



MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Monday
January 16th, 2017

Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Mark Stephen
Councillor Ronald Gallant
Councillor Phillip Hebert
Councillor Cody Jenkins
Councillor Cindy MacLean
Councillor Faye McQuillan
CAO Tonya Perry



The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on 1/16/2017, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Attendance: Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Mark Stephen
Councillor Ronald Gallant
Councillor Phillip Hebert
Councillor Cody Jenkins
Councillor Cindy MacLean
Councillor Faye McQuillan

Regrets: None

Gallery Attendants: Georgetown School Parent Group:
Haley Zavo, Mallory Peters, Melvin Ford,
Kerri-Lynn O'Brien, Felisha MacLeod,
Tanya Baldwin, Jane Simmons,
Fern Gotell,
Carol Ann MacLeod, Peter Llewellyn,
John Walsh, Fire Chief Mark Gotell

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda: 1/16/2017

Moved for approval by Councillor M. Stephen.

Seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. 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:

3.1. **Presentation from Georgetown Home & School (Parent Group) and residents of the Town and area re: School.**

Floor turned over to Mallory Peters.

Updates re: progress on school issue and upcoming events. Discussion with Council re: amalgamation/regionalization.

Council went in camera for 10 minutes and returned to have a further discussion re: school and amalgamation.

Council discussed motion to cease all operations with respect to 7 community's amalgamation/regionalization, until the school review process is done all meetings and operations until to cease until current process is done.

Motion by Councillor C. MacLean made and withdrawn. Reworded by Councillor P. Hebert and resubmitted.

Heated general discussion between Council and Gallery.

- ***Moved by Councillor P. Hebert that Georgetown Town Council removes themselves from the amalgamation/regionalization process with Three Rivers and ask the Three Rivers Communities to cease all Three Rivers regionalization/amalgamation discussions, operations and meetings immediately until the school process has come to a close, along with this cease of operations we would like to see the full support of all Three Rivers Communities working with us in this process to keep all schools open, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Councillor C. MacLean nay. 5 votes in favor. Motion Carried.***

4. Minutes:

Council Meeting(s):

- 4.1. December 19th, 2016 Regular Council Meeting;
- 4.2. Adoption and Business thereof.

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

5. Financial Statements (Unaudited)

- 5.1. General Operating Account-to December 31st, 2016
- 5.2. Sewer Corporation Account-to December 31st, 2016

- **Moved for approval of our general operating account and our sewer operating account as presented by Councillor M. Stephen, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**

6. Outstanding Expenditures (preliminary & supplementary list)

- **Moved by Councillor R. Gallant for approval to pay all outstanding expenditures as funds become available as presented, seconded by Councillor M. Stephen. Motion Carried.**

7. List of Correspondence from November 22nd to December 19th, 2016:

- 7.1. Nicole Mountain Re: Help smokers achieve a smoke free life; **No Action Required.**
- 7.2. CIB Marketing & Communications Re: Grassroots Grants; **Action Required. Deferred to Councillor F. McQuillan re: AA Gardens.**
- 7.3. Robert Henderson Re: Bid to host the 2023 Canada Winter Games. **No Action Required.**
- 7.4. Jonathan Locke Re: Welcome PEI 2017 Season. **Action Required. General discussion re: 2 page ad and not putting it on line. General agreement to go ahead with 2 page ad only.**
- **Moved by Councillor M. Stephen to go ahead with the 2 page ad, seconded by Councillor R. Gallant. Motion Carried.**
- 7.5. Heritage Association Re: Application for Development Approval Permit; **Action Required. General discussion, Council will require a presentation and/or further information with respect to re-zoning application. General agreement to write to applicant advising demolition would be agreeable, with respect to the current safety concerns of pieces blowing off, however requesting a business plan before a public meeting with respect to rezoning. More information will be required before making a reasonable decision with respect to rezoning. Council is agreeable to working with potential new owner when more information is available a public process has to be done before ruling can be made on rezoning.**
- 7.6. Resident Complaint Re: Dog Action Required; **No Action Required.**

