



MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Monday
June 20, 2016

Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Michael Gallant
Councillor Allan Gallant
Councillor Ronald Gallant
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Toby Murphy
Councillor Mark Stephen
CAO Tonya Perry



The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on 6/20/2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Attendance: Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Michael Gallant
Councillor Ronald Gallant
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Toby Murphy
Councillor Mark Stephen
1 Vacant Seat

Regrets: None

Gallery Attendants: Luke Kenny, the Eastern Graphic

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda: 6/20/2016

Moved for approval by Councillor M. Stephen.

Seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. 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. **Luke Kenny advised he was also recording.**

3. Business/Presentations from the Floor: Ray Brow, member of Telemedicine Association

(www.americantelemed.org) – Presentation on:

Telemedicine - An opportunity for 24/7 access to medicine in Kings County. Presentation on the basics of telemedicine lasted approximately 20 minutes – explained the potential benefits for Kings County Memorial Hospital if telemedicine services are added to the emergency and outpatient department.

Ray discussed examples with Council. Request for Council to support same.

Council asked general questions re: telemedicine. Deferred for further discussion to give support for this initiative/opportunity to be studied and piloted in King's County.

4. Minutes:

Council Meeting(s):

4.1. May 16th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting;

4.2. Adoption and Business thereof.

- **Moved for adoption by Councillor M. Stephen that the Minutes be adopted as given, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy. Motion Carried.**

5. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

5.1. General Operating Account-to May 31st, 2016

5.2. Sewer Corporation Account-to May 31st, 2016

- **Moved for approval of 5.1 and 5.2 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 funds become available as presented, seconded by M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

7. List of Correspondence from May 17th to June 20th, 2016:

7.1. Robert Mitchell re: Servicing and Equalization Grants; **No Action Required.**

7.2. Dennis King re: Advertising Four Tellers; **Action Required.**

Council discussed and denied same as it would be setting a precedent and do not have budgeted funds to a lot for same, letter to be sent to deny request.

7.3. Paula Sinnot re: Morell River Run Parade; **Action Required. Councillor T. Murphy advised she would look after this.**

7.4. Eastern Chamber of Commerce re: courses, Women on boards, launch your own business; **No Action Required.**

7.5. Katelyn Johnston re: Northumberland Fisheries Festival Parade; **Action Required. Councillor T. Murphy advised she would look after this.**

7.6. Key Murray Law re: Estate of Gordon Douglas; **Action Required.**

- **Moved by Councillor Michael Gallant that we accept the terms as presented in the will of the late Gordon Douglas, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

Council agreed that this was a great gesture and we certainly appreciate when citizens think of the Town in their last wills and testaments.

7.7. Tracey Singleton re: Upcoming public forums; **No Action Required.**

- 7.8. John Dewey re: Seniors Secretariat Grant; **Action Required. Councillor F. McQuillan looking after this.**
- 7.9. Patsy Gotell re: Canada Chat Twitter June 15; **No Action Required.**
- 7.10. CUPW re: Federal Government reviewing our postal service Input required; **Action Required.**
- 7.11. Kathleen Flanagan re: Ticket reduction residents Cloggeroo; **Action Required.** *General discussion regarding same, Tonya to advise Kathleen that we appreciate 5% discount, we would prefer not to police it. To make the offer that the student can sell them out of the office, we can advertise they are available here from the Cloggeroo staff – just send them upstairs to the student, or call the student down.*

8. Committee Reports

- 8.1. **Finance, Government Relations - Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair:** Mayor Lavandier submitted the following written report:
REPORT FOR JUNE 2016

Georgetown Conference was a huge success. What an amazing opportunity to interact with other community members and to learn from them. Very proud to have had the opportunity for Georgetown to host such a forward thinking event. Thank you to Myrtle Jenkins Smith, Zita Cobb, Nadine Dougay, Derek Key, Tim Merry and Paul MacNeil the founder of the 2013 Conference. Very special thanks to the town staff, crew workers, boards, organizers, volunteers and Town Council.

Attended Doug Griffith's presentation on June 8th at the King's Playhouse. WORKING TOGETHER: HOW REGIONAL COLLABORATION CAN BE THE KEY TO YOUR COMMUNITY'S SUCCESS. He discussed dramatic demographic shifts, increasing expectations of citizens and the globalization of how we do business are putting new pressures on municipalities all over North America. Many are struggling to keep up with these fast-paced changes. He gave us amazing presentation on how communities benefit from working together. I would like to thank Deputy Mayor Michael Gallant for attending. I feel that the rest of Council missed out on this great opportunity. Thank you to Minister Mitchell and the Province Prince Edward Island for funding this event. The feedback from the people in attendance was that it was a powerful and positive presentation.

