

MINUTES
GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
4/16/2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on 4/16/2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Attendance: Mayor Peter Llewellyn
Deputy Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Councillor Peggy King
Councillor Craig Murphy
Councillor Barry O'Brien
Councillor Wade Williams

Councillor Faye McQuillan sent regrets due to illness.

Agenda: 4/16/2007

Moved for approval: Councillor Lavandier
Second: Councillor O'Brien. Motion Carried.

Minutes of the last meeting: March 19, 2007 and March 29, 2007

Moved for adoption as presented: Councillor O'Brien
Second: Councillor Williams. Motion Carried.

Business from Minutes: Nil

Financial Statement:

To be available next month.

Outstanding Expenditures:

Moved for approval as presented: Councillor Williams
Second: Councillor O'Brien. Motion Carried.

Correspondence:

1. Dan Fraser: Notice of "Island Life" event at the Confederation Centre highlighting retail marketplace environment. Event scheduled for May 25 – 27.
2. Environment: Water Quality report samples 196849,196850,196851,196852 all samples show comment that based on the parameters measured, this water is considered suitable for domestic use.

3. FCM – Memo of upcoming 2007 Community Energy Planning Mission.
4. FCM – Members Advisory-Budget Delivers Infrastructure Investments but not long term solutions.
5. Island East: Invitation to Mayor to attend Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, April 11th, 2007 at Montague Curling Centre.
6. Town of Montague: Active Community Step Challenge Log.
7. Clair Currie: Correspondence to invoice for costs incurred to attend subdivision meeting scheduled for March 20th, 2007 and the meeting was cancelled. Deferred to Planning and Development Committee. Councillor Lavandier advised that he did respond by correspondence to Mr. Currie.
8. Marilyn Lowther: Copy of letter from Honourable Elmer MacFadyen, Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs regarding the recommendations of the Review Panel for the Employment Standards Act for informational purposes.
9. Youth Connection: Registration information for upcoming Youth Connection Symposium in Mill River Resort.
10. FPEIM: Memorandum with information on the upcoming Annual Meeting.
11. Stats Canada: Notice of 2006 Census Population and dwelling counts release.
12. Adam Smith: Invitation to Points East Coast Drive official launch May 24. To check on the cost for period costume and availability.
13. Points East: Notice of official launch of their new website.
14. Sylvia Turner: Notice of Webcast on Planmaster - a tool for comprehensive planning.
15. Cruise Manada: Letter requesting permission to erect a concession stand at the waterfront beach/boardwalk. Councillor Lavandier-Planning and Development will contact them for further information and reply.
16. ACOA: Confirmation from Kent Hudson, regarding application received for Tourism Proposal for Brochures and Festivals.
17. SEA: Invitation to Mayor Llewellyn to attend upcoming Board Meeting April 11th.

18. FPEIM: Notice of Public Meetings to Discuss Rural Governance. Patsy reported she attended this meeting with the IRIS group.
19. PEI Canada Infrastructure: Notice from Darlene Rhodenizer that applications for the Capacity Building Funds will be an open call.
20. Turner Drake: Offer for marketing real estate service. Patsy will contact for more information.
21. Transport Canada: Updated environmental emergency document to be kept on file. Copy distributed to Fire Chief, Council Office and Administration Office.
22. FCM: Notice on new funding opportunity for energy and transportation projects.
23. Gordon Lavers: Letter requesting permission to use the Garden's storage building as a Craft Shop and requesting that Admin office once again look after the payroll service for EDA workers.
 - **Moved by Councillor Lavandier, seconded by Councillor Williams that approval be granted to Craft Shop group to use the AA Mac Donald's Gardens building for a craft shop for the summer. Carried.** Administration will look after the payroll.
24. Island Trails: Notice from Grace Blackett regarding Cycling Event on the Trail to be held in October. Councillor Lavandier and Councillor King to follow up on this regarding hosting a welcome station and checking on sponsorship interest.
25. Community Affairs, Emergency Measures Office: Notice of upcoming course. Copy forwarded to Fire Chief.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Government Relations:

Mayor Peter Llewellyn reported:

Physician Recruitment: Spoke to Doctor Toma today and things are progressing with the province in arranging for her to qualify to practice here in Georgetown, plan to meet with the owner of a pharmacy tomorrow to discuss the opportunity here in Georgetown.

New Canadians Office: Spoke to Kevin Arsenault today for an update on this project; he confirmed he will forward a project overview for us to review to establish a satellite office in Georgetown.

Cruise Business: Melissa is in the process of developing a new CD to send out to companies who both operate the cruise liners and those companies who book activities for the visiting liners. I have had conversations with the Province's coordinator and we will be receiving a package of information on the opportunities. This is an exciting opportunity that we will be working on.

Battle of the Atlantic: Scheduled to meet Summerside Base Commander on Wednesday morning. The commander wishes to view the venue for the upcoming battle of the Atlantic ceremony in May 6th.

