



The Regular Monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town council was held in the Council Chambers on November 20th, at 7 PM

Council Attendance:

Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Deputy Mayor Mark Stephen
Councillor Ronald Gallant-----Absent
Councillor Phillip Hebert
Councillor Cody Jenkins
Councillor Cindy MacLean-----Absent
Councillor Faye McQuillan
CAO Dorothy Anne Macdonald

Gallery Attendees: Scott Lundrigan
Jonathan Locke
Kathy Ehman

**MINUTES
GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING**

**Monday
November 20, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

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Deputy Mayor Mark Stephen
Councillor Ronald Gallant
Councillor Phillip Hebert
Councillor Cody Jenkins
Councillor Cindy MacLean
Councillor Faye McQuillan
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1.0 Call to Order Meeting;

The Regular Monthly meeting was called to order by Mayor Lavandier at 7PM

2.0 Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was moved for approval by Councillor Stephens, and seconded by Councillor Jenkins, Motion Carried.

2.1 Additions to the Agenda

No Additions

2.2 Conflict of Interest Provision

Part VI, Section 23 of the *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.

2.3 Declaration

No declaration of conflict

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

It was noted Kathy Ehman, of Eastern Graphic would be recording part of the meeting



3.0 Business/Presentations from floor or other:

Scott- Lundrigan-PEI Crime Stoppers

Mr. Lundrigan noted that people are not aware of all the ways they can send tips to Crime Stoppers and how it works. He described a flexible program besides having a 1 800 number you can also send tips via their website and also via text message by messaging TIP 162. He explained that all tips are encrypted and they are anonymous. He provided posters and info cards to be distributed inside the community. Brief discussion and questions from Councillors and Mr. Lundrigan was thanked for his update.

Welcome PEI- Jonathan Locke

Mr. Locke reviewed over statistics and success of last year's campaign with the Welcome to PEI booklet. He offered the same pricing to the Town of Georgetown as in previous years. Deadline is December 30, Council will decide by December 20th, 2017 if they are proceeding again this year. Council thanked Mr. Locke

4.0 Minutes from Previous Meeting(s):

4.1 October 16th, 2017 Regular Meeting Adoption, and Business there from.

It was moved to adopt the minutes of the October 16th meeting by Councillor Stephens, and seconded by Councillor Jenkins, Motion Carried

5.0 Financial Statements (unaudited)

5.1 General Operating Account

5.2 Georgetown Sewer Utility Corporation

It was moved to adopt the financial statements by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Hebert

6.0 Approval of Outstanding Expenditures

It was moved to pay outstanding Expenditures as funds allow by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Hebert

7.0 Correspondence / Business From:

8.0

7.1 Kathleen Flanagan Re: Letter of Support Cloggeroo, ACTION REQUIRED

It was stated by Councillor Stephens we would support Cloggeroo the same as in 2017. General Agreement was received

7.2 Health and Wellness Re: Community Support Grant received, NO ACTION REQUIRED

7.3 Georgetown Heritage Assoc. Re: Letter requesting cooperation, ACTION REQUIRED

It was noted that as a non-profit organization the Georgetown Heritage Association has the ability to request a grant in lieu of taxes. Council was aware that the company was dissolved in 2015, and until it is a legal entity Council did not feel there was any action required. There appears to be too much information the town has not received. Letter to go to Peter Llewellyn. Should

the Association become a legal entity again they could contact the town after that time.

- 7.4 Road Builder Assoc.** Re: updates and requirements for tenders, **NO ACTION REQUIRED**
- 7.5 Atlantic Canada Branch** Re: Request for ticket purchase, **ACTION REQUIRED**
It was noted there were funds should anyone desire to go.
- 7.6 PEI Rural Beautification Society** Re: Prize money received, **ACTION REQUIRED**
The prize money of 200.00 will be distributed to the gardens ledger, CAO requested to be allowed to order a plaque for the beautification society to establish a bed in the gardens with all the bulbs they also donated Council agreed
- 7.7 Community Volunteer Tax program** Re: Invitation to participate, **ACTION REQUIRED**
Councillor McQuillan will contact Mr. Jenkins and register for the upcoming year.
- 7.8 Quotes: Re: Playhouse roof emergency repair, ACTION REQUIRED**
It was moved by Councillor Mark Stephen and seconded by Councillor Hebert to accept the lowest bid presented by Clinton Construction. Motion Carried.