8. Committee Reports

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

REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017

I apologize if I acted a little too excited tonight and got somewhat carried away with my responses. I will tell you with all my heart that I have the best intentions of this Town at heart. I will do everything in my power to save our school, I have done everything I can do up until tonight. But when we bring these 2 issues together, I want to explain that the Province stands behind us but they have not initiated the amalgamation process. We meet twice a month to see what we can do to make our communities, our Town, sustainable going forward. I want to be there at the table to represent you people to make the best deal we can come up with for our Town. Our school is one of the most important issues that has come up over last few years, but the amalgamation is also one of the biggest issues that has come up over the past few years. It is up to us to make the best deal we can for our future and work with the region for a stronger region. This is our grassroots

project, this is not the Province forcing us into it. Give us a chance to let us show you what this can mean. We will do whatever we can to see our school remain open. We will see if the Premier is willing to meet with us.

General discussion with the Gallery and Council.

We hope that the Premier will meet with us to have a discussion to see what we can do to keep our school open. We have some strong points to make to the Premier, I will contact his office and get back to Mallory.

General discussion with Gallery about when to go to Premier's office.

*Respectively Submitted,
Lewis Lavandier, Mayor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- ***Moved by Councillor C. Jenkins to adopt Mayor Lavandier's report as presented, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.***

8.2. *Fire Department, Seniors Affairs and AA Macdonald Memorial Gardens - Councillor Faye McQuillan, Committee Chair:* Councillor McQuillan submitted the following verbal reports:

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Seniors Affairs: We started the LEAP program today we started basket weaving. Councillor M. Stephen is taking it. 4 week course. Two groups of 10. Closing is February 13 – everyone is welcome to attend. Still awaiting to hear back on the new horizon grant.

Fire Department: We meet next Tuesday night.

AA Macdonald Memorial Gardens: J. MacKenzie fixed the lights.

*Respectively Submitted,
Faye McQuillan, Councillor*

Motion(s) from Report:

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

8.3. *Community Events and Promotion, Georgetown School and King's Playhouse – Councillor Cindy MacLean, Committee Chair:* Councillor C. MacLean submitted the following written reports:

REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017

Georgetown School: I attended the School Board meeting Tuesday January 11 regarding the recommendations from Bob Andrews. There were several others from our town in attendance and I was also pleased to see Councillors Hebert and Jenkins in attendance. As you all know by now Georgetown School was recommended for closure. Being very upset is an understatement to say the least, we were led to believe from Mr. Andrews that we presented a great case and options for our school to remain open and off the list for closure, seems our efforts fell on Mr. Andrews deaf ears.....We now need to regroup, rally together and do what needs to be done to save our school with our school being our only priority right now. We need to draft a letter as soon as possible to send to Premier MacLauchlan, requesting a meeting to discuss keeping our school open, as I am sure the other communities will be seeking a meeting with all parties, so we need to get on the ball first. We need to make saving our school a priority and not leave anything left unsaid that will help us save our school. I was also very upset to hear that the principal from the school has relayed to her students there is nothing more can be done to save the school. I will be meeting with Mrs. Mac Kenzie to discuss changing her mind set and start gearing the children to be involved in our presentation for saving the school. We need everyone's support and input in this process to save the school we did it before and we can do it again.

Kings Playhouse: I attended the December meeting of the Kings Playhouse Board of Directors. The board welcomed a new member Greg Snow.

The state of the chimney was discussed and I updated the board to the fact that Jody Walsh from B. Walsh Heating has been in contacted with Selkirk the manufacturer of the chimney they installed to see if they will pay to have the chimney redone at the manufacturer's expense. I have sent Jody an email to update us on where negotiations stand but he had not heard anything back from Selkirk, but assures me he will be contacting them again to get some answers. I have as of yet to hear back from Jody but I will continue to follow up on this matter. It was also discussed the Tuesday night Ceilidhs may have to be terminated as numbers of entertainers outnumber the number of paying attendees, as the entertainment does not pay admission the Ceilidhs are not generating enough income to warrant they continue. We discussed making the organizers aware of the possibility of terminating the Ceilidhs in hopes they can regroup and keep this attraction in the town.

The Playhouse Board Annual General meeting has been slated for January 19 at 6 pm, with the regular monthly board meeting to follow the AGM meeting. I was asked by the board to find out the procedure/obligations in respect to advertising the AGM. I asked clarification from our CAO and forwarded the information to the chair and the executive director Haley Zavo.