Mayors Newsletter: Quarterly report will be going out on this week. Draft copy emailed to Council members for input.

Voices for Children: will be operating a program here starting in September; this is a free program for parents and children under the age of six. They will be operating once a week out of the St. David's United Church. This is a government sponsored program out of Montague.

Abbies: Discussions held with the team General Manager and have exchanged some preliminary numbers on budgets relating to projected fan support for the move. The GM is trying to arrange a meeting for the owners on the weekend to discuss this further. Should there be a positive response to move the team to Georgetown the committee would sit down for formal negotiations.

Public Works, Property, Main Street Programs & Utilities:

Councillor Wade Williams reported:

Sewer Department: One sewer blockage on Richmond Street and problem has been fixed. Last year the sewer department had some video and flushing done. This year we will be doing some more. Root problems on some sections have been found, these may have to be addressed. A yearly maintenance program will be started to avoid future problems. Areas have been identified for video and flush for 2007.

Public Works: Housing Authority has asked the Town to address the existing problems with drainage and driveways in their area. Public Works will look at what the cost of fixing North St. will be. This will include replacing existing culverts with plastic ones, set proper grades from Victoria St. to Kent St., so proper drainage can occur, includes also placement of asphalt on driveways and to re-seed ditch. Housing Authority may have some money for asphalt.

Looking at what can be done on Victoria St. to address Barry Acorn's water problem. Waiting for an estimate on cost to build up the Town's right of way in front of the property. Long term Victoria St. would need proper grades set from Glenelg St. to Water St. This would be an expensive repair. A storm management plan for the Town should be in place if we are to start tackling some of these ongoing problems. Fixes of this nature are better suited for MRIF funding.

Entrance to the Fire Hall has a problem with water also. Waiting for a cost to mill the existing asphalt to a proper grade and placement of asphalt may be required.

Wood St. is closed at one end. Existing road bed is currently soft. Waiting for the road to dry up so a grader can access and place some milling. Wood Street will be part of the Water Street reconstruction project. The Fitzroy St. ditch problem should become part of the overall project also. Equipment would be in place, as would concrete pipe work associated with Water St. a better price would be the benefit.

Recreation Department would like to move access door for the Jimmy Carroll Memorial field. Community and Cultural Affairs have some money available for these kinds of things. Contact person would be Marguerite Arsenault (838-0766) mkarsenault@ihis.org this would be an option for the Recreation Department to find money for this.

Joey will be starting April 30th; the crews will start around this time also. The month of May will be a busy time for the Town workers as there is a lot to do. Any work that has to be done should go to the Town office first and the Public Works committee will deal with accordingly. Plan to contact Aliant for prices for cell phone for Joe Clory – Public Works Supervisor.

Terms and Conditions of the Georgetown Residential Development Project will need to be looked at so some of the past mistakes are corrected. There is some interest in these lots at the moment. I left a copy of terms and conditions in the Public works and Planning committees mail boxes. Waiting for some feed back on what changes should be made.

Public Works has looked at purchasing a new tractor. With costs repairs from 2006 budget, it was starting to be something the Town should have a look at. A new deck for the tractor would have to be replaced and with each season the trade in value would be going down. Public Works Committee feels that this would be the time to act and replace the tractor if the numbers were right. 2007 budget has made an allowance for this and with the trade in value we feel the price to purchase a new tractor makes financial sense. Two quotes received: Reddin Equipment and McGowan Tractor. McGowan Tractor had the better finance option and a higher trade in value. Recommendation would be to accept McGowan Tractor.

- **Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor O'Brien that the Town of Georgetown accept McGowan Tractor quote to purchase New Holland TC55DA 4WD, Loader TL270 and Mover 72SD @ 0.00% for 36 months. \$708.07 monthly payment. Carried.**

Community and Media Relations:

Councillor McQuillan absent so Councillor King reported:

Festivals and Events: Meeting every two weeks. Plenty of exciting events planned for both Summer Days and the Bluenose Festival. Mayor Llewellyn requested that Councilor King update the Bluenose officials regarding the schedule of events being planned around the event.

Citizen of the Year Dinner: Will be held on Sunday, April 22. Mayor Joanne Reid from Souris will be the guest speaker. All Council members encouraged to attend.

Three Rivers Sportsplex:

Councillor Peggy King reported:

Sportsplex: March month end ice rentals were \$8,120.00; Canteen sales were \$4,800.00. There are still some receivables to come in. Bank balance at over \$8,200.00 but since that the electric bill has come in. They plan to have enough funds to pay all their bills and considering that they did pay for the Zamboni it has been a good year. They are presently working on fundraising event for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The bar is still open at the present time.

Recreation / Youth:

Councillor Barry O'Brien reported:

Youth/Recreation: We have ok'd the purchase of equipment for the Phys Ed program at the Elementary School. We will share the Equipment with the school. It will be housed at the school during the school year and we, in turn, will have access to Equipment during the summer months. This could be used in a Summer Recreation program. The School was very appreciative. The Fire Department has agreed to support this project in a fundraising event towards further purchases such as the video and digital cameras.