9.0 Committee Reports:

9.1 Mayor Lewis Lavandier – Government Relations

Committee Chair;

Monthly Report November- Mayor Lewis Lavandier

On Saturday November 14, 2017 I attended the FPEIM Semi Annual Meeting in Montague.

On Tuesday November 7th, and Thursday November 9th, I attended the Public Meetings held by the Three Rivers Steering Committee.

This meeting was held in order to give everyone an opportunity to share the information gathered over the past two years, and give comments in person regarding the Three Rivers process.

I attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Playhouse on Saturday November 11th

Special thanks to Brian Pound for all the work he put in to making this year's Ceremony more personal. Special thanks to everyone involved.

I attended two meetings of the GADC. I am pleased to have Councillor Ronald Gallant back at the GADC meetings.

I also attended the public meeting with the planner and was disappointed with resident turnout.

The meeting with Chief Superintendent Jennifer Eckbert was a positive meeting and was an encouragement to work closely with the RCMP.

Respectfully submitted

Mayor Lewis Lavandier

It was moved to adopt the report as submitted by Councillor Hebert and seconded by Councillor Stephens, Motion Carried.

Question: Councillor Jenkins questioned the Mayor on whether the town could have done any more in regards to the GADC.

Mayor Lavandier responded the GADC is their own corporation and can make their own decisions. Mayor Lavandier asked CAO Macdonald to give a general idea of the GADC's procedure.

Question: Councillor Jenkins also asked if we should offer a public meeting on the 27th offering the presentation the steering committee gave to Councils. He noted he had the power point and could do it himself.

Mayor Lavandier felt that if the presentation was to be done it should be by the steering committee, and that he was not interested in giving the presentation on his own, but would take it under advisement after he spoke to the other communities.

It was moved to adopt the report a presented by Councillor Hebert and seconded by Councillor Stephens. Motion Carried.

9.2 Councillor Ronald Gallant – Civic Center, Utilities and GADC, Committee Chair;
No report submitted

9.3 Councillor Mark Stephen – Beautification, Public Works and Heritage Rivers Committee Chair;

Public Works

The Christmas lights are up and we are into the Christmas season. The public works crew are all done except for Mark Gotell, who will be finished by weeks end. Mark has done a great job this year. Plow crews are ready to go. Mark Gotell will assist on a call in basis for the winter months.

Town Beautification

we had our annual tree lighting. The crowd was small but all had a great time. Hats off to Cindy for a great job. Our West Street beach project is well under way and all seems to be going as planned. If weather permits they could be done before the end of the year.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Stephens

It was moved to adopt the report as submitted by Councillor Jenkins and seconded by Councillor Hebert, Motion Carried

9.4 Councillor Phillip Hebert – Community Development & Planning, Community Heritage, and Youth & Recreation Committee Chair;

Councillor Phillip Hebert - November Report

Development

I have started to advertise the residential lots, we are yet to sell one however I've had 42 inquiries in the last two weeks not to mention the ones that have directly connected the Town office. I am very optimistic that actually advertising them will spur some development.

On this subject the development committee has some suggestions on minor tweaks to our current agreement format as the current one is not working.

Mark Gotell has installed a culvert on one of the proposed roads so filling other lots can begin, this is a major selling point for prospective buyers.

The Town meeting with upland was held Thursday evening, however this report was completed prior to that meeting- so a verbal presentation will be done.

I've noticed our CAO is consuming a lot of her time dealing with residents over literature of our bylaws regarding to building permits. This will be addressed in our update however this will always come up I'm sure. Having said this I feel the appropriate action is to give CAO permission to request re-assessment in these circumstances.