The hot water problem with the kitchen was also addressed. The board is in the process of seeking quotes from companies as their options to alleviate this

problem. I stressed to the Board the kitchen cannot function properly without adequate hot water. The Playhouse receives many booking that use the kitchen and with this continued hot water problem may discourage vendors from booking the facility.

Chairman of the Board Randall mentioned he will be resigning as of January 2017, to my knowledge he has not submitted his written formal resignation to the board. The board members were very upset to hear of Randall's decision.

Community Events and Promotions: We will be hosting a Walk of Silence in conjunction with Family Violence Prevention Awareness week of February 13 – 17th, the date will be confirmed shortly when I can get a date from Ms. Mac Kenzie at the school. We have been approved for the mini grant of \$100, from the Premiers Action Committee to help with this event.

I am in the process of scheduling a Summer Days Committee meeting for the last week of January or first of February, as last year's event was a huge success we need to continue on the same track and start the process for this summer.

If there are no questions regarding my report I respectfully submit my report for adoption.

*Respectively submitted,
Cindy MacLean, Councillor*

Motion(s) from Report:

- ***Moved by Councillor C. MacLean to adopt her own report as presented, seconded by Councillor C. Jenkins. Motion Carried.***

8.4. Finance, Storm Water Management and Three Rivers Sportsplex - Committee Chair Councillor Cody Jenkins: Councillor C. Jenkins submitted the following written report:

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Three Rivers Sportsplex: We are in our busiest time of the year at the rink. Benji has been doing a great job selling ice, between last week and this week there are only 2 ice times that were not booked. There are 6 tournaments in the next 8 weeks, so I'd like to thank Benji for a job well done!

There was an incident at the rink during the six man tournament on Boxing Day, this resulted in 2 individuals getting a 6 month ban and 1 getting a 3 month ban. One other person was given a warning for their part in the incident.

The Rink Fundraising Committee have recently donated money for the purchase of tires for the Zamboni, which Benji has put on just in time for the startup of all our tournaments. Chase the Ace has just completed its 3rd round, with the winner of \$21,359.50. They have since met with the Fire Department and have agreed to start off the next round at \$4000. The first night was Friday past January 13th.

We would like to thank the Playhouse for their donation of the speakers, it was greatly appreciated.

Storm Water: I have been watching East Street where the work was done and it seems to be working well. I will continue to monitor this throughout the winter and hope that this has fixed the problem.

Finance: I have been reviewing previous budgets and have been talking to Tonya regarding this year's budget. I am open to any suggestions or requests. Please submit your budget requests.

Steering Committee: I attended a meeting on January 6th where we were given some projection from MRSB. I believe that this is where we will see if this is going to happen or not. When people can see hard numbers and how it will affect them they will be able to realize what they can gain or lose from it. Councillor Hebert gave me some questions to have answered on January 10th, they were put on the agenda but I was unable to attend due to the School Meeting in Cornwall on the same night.

General discussion re: updates on fire dept.'s re: potential amalgamation/regionalization.

*Respectively Submitted,
Cody Jenkins, Councillor.*

I would like to have a meeting in February for budget presentations. *General discussion to talk over the dates with home and school. On Feb. 13th and storm date of 15th.* Council are all invited, finance committee would all need to be there.

Motion(s) from Report:

- ***Moved by Councillor C. Jenkins to adopt his own report as presented, seconded by Councillor P. Hebert. Motion Carried.***
- ***Moved by Councillor C. Jenkins to have a budget presentation meeting on Feb. 13th and storm date Feb. 15th, seconded by Councillor P. Hebert. Motion Carried.***

8.5. Community Development & Planning, Community Heritage and Youth & Recreation – Councillor Phillip Hebert, Committee Chair: Councillor P. Hebert submitted the following written report:

Youth and Recreation: Spoke to Whites Fabrication they suggested/ asked if there was anywhere we could store bleachers so they are not in the weather before they are used (so they will appear brand new in summer) we all realize they will be outside going forward however brand new look for start of summer would be ideal. I have spoken to Jerry MacKenzie and he may have a spot for them, currently awaiting to hear back on this.