Healthy Snack Initiative: We have agreed to supply a Healthy Snack one day a month for the next two months to assist the school in their healthy snack initiative. This encourages parents in the community to supply and prepare a healthy snack that all students may not have a chance to try on a regular basis. I would like to challenge all groups in the community to take part in this and support a great initiative.

Basketball Nets: I have checked the price on outdoor Basketball nets for the tennis courts and they can be purchased for roughly \$75 dollars a net. These will have to be fixed to the middle poles on each end of the court.

Minor Baseball has formed a committee under the town. They are in full swing trying to get sponsorship and gauging interest for both boys and girls teams. If anyone has any questions they can contact Susan Johnson @ 652-2477.

Yellow Ribbon Campaign: Military Services PEI is having a drive to support our troops by displaying Yellow Ribbons on your property (Trees, phone polls, door handles etc.). As we are all aware at this time one resident of our community, Aaron Prosper is serving in Afghanistan. I think there would be no better way to show our support as a community then by contacting them and obtaining some Ribbons to have at the Town Hall for interested members of the town to place on their properties. We would also be able to put these on our Municipal buildings. Aaron is the son of Ernie and Bernadette and is presently serving as a medic. Councillor Williams noted that Cody McQuarrie is scheduled to go in August 2008. Also the Batchilder family has also completed duty in Afghanistan. Councillor O'Brien challenged other municipalities to take part in this initiative. Mayor Llewellyn requested that the ribbons be placed prior to Wednesday if possible as the Base Commander from Summerside will be here.

Fire Department:

Councillor Barry O'Brien - nothing new to report

Community Planning & Development:

Councillor Lewis Lavandier reported:

Committee has met with Susan Myers from ACOA as we are going to have them come on board with us on the Boardwalk & Lookout Project. Susan seemed to think we are heading in the right direction as far as this project is concerned and has advised us that a full environmental study taking approximately 6 weeks will be necessary, this may mean that we'll have to delay the start of this project until September. This will not delay the beach however, we are planning on starting this as soon as the weather improves, some erosion has occurred in the area and will involve some repair to the bank before the sand is transported to the site. We do not see this preventing us from completing the new Beach for the upcoming Summer Season.

There will be a meeting with reps, from Habitat for Humanity on Thursday April 19th. This will be an information session, to see if there would be any interest in working with them to construct a home in Georgetown a notice will be sent out to all residents this week. This meeting will be held at the Civic Centre at 7:30 p.m.

Building/Permit Applications: Council discussed the procedure of approval of Building/Development permits. Council agreed that all permit applications submitted to the Town will be looked at by the Planning Committee for their approval.

Community Heritage and Beautification:

Councillor Wade Williams reported:

The Mayor and I met with the Three Rivers Heritage members this month. A 3' x 4' bronze plaque for Georgetown is being made. The location has been picked and it will require a concrete base. Looking at bases made by MacLean's ready mix for these types of plaques. We would be responsible for the cost. The committee is also asking for a yearly commitment from the Town. This would go towards helping maintain the program. This is a non-profit group supported by towns and communities associated with the three rivers watershed. They will be sending some information about what the group does.

Plaque will be dedicated June 10/07, the second Sunday in June, known as Rivers Day". Great way to kick off Georgetown's profile for 2007 with some kind of celebrations.

Entrance sign for the Town has been ordered. Spring clean up will be coordinated with the Waste Watch cleanup. Details are being worked out and Councillor Murphy has been in touch with Waste Watch on what we should be doing to make this go smoothly. A resident mail out will be sent.

Contacted Harry Holman from Cultural Affairs to get things moving on raising the heritage profile of Georgetown, waiting for a response from Harry. From a previous letter he is happy to meet with Council and develop a more specific agreement with the Town.

Georgetown and Area Development Corporation:

Councillor Craig Murphy reported:

Installation of the 125 amp service has been completed.

Awaiting estimates on ducting to cure the furnace problem.

Site visit to the Interpretive Centre completed and the installation of the panels is under way.

There was discussion to try and coordinate the official opening with the Bluenose arrival in July.

Administrator's Report:

Patsy Gotell, C.A.O. reported:

Web Page:

- **Moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Williams that approval be granted to have Synergy create a new web page as per budget approved for the project. Carried.**

New Business:**Breedon Estate:**

- **Moved by Councillor O'Brien seconded by Councillor Lavandier that Georgetown Town Council accepts the offer from the Breedon family for the transferring of the property and home and agree to be responsible to reimburse the \$70,000.00 (Seventy Thousand Dollars) when we are in position to do so. Carried.**

Cannon: Mayor Llewellyn advised that Aletha Pearson has generously donated a cannon to the Town. Plan to sandblast and have it erected on West Street area. A letter of thanks and appreciation will be sent to Mrs. Pearson from the Mayor.

Adjournment: As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by:
P. Gotell, CAO