Tonya and I attended several meetings with the sub-committee of the 7 Communities Three Rivers Group. We are presently looking at ways to engage the unincorporated areas. Again, I would ask Council to consider what services they feel would be the most important for Georgetown, for example, planning, recreation, animal control, etc. Phil Wood has offered to come down to talk to Council at any time to discuss potential wards and address any concerns that you may have.

Respectively Submitted,

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to invest in chemicals for algae treatment and pond balance in the amount of up to \$500 and a push mower for the Gardens to be paid for from the Breedon Estate, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

General discussion regarding rink roofing, still being looked into. More dialogue with the rink board would be beneficial.

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to release \$5,000 to the three rivers Sportsplex, to come from the following GL 5205 GL (\$2,500) and GL 5208 (\$2,500), seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor Stephen to adopt Mayor Lavandier's report as presented, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

8.2. King's Playhouse, Seniors Affairs and Community Heritage - Councillor Faye McQuillan, Committee Chair: Councillor McQuillan submitted the following verbal reports:

REPORT FOR JUNE 2016

Seniors Affairs: The Senior's went on our bus trip, everybody had a great time – all went well! There are two grants we are applying for the secretariat grant and the new horizon's grant. We are going to apply for both of them, one will be a play and we will have rehearsals in August, we are going to try the new horizon's grant for that one.

The Senior's are shutting down for the summer, they are finding it too hot up there.

Kings Playhouse: They changed the meeting date last month and I wasn't able to attend due to other commitments, Mayor Lavandier attended that meeting. There is a regular meeting later on this week which I will be attending.

*Respectively Submitted,
Faye McQuillan, Councillor*

General discussion re: ukulele tape made was very good. General inquiries regarding how to get copies. Its really hard to get someone to do the change without costing a lot of money.

Motion(s) from Report:

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

8.3. Finance and Planning & Community Development - Committee Chair Councillor Michael Gallant: *Councillor M. Gallant submitted the following written report:*

REPORT FOR JUNE 2016

Finance and Planning: While investigating an inquiry by an individual concerning the need of another property owner needing a permit it was discovered that another person required one also. One has been rectified the other will be rectified in the next little while. A third permit was issued the normal way. Also it came to light about the condition of certain properties in the area. These will be investigated and an appropriate notification sent to the property owners to take corrective actions to remedy the situations. In the next mail out I would like to have the staff to remind residents that before any construction is done on individual properties that people check with the Town Office to see whether or not a permit maybe required.

Three Rivers Sportsplex: The Sportsplex Committee has entered an advertisement in local media for the hiring for Sportsplex Manager. Interviews and hiring will happen sometime in July.

The need for the hiring of a book-keeper for both the Sportsplex and Playhouse needs to be addressed. I am recommending that the position for both facilities be posted asap. Funding challenges for this position means we may have to tap into existing committee budgets.

Request from TRS Board if they could have observer status in relation to the hiring of the above mentioned bookkeeper.

Rink sent certain names to be clarified if they are still Board members and the recommendation of two others. Will make a motion for the same at the end of this report.

I asked Office staff to review certain policies as they relate to the conduct of employees. While most of them are appropriate there are two sections that could prove to be problematic as they relate to termination of an employee or layoff. I am recommending that these two areas be not approved at this time until the Board reformulates these two sections or the Town can approve the two sections as long as they meet Provincial standards.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Gallant, Councillor.*

Motion(s) from Report:

- ***Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to accept the names of Coady Jenkins and Mallory Peters to be members of the three rivers Sportsplex board of directors, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.***

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant that the board's policies meet the Provincial statutes and regulations, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to adopt his own report as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

General discussion regarding members of the Sportsplex Board that have their criminal reference checks submitted that have not received further notice of meetings.

8.4. Civic Center, E.P.E.I. Municipal Coalition, F.P.E.I.M., Three Rivers Heritage Committee and Three Rivers Sportsplex, Committee Chair– Vacant Seat.

