grants. We will be presenting at the Theatre Festival in Charlottetown at the end of the month a scene from our summer production Blithe Spirit this has generated a lot of publicity with an article in the Buzz, the Graphic and a feature in the Guardian coming up this week. This week we are having free movies every afternoon for the kids and sponsored by the Town which I believe will prove to be very profitable. We are planning in April to have an Easter Egg hunt and Egg decorating and are looking for a sponsor to help us pay for the treats and decorations so that we can have for free or at a low cost such as \$2 a child. We have booked in Rawlins Cross for June 27th.

The Playhouse has an EDA worker for the last two weeks of March which will help with building sets, cleaning and repairs.

Youth & Recreation: The Sportsplex Bingo allowed a 50/50 game at the end of their regular games this week which raised an additional \$46 prize for the Youth Group. I have submitted a quote for the West Street Beach swing set / playground to Town Council for review.

Motions from report:

General discussion regarding final payments of budgeted funds.

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

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

Councillor A. Gallant on a leave of absence.

Acting Mayor Wade Williams gave the following report:

GADC: We tentatively have 3 new businesses coming to the Town this year and potentially a 4th. Hopefully we will have a full building this year at the Kent St. Square Shops.

General discussion and agreement of Council to have a discussion with the King's Playhouse about utilizing their side entrance for a craft shop if needed. General agreement that being a small community facing certain challenges of financial aspects all of our resources and all of our assets must be used for the common good of the community to their maximum potential – this year and going forward. General discussion regarding the work that needs to be done to the former garden building craft structure which is currently used for garden storage. It may need paint and a little work; perhaps we can involve the new youth group.

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

Tonya Cameron, CAO gave the following verbal update:

EDA Special Contracts: I have applied for Public Works Crews #1 and #2, the Gardens Crew; Welcome center workers, as well as a crew for our Indoor Skatepark and recreation facility for the summer through the Special Projects Program.

Year End Accounting – Been a busy month with financial reporting to the auditors. We are very pleased to have this wrapped up for another year.

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

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

General discussion regarding insurance for the Town truck. CAO assured Council that we just reapplied so that Members of Council and Office Staff are already insured while conducting municipal business regardless of whether it's your own vehicle or Town vehicle used for Town business. CAO to put regular insurance back on the truck before work starts on the box. General agreement to look at having amber lenses installed and replace the red ones on the Public Works truck. General agreement to use the quote with the trade in for the old box with approximate credit of \$1500.

9. New Business:

- 9.1. Councillor M. Gallant and Council had a general discussion regarding the repairs needed to our historic Province House. Seeing that this is 150th Anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference this year general agreement**

to support same. General agreement to send a letter to the Federal Government Parks Canada stating our support to remedy the building and the importance of the historic Province House.

9.2. Councillor M. Gallant wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

9.3. Next month's meeting falls on a Tuesday due to Easter Monday.

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 22nd, 2014

Wade Williams, Deputy Mayor

Tonya Cameron, C.A.O.