Heritage

Nothing to report

Youth and recreation

I've not been able to line up a contractor as of yet to complete the dugout upgrades in adequate time so I will purchase the materials needed and await work completion.

The Town sponsored skate for New Years has been booked again as it had a great turnout last year.

Motions

- 1. Town policy moving forward - any property upgrades in which a discrepancy occurs and is met with refusal shall result in the Town of Georgetown requesting a property re-assessment.**

It was moved by Councillor Hebert and seconded by Councillor Jenkins. Motion Carried

- 2. To complete dugout upgrades using available funds in recreation general ledger**

It was moved by Councillor Hebert and seconded by Councillor Stephens to buy material and sports equipment this year to complete the dugouts.

Respectfully submitted

Phillip Hebert

It was moved to adopt the report as presented by Councillor Stephen and seconded by Councillor McQuillan. Motion carried.

9.5 Councillor Faye McQuillan – Georgetown Fire Dept., Senior's Affairs and AA Macdonald Memorial Gardens Committee Chair;

Verbal Report:

The leap program has been applied for and the seniors are awaiting word on whether it is approved. There is a Christmas party for the seniors coming up and the play practices are going well. The performances will be in December and there is no charge but donations only. Tree lighting went well.

It was moved by Councillor Jenkins to adopt the report as presented, seconded by Councillor Stephens. Motion Carried.

9.6 Councillor Cindy MacLean – Community Events and Promotion, Georgetown School; and, King's Playhouse; Committee Chair

Report presented by Councillor Faye McQuillan on behalf of Councillor MacLean

My regrets for not being able to attend this council meeting as I have an appointment in Halifax with my heart specialist Monday and Tuesday.

Georgetown School

I attended the monthly meeting of the Georgetown Home and School. It was very well attended. The H&S are busy painting different areas of the school to make it much brighter and attractive. The interaction with Principal Trever is wonderful and he is genuinely interested in keeping this school viable for many years to come. He is very impressed with the support the students and the teachers have from the parents, home and school group and the community as a whole. Looking forward to great things happening for our school and the students this year.

Kings Playhouse

The monthly board meeting of the Playhouse is scheduled for Thursday Nov. 16 and was not available as my report was posted early for Dorothy's convenience since Kerri has been out of the office. Please refer to Haley's report for an update on the Playhouse activities. The seniors group are busy rehearsing for their upcoming play which is scheduled for mid-December, not sure of the exact date of the first performance. The weekly Ceilidhs are showing small numbers, they are looking at maybe stopping the Ceilidhs for the winter but they will see. Note that Haley is expecting a baby in April and there will have to be someone to fill in for her during her maternity leave.

Community Events and Promotions

we hosted another very successful Remembrance Week. Hats off to Haley for her hard work organizing the events. The Remembrance Day service was well attended as usual, I would like to thank Bobbi Jo MacLean from Eden's Gate for providing a wonderful luncheon after the service. A big thank you to Dorothy for all her hard work with this event, and for all her hard work keeping on top of everything during Kerri's absence, it is very much appreciated Dorothy.

The Friday event Path to Vimy was presented by Brian Pound, which I must say was a wonderful presentation, it wasn't very well attended but it was very enjoyable and educating, wish the school children had seen the presentation to realize what it means to go to war. Thanks to Brian Pound for his dedication and hard work for this

presentation.

We are currently organizing the Tree Lighting event which will take place Sunday November 19th beginning at 6pm in the gardens. We are having the tree lighting early this year to coincide with the Third Home Show. There will be caroling, hot chocolate and cookies and Santa will be there to see the kiddies, and hand out candy canes. Hoping our Mayor and Councillors will be able to attend.

It has been discussed how we would like to see the old fashioned winter carnival revived. I will check with Dorothy regarding the dos and don'ts, insurance issues etc. if we decide to attempt to organize a winter carnival event. I would welcome any ideas anyone might have.

I have several items/issues I would like to bring forward.