8.5. Civic Center, Storm Water Management and Utilities and Georgetown Fire Department – Committee Chair: Councillor R. Gallant submitted the following written and verbal reports:
REPORT FOR JUNE 2016

Fire Department: Back 2 or 3 years ago, we used to get a fire chief's report every month, but we haven't seen them. I will bring it up at the Fire Meeting, as Council should know what is going on, I would like to see Council get one for the next meeting.

Sewer Utility: Cap let go off the sewer line, it was not fixed up a couple of years ago near Clinton Chaisson's and there is one at the maintenance building. I will be making a motion to get these fixed as soon as possible. Joe has been contacted on this.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald Gallant, Councillor.*

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor M. Gallant to adopt Councillor R. Gallant's report as presented, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy. Motion Carried.**

8.6. Beautification, Public Works and Georgetown & Area Development Corporation – Committee Chair: Councillor M. Stephen submitted the following written report:
REPORT FOR JUNE 2016

Public Works: We received three quotes for building a new public works / maintenance building. A.R. Grant Construction was the lowest bidder at

\$104,810, we also received quotes from Garland Construction, Bartle Construction.

I have received 3 quotes for paving/patching Spring street repair for the Town, the lowest bidder was Nasty Cracks/Island Bobcat Services at \$6,270 hst included, other quotes received were from Chapman Brothers and Island Coastal.

We received a tip about another 2nd hand zero turn John Deere lawn mower, very good condition, low hours. I suggested to council we should purchase same before the lost the offer to do so.

The hanging basket flowers arrived Friday and are being installed in Town for the 2016 season by Joey and the crew. The garden crew also got their flowers picked up to begin in the AA Macdonald gardens for the season on Friday.

Town Sign: I have received two quotes for a new digital town sign. There is no 3rd place on the Island to obtain a quote from. I would like to go with the lowest quote from Sign City which is \$12,020 and enter into a lease for the new sign for a 36 month period.

Public Works Maintenance Building: We looked into the fire hall expansion, after speaking with Darlene Rhodenizer, the small communities' component additions won't be available to apply to under the section for municipal assets until 2017. Looking to move ahead with a stand-alone maintenance building.

With the new changes to the small communities fund there may be \$0.33 dollars to work with on municipal buildings to be available for renovations and repairs in 2017, something for Council to consider going forward.

With our new public works maintenance building we will have an attic area that we can utilize for storage. I would like to have a meeting with Grant Construction before we break ground to make sure that attic trusses were included and we are all on the same page for what we need.

The crew is working really hard this year, Town looks great, already received a few comments on how nice the Town is looking. That is good.

GADC: Garden shops open. GADC is reviewing applications for a summer student. Accepting consignment items at this time for sale in the shops.

*Respectively submitted,
Mark Stephen, Councillor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- ***Moved by Councillor M. Stephen to purchase a John Deere X500 zero turn used mower with approximately 600 hours with John Deere Garden***

Trailer, for a total of \$3,800, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. Motion Carried.

- **Moved by Councillor M. Stephen to purchase a new digital town sign for the head of Town from Sign City in the amount of \$12,020, and to enter into a lease for same with RCAP leasing out of Ontario in the amount of \$426.56 per month for 36 monthly lease payments, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy. Motion Carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor M. Stephen to accept the lowest quote for public works maintenance building from Ray Grant in the amount of \$104,810 including taxes, seconded by M. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

General discussion regarding drawings, whether it includes taxes and whether it will be plumbed in – does he have building insurance? Is this a quote or a tender – it is a tender.

- **Moved by Councillor M. Stephen for Administrator to write Municipal Affairs requesting permission to apply for a loan. Once received, to apply to Bank of Nova Scotia for a loan in the amount of \$110,000 to cover incidentals and to commence work as soon as possible, seconded by M. Gallant. Motion Carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor M. Stephen to accept Nasty Crack / Island Bobcat quote for 2016 Spring Patching/Paving street repairs in the amount of \$6,270 hst included, in the meantime ask how much it will be for a fuller repair at one corner, seconded by M. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

General discussion regarding the Corner at Steve MacLeans, a further quote will be needed – we will need it jack-hammered out and done properly – possibly a 10 or 12 foot section. Damage is done underneath the pavement – it must be addressed. Quote needs to be obtained in addition to the regular patching.

R. Gallant advised that there are some caps up by the Catholic Church from work that has already been done, just thrown near where work was done. M. Stephen advised he would have J. Clory take a look at same.