Community Heritage: Letter written and submitted to Ruth Delong for kiosk at end of confederation trail, map currently being looked into. I would like to recognize Dorothy for taking the lead on the write up on our heritage.

Community development: Attended a meeting with the Georgetown port authority Thursday. This was a presentation Kerry Taylor gave on our untapped potential and what he considers to be the best in the province. GADC, destination Georgetown and representation from both wharfs were in attendance.

Since our last meeting along with Tonya I have been working on a bylaw. This will also cover prospects such as the one presented by Mr. Gotell.

I have included in tonight's packages a proposed draft bylaw "Licensing and Street Vendor Bylaw 2017-1" concerning licensing vendors in the Town of Georgetown. Currently we don't have a bylaw to address licensing mobile and street vendors. I am looking for input and possible amendments.

I am also giving notice of motion tonight to give first reading of Town of Georgetown Licensing and Street Vendor Bylaw 2017-1 at next month's regular meeting, which will be on **Tuesday February 21st, 2017**. (this is on Tuesday due to the Monday falling on Islander Day.)

*Respectively submitted,
Phillip Hebert, Councillor*

General discussion re: generators and warming station.

Motion(s) from Report:

- ***Moved by Councillor P. Hebert to have CAO advertise bylaw first reading as required by the Municipalities Act, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.***
- ***Moved by Councillor P. Hebert to give first reading of the proposed bylaw "Licensing and Street Vendor Bylaw 2017-1" concerning licensing vendors in the Town of Georgetown at our next regular Council Meeting***

February 21st, 2017, seconded by Councillor F. McQuillan. Motion Carried.

- **Moved by Councillor M. Stephen to adopt Councillor P. Hebert's report as presented, seconded by Councillor C. MacLean. Motion Carried.**

8.6. Beautification, Public Works and Heritage Rivers - Committee Chair Councillor Mark Stephen: Councillor M. Stephen submitted the following written report:

Public Works: I would like Council to consider purchasing the maintenance building we are currently using from Allan Gallant. This will save the Town a lot of money in comparison to building a brand new building. We will have to consider water connection and potential addition for extra storage down the road, otherwise the building is in good condition.

With the potential cost savings with the maintenance building I would like to propose we purchase a diesel generator and wire it directly into the main hall at the King's Playhouse as a permanent warming station. The Civic Center can run on the Town's generator that we already have.

Town Sign: Town Sign running well.

Beautification: Branches and trees down will have to be cleaned up in the spring. Christmas decorations looked good for the season, they have been taken down till next year. Snow removal – Randy/King's County has been doing a great job, there is a couple of small road issues that King's County will have to address in the Spring. All the crews are doing a great job here.

*Respectively submitted,
Mark Stephen, Councillor*

General discussion re: maintenance building. Councillor M. Stephen to email info to Councillor P. Hebert.

General discussion re: snow removal and Town owned machinery.

General discussion re: sewer/water and cost of building from A. Gallant.

Motion(s) from Report:

- **Moved by Councillor C. Jenkins to adopt Councillor M. Stephen's report as presented, seconded by Councillor C. MacLean. Motion Carried.**

8.7. Civic Center, Utilities and GADC – Councillor Ronald Gallant, Committee Chair: Councillor R. Gallant submitted the following verbal reports:
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Civic Center: The civic center will have extensive work done on it this year, new windows, electrical upgrades and a new entrance for accessibility at the front of the building.

GADC: Working on a new lease for waterfront restaurant and seeking tenants for the Kent St. retail shops.

Utilities: The sewer and water bills were sent out at the first of the month. It looks like the arrears are being paid. After a discussion with Dorothy it appears that we are in the best shape for bills being paid in years.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Ronald Gallant, Councillor.*

General discussion re: GADC confidentiality.

Motion(s) from Report:

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

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

REPORT FOR JANUARY 2017

I am very proud of Council, everybody is doing a standup job with all their new portfolios and their reporting.

Respectively Submitted

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

9. New Business:

9.1. None.

10. Adjournment:

- ***Mayor Lavandier advised there is no further business at approximately 9:30 p.m. meeting to be adjourned.***

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Tonya Perry, C.A.O.
February 21st, 2017

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Tonya Perry, C.A.O.