Wayne Hambly has asked me to bring it to Councils attention regarding snow removal this winter. The sidewalk from the Town office to his house is always plugged with snow and not accessible for people to walk on safely during the winter months. He has witnessed people trying to navigate around the large amount of snow that the snow removal company piles on the walk way and beyond making it very dangerous. He did mention that each home owner is responsible for their piece of the walk way, but since there is no home only a vacant lot between his place and the town office, this area is not being kept clean of snow. He would like to see it keep clear for safe walking on the side walk please. How can we achieve this Councillor Stephens?

There was a letter from the Georgetown Heritage Association seeking councils support to write a letter to the Province to waive the back taxes should Mr. Hamlin follow through with restoring the Anglican/Trinity Church building. Mr. Hamlin is very interested in restoring the building and putting a business in the building. I know we are all on the same page when it comes to supporting new business in the town.....I would like to make the Motion to write that letter of support for the Heritage Association request to waive the back taxes and show this gentleman we welcome his interest and potential business venture.

Wondering about when we are going to schedule the open meeting to discuss why we decided to dropped out of amalgamation. Now that the steering committee has made some information public, I feel we owe it to the citizens of Georgetown to make them aware of how we came to our decision and allow them to ask any questions. I feel it is vital to keep things open and transparent, and by hosting the open meeting we are doing exactly that.....letting everyone know just how much amalgamation was not right for Georgetown and surrounding areas. I would like to make a motion to set a date for an open meeting as soon as we can organize it to let the people know we have the best interest in the town and we made the right decision.

It has been mentioned to me by several seniors and other residents that we should look into having some sort of transportation available (ie, like a Pat and the Elephant) type of thing or Rotary Bus for them to go get their groceries, prescriptions, Dr.

Appointments etc. There are several individuals that have no means of transportation. Perhaps Councillor McQuillan and I could look into some provincial funding that might be available for such requests. I know Councillor McQuillan has had this mentioned to her as well.....please put on your thinking caps to see if we can come up with a solution.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Councillor Cindy MacLean

It was noted by Councillor Hebert that Councillor MacLean was talking about Mr. Hamlin in her report and she is not on the development committee. Councillor McQuillan spoke on the rotary bus and said discussions previous had shown if there was sufficient interest the bus would make a trio to Georgetown. No further discussion came of the report as Mr. Hamlin is not the property owner and other procedures need to happen before Council could place it on the agenda.

It was moved to adopt the report as presented on behalf of Councillor Maclean by Councillor Stephens, and seconded by Councillor Hebert. Motion Carried.

A list of Playhouse board members were presented for approval by Councillor McQuillan.

It was moved by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Stephens to approve the new members. Motion carried.

9.7 Councillor Cody Jenkins- Finance; Storm Water Management and Three Rivers Sportsplex Committee Chair

Verbal Report

Attended the FPEIM meeting and enjoyed the presentations Attended the Town planning meeting and wishes they were more attendance.

Storm water issues. The culverts are not draining well and are filling with mud, need to address this. Some issues with Storm Drain on other streets as well.

Finance: Looking to have meetings with ACOA, looking for money.

TRSP: Compressor is down and the fundraising committee is going to help get it repaired. The rink is doing well. The tournament was successful.

Amalgamation: Councillor Jenkins noted an article written by Paul McNeil about a decrease in residential tax. Councillor Jenkins feels this is incorrect. Councillor Jenkins stated he was not happy about the tax difference between Montague and Georgetown. He suggested having a public meeting for town residents he would present.

It was moved to adopt the verbal report by Councillor Stephen and seconded by Councillor Hebert

Councillor Hebert added he thought that the Mayor and Councillor Jenkins should host a public meeting. Mayor Lavandier said he did not feel he wanted to present the information if the steering committee was not present but he would take it under advisement.

10.0 8.8 C.A.O. - Dorothy Anne Macdonald – Administrator's Report.

