

The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on 12/17/2007, at 7:00 p.m.



Present:

Deputy Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Councillor Peggy King
Councillor Craig Murphy
Councillor Barry O'Brien
Councillor Wade Williams

Regrets:

Mayor Peter Llewellyn
Faye McQuillan

**MINUTES
GEORGETOWN
TOWN COUNCIL**

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 17,
2007**

Mayor Peter Llewellyn
Deputy Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Councillor Peggy King
Councillor Barry O'Brien
Councillor Wade Williams
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Craig Murphy
CAO Patsy Gotell

1.0 Call to Order

Deputy Mayor Lewis Lavandier called the meeting to order.

Deputy Mayor Lewis Llewellyn offered condolences and deepest sympathies from Council, staff and residents of the Town to Mayor Peter and his wife Gayle on the passing of Gayle's father in Dartmouth, NS.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Monday, December 17, 2007

Moved for approval without additions: Councillor O'Brien
Second: Councillor Williams. 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 of 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

None declared.

3.0 Business/Presentation

3.1 Community Animator – PEI Active Living Alliance-April Storing. Deputy Mayor Lavandier advised that notice was received that Ms. Storing is unable to attend this evening's meeting due



to weather conditions. Ms. Storing will be placed on next months agenda.

4.0 Minutes

Council Meeting – November 19, 2007.

4.1 Adoption

Moved by Councillor O'Brien

Second: Councillor McQuillan