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

**8.7. Community Events & Promotion, Georgetown School Parent Group and Youth & Recreation- Committee Chair Toby Murphy:
REPORT FOR JUNE 2016**

Georgetown School: The school year is winding down and so are the kids. Year-end field trips are taking place this week. Grade 1-7 are heading to Camp Emanuel and the Grade 8's are off to Halifax on Wednesday. Graduation for the Grade 8 students is on Monday, June 27th at 6 pm in the gym. Last day of school is on June 28th.

Community Events: We are gearing up for our annual Canada Day celebrations. This year activities will take place at West Street Beach from 1-3 pm. The Wally Young Band will be entertaining us in the band stand while the kids will be taking part in various activities: Canada Day themed scavenger hunt, old fashioned games, face painting and a Canada themed photo booth. We will be celebrating with a free bbq and cake. We encourage all to come out and celebrate with us.

Planning is well underway for our Summer Days Festival. The Hometown Hoedown is coming together quite nicely. We have confirmed several sponsors for our events, which we are excited about! We are putting the final touches on what we expect will be an amazing festival. I have attached a copy of our lineup for you to have a look at. Our committee will be entering a float in the Cardigan and Montague parades on July 1st and 2nd. We are creating a float that will promote our Summer Days festival, so that should be fun!

We are hosting our Community Wide Yard Sale in July, on the 16th from 8am-2pm. We will be collecting names of vendors and putting together a map for distribution.

Youth and Recreation: Once again we are partnering with the Eastern Region Sport and Recreation Association and bring a two week summer camp for the kids in Georgetown. The camp will take place from July 12-25th from 8:30 – 12:30. The camp will be for kids ages 8 – 13. The cost for the camp is \$20 per week or \$35 for both weeks. The kids will take part in various sports activities that will be held outdoors around the Town or indoors at the rink if the weather doesn't cooperate.

We will be purchasing locks for the ball field gates to keep out any dirt bikes/four wheelers.

The recreation meeting that was scheduled for last month was postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

SUMMER DAYS LINE-UP:

Georgetown Hometown Hoedown July 20th-24th

Wednesday, July 20th

BBQ 5-7pm Bring your own lawn chair for all events today

Home Run Derby

Location: Ball Field

5-6pm- Youth 10-16yrs

6-7pm-Adults

T-Ball for Tots

Location: Soccer Field beside school

4-6pm

Tug of War

Location: Soccer Field beside school

7-8pm

Outdoor Family Movie Night

9pm

Location: West Street Beach Band Stand

Movie- "Babe"

Thursday, July 21st

Strawberry Social

Location: AA MacDonald Memorial Gardens

6pm

Music by Georgetown Baptist Church

Hoedown Throw down

Kid's Costume Dance Party

7-9pm

Location: King's Playhouse

Get decked out in your best Country attire

Music by DJ Seth Gotell

Town Square

Ghost Walk

9:30

Bring your flashlights!

Narrator: Dennis King

Friday, July 22nd

Family Car Rally

5pm

Location: Holland College Parking Lot

Chocolate bar Bingo

7pm-8pm

Location: Three Rivers Sportsplex

Family Trivia

8pm

Location: Three Rivers Sportsplex

Saturday, July 23rd

Bicycle Decorating

9:30 am

Location: School Parking Lot

Parade

11 am

Location: Starting at Holland College Parking Lot and ending at

West Street Beach

Old Fashioned Carnival

12:30-4pm

Location: West Street Beach

Carnival games, petting zoo, face painting, bingo, kid's games, and live music

Chase the Ace

6-8:30pm

Location: Three Rivers Sportsplex

Dinner Theatre

Location: King's Playhouse

Pub Night
10-1pm

Location: Three Rivers Sportsplex
Featuring: Breakwater Acoustic
Taylor Johnson Band

Sunday, July 24th

5Km & 10Km Run
8am

Location: Town Hall
Presented by: The PEI Marathon
Registration Fees: \$15- 5km \$20- 10 km

Pancake Breakfast
9am-1pm

Location: King's Playhouse
\$5/\$7 per person Family Rate:?

Art In The Park
12-4pm

Location: AA MacDonald Memorial

Biscuit Contest
12-2pm

Location: King's Playhouse

Family Scavenger Hunt
2pm

Location: West Street Beach

Giant Clam Dig/Seaglass Hunt
4pm

Location: West Street Beach

Wrap up/Karaoke
7pm

Location: West Street Beach Band Stand
Presentation of the Georgetown Award and Youth
Award

Ambassador
Fireworks
Dusk

West Street Beach

*Respectively Submitted,
Toby Murphy, Councillor*

Motions from report:

- **Moved by Councillor Toby Murphy to adopt her own report as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

General discussion regarding upcoming Cardigan Parade float entry.