11.0

1. The Time is Now November 3rd Summerside on Attracting Newcomers informative and filled with thought provoking ideas. We need to consider being more welcoming to any new comers to our community. Town needs to spearhead a welcoming committee.
2. Federation Annual Meeting: Montague information on new MGA and the legislation for Marijuana
3. Attended the Transportation infrastructure and Energy, Montague Municipal Capital Expenditures Grant (MCEG) November 6, in Montague The program replaces the PIF grant and will see us being eligible to 10 percent of infrastructure funding expenditures coming back to us in the form of a grant.
4. Attended the Three Rivers Steering information meeting for members of council and also the meeting held in Montague. The information was important to hear and I would have liked more residents of our community to have taken part. Information is important to make informed decisions.
5. Meeting at Rural Action Centre with individuals from, Provincial Human resources, Rural action centre ,Launch Pad, rural and regional development, Montague Dev Corp Souris Action Centre, St peters Development, Island East, Chamber of Commerce, CBDC, Skills PEI, ACOA, All these people updated us on what was happening in their communities and programs projects available and up and coming. Great information session. Grateful to be invited and look forward to the next session.
6. IRAC Permission to write off outstanding amounts. On properties that went for tax sale, and info on a crown sale or registering a judgement. Property on Glenelg street owner would like to talk about transferring his property to town for exchange in outstanding taxes. Identified other properties coming for tax sale and reaching out to others via letter to inform them a judgement may be placed on property.
7. Green Municipal Fund- Photovoltaics Researching and discussing projects for new buildings and retrofits. Meter for meter electricity storage is all Maritime Electric will allow.
8. Called Taxation in relation to properties where the owner has not applied for a permit, the properties that get assessed each year are those that apply off for permits. The province is using a new program called Pictometry and in the next few years they will be able to assess properties from aerial photos. Georgetown has already had a fly over done. They will be able to see work done and increase Assessment values. A new metal roof can increase the value of a property by approx. \$2000.
9. Roof theatre month to get quotes and ensure it gets looked after before too much damage occurs. Only one roofer is able to do it in the near future.
10. Consultation and information for Upland for the Georgetown Plan review. Meeting went well, low attendance. Signs at the store for another week seeking public feedback.
11. Formulas for Revenue Sharing and Equalization. Meetings in Kensington and Souris in the two weeks. This is the final funding model. WE know what our funds will be for the next five years.

12. Sewer Lagoon work started and should be completed this week. Road will take some abuse, talked to Mark Gotell to keep an eye on it to see if a scraping would help before the winter. Level 1 maintenance basic level and should be easy to deal with.

13. Boardwalk possibilities and .25 dollars (partner tourism based) will need a Request for proposal on the plan, material etc. to get quotes. The amount will require us to advertise the tender. We will be able to use the provincial site to advertise.

14. Overwhelming work load, looking for someone to assist with a few hours here and there. Have Assistants work all caught up but my work is behind.

16. Municipal Affairs Meeting next Monday afternoon in Charlottetown for CAO, s to go over requirements new MGA and 15 month financials

17. Lots residential inquiries- busy and most are looking for a retirement property. Great price but not ready to build yet.

18. Employee reviews to be done in November can we have a date?

19. Bill for PEI Marathon? Who approved funding for this? School is wanting to bill the town as they feel a Councillor approved this charge for access to the building during the marathon.

Councillor Hebert asked what happens when someone spends without approval. The mayor stated this was not something that had a precedent but that it would need to be questioned and addressed on each incident.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Motion: Contractor roof repair Kings Playhouse

Motion made in correspondence

9.2 Durham Street permit culvert issues

It was tabled to be addressed in the spring

9.3 MOU: Resolution for Revenue Sharing

Council discussed and a resolution was made for funding for the next five years as per revenue sharing agreement

9.4 Residential development lots, speculator buying

Open to proposals but could not offer same deal that was being offered presently. Council would look at this but things like limits tolots and amount refunded would have to be considered. A letter was to be sent to the inquirer and suggested he could present a proposal to Council.

9.5 Graphic AD Christmas message

Moved by Councillor McQuillan and seconded by Councillor Stephens to run the ad as in previous years. Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Minutes recorded by
CAO Dorothy Anne Macdonald
And submitted by
Dorothy Anne Macdonald, CAO
November 20, 2017

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Dorothy Anne Macdonald, CAO