8.8. Administrator's Report: Tonya Perry, Chief Administrative Officer:
REPORT FOR JUNE 2016

Municipal By-Election: The Municipal Election has been called for Monday July 25th. I have advertised for same in last week's Eastern Graphic and the 2nd run of the ad will be in this coming Wednesday's edition of the Eastern Graphic.

Please note that July 11, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. is the cut-off for nomination papers to be delivered to CAO at the Town Hall, 36 Kent Street, Georgetown, PEI, you must have been a resident for the past year in order to qualify and be a Canadian resident, this must be witnessed by a resident, and \$10 to submit with same (cash or cheque). Nomination papers are available now at the Town Hall, as well as an elector list for viewing only.

ADVANCE POLL: 9am. to 7 p.m. Saturday July 16, 2016

BY-ELECTION DAY: 9a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday July 25, 2016

LOCATION: PLEASE NOTE** this year's advance poll and by-election locations will be at Unit 1, of Kent Square Retail Shops located at 41 Kent Street, Georgetown, PEI.

Request for Council to Consider cheque to Graduates: There are 9 students from Georgetown and the Royalty graduating from Montague Senior High this year. In previous years we have presented them with a letter and a cheque, cheque size depended on the number of students graduating, between \$10 - \$20 per student. I would like to propose something similar again this year to Council.

Georgetown Conference: was a huge success, the rink was beautifully decorated by Casely's, we had tremendous support from both the Town Workers and volunteer staff – they went above and beyond, including additional hours, rushing to complete difficult and labour intensive tasks, working on Saturday, borrowing items from the King's Playhouse and local churches; and then returning those items with care. The Sportsplex board did a lovely job with the bar for both of the two time frames as requested by the Conference. As always, Myrtle did a phenomenal job of organizing the event. With a lack of Management, I filled in the role to the best of my abilities, including liquor license application, creating a plan for the seating arrangements to accompany the event application to the fire marshal's office, and learning from Manfred O'handt and Phillip Bullpitt as much as I could to accommodate the needs of Conference for lighting and heating. I posted liquor licenses and kept in contact with Blaine with regards to the bar and security requirements. I helped with the setting up and returning of tables and chairs to try to keep things in the order of which we found them. I opened up early in the week for Eastlink, Casely's and Phillip Bullpitt and locked up behind them prior to the conference. I opened each day of the conference and shut down everything and locked up each night – with the exception of the first Wednesday – Coady Jenkins happened to be there at Myrtle's request and he was able to lock up for me that evening, I even cleaned bathrooms and took out the garbage the Saturday morning of the Conference as I didn't have Joe's crew scheduled to come in until later that day. I would like to send out special thanks and gratitude to both Manfred O'handt and Phillip Bullpitt for volunteering their time to give me a hand when needed. Phillip Bullpitt was on site to do sound, but he offered his time to do whatever needed to be done – including helping with the stage set up,

cleaning, showing me where to find things, etc. I put in a special call to Manfred to try to help me determine whether we had a 220 amperage plug, he came down and spent a good ½ hour making sure everything was turned on that needed to be and showing me what to look for in one of the many electrical panel boxes, showing me the 220 amperage, etc. We were already in the middle of the first session of the conference and two of the breakers were off. It was very nice to see such a great turnout of Council and spouses at the lobster dinner at the Georgetown Conference. Councillor Faye McQuillan was unable to attend due to her shellfish allergy and Councillor M. Gallant was tied up with other Town affairs.

Sewer Lagoon Resolution: I would like to request that Council put forward a resolution to support an application to the Clean Wastewater Fund for Sewer Lagoon Phase III work with approval to expend the required municipal fund in the amount of \$481,800 of which \$120,450 would be the applicant's (Town's) share. The completed upgrades will improve the quality of the effluent, and will improve the reliability and treatment capacity of the existing treatment system. The shell fish industry in the area will benefit from the improved water quality in the harbor.

AMA Meeting Reminder – I have an AMA Annual Meeting coming up on June 29, 2016 in Milton. Just a friendly reminder that the office will be shut down during this event as per my email request of April 22 to Council, explaining this would be happening during Dorothy's holiday.

Holidays: Dorothy will be taking 7 work days as holiday and leaving for holiday's on Wednesday June 22 and returning July 4th. She has accumulated a lot of holiday's to take and has scheduled some in August as well. I have scheduled myself for holidays from July 4 thru July 8 (5 work days), I will wait until I can confirm some time home with Patrick before scheduling any of my other holiday time.

Doug Griffith's Session: I really enjoyed the Dough Griffith Session at the King's Playhouse on June 8th – and have sent my notes to council regarding same. Very inspirational speaker.

Three Rivers Group 7 Communities: We have had a number of Three Rivers Area Group sub-committee and steering committee meetings. Last week I had the opportunity to meet Bobby Creed for the first time and hear him speak – I was very impressed with both his passion for the area and I felt he was the embodiment of the Georgetown Conference. I hope he will be able to attend and participate in some upcoming public consultations. We hope to have an information session in the near future, at least by September. The first public consultation will be about sharing info we have collected, using the report as a guideline only, and collecting information from the public including seeing what kind of services they want for their areas. The second round of public consultations will be about presenting the information that was collected from the 1st public sessions and having a better

idea of what taxes may look like in order to support the services that residents want.

I have seen a proposed model of how the area could be set up in 12 wards. The group has not made any decisions on the models for wards, except that they all agreed that if we move forward with this process – that the council should be made of 12 people, and that representation by population is not only requested by the Province, but it is the only fair and logical way to go. All areas including the current unincorporated areas will have representation no matter what lines or ways the map gets distributed into sections or wards.

This group isn't making huge decisions for their residents, instead they are listening, reading, thinking and conducting brainstorming discussions to come up best practices and how to bring the public into this process. They have decided on things like bringing in an accountant and discussing with our planner just how many meetings we will need and why. We have continued to discuss options for bringing in representation now from the unincorporated areas. Initial discussions have begun with a few unincorporated residents to get their input on how to get them to select representation in the fairest way possible.

The report we hired our consultant to prepare will soon be updated with new budget and financial information. It was prepared as a guideline to have us sit down at the table and envision what might be possible. Our current discussion model includes using this report to take information to the public consultations, recording the public input and using that public input as a tool and guideline as to what and how we should apply to IRAC – and then once a new council should become elected of 12 – they would take the IRAC application and suggestions from this group and use all the information everyone has collected to make the best decisions of how to move forward. This newly elected body would be responsible for creating a new budget, setting tax rates and making the final decisions on bylaws. Brand new planning and development bylaws would need to be created at that time to protect everything we already have and include some form of neighborhood plans. If this was to potentially happen and we make it this far in the process, the public will from both the unincorporated areas and incorporated areas all have representation and everyone would have a Councillor to hear their needs to bring those to Council, and for that Council to bring their needs and concerns to the Province if needed, a strong council representing the needs of 7000 versus 700, etc. This concept that the group is working on is about trying to take the best of everything each individual community has to offer and putting it together to build something stronger, better, a more desirable package for resident property owners and in doing so also creating a more viable and sustainable municipality.

Respectively Submitted

Tonya Perry, Chief Administrative Officer (C.A.O)

- ***Moved by Councillor M. Stephen, that the administrator's report be adopted as presented, seconded by Councillor T. Murphy. Motion Carried.***

- ***Moved by Councillor M. Stephen to give each of the 9 graduates from Montague Senior High this year, a cheque for \$20, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.***
- ***Moved by Councillor R. Gallant that the Town of Georgetown put forward a resolution to support an application to the Clean Wastewater Fund for Sewer Lagoon Phase III work with approval to expend the required municipal fund in the amount of \$481,800 of which \$120,450 would be the applicant's (Town's) share. The completed upgrades will improve the quality of the effluent, and will improve the reliability and treatment capacity of the existing treatment system. The shell fish industry in the area will benefit from the improved water quality in the harbor, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.***

General discussion regarding the new technology available instead of the blue frog system.

General discussion re: storm water management and application for sewer.

9. New Business:

- 9.1. General discussion regarding moving forward with the book-keeper replacement as soon as possible as Carol was in today. They have to be trained. Advertise as soon as possible.

10. Adjournment:

- ***Mayor Lavandier advised there is no further business at approximately 8:48 p.m. meeting to be adjourned.***

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Tonya Perry, C.A.O.
July 18th, 2016

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Tonya Perry, C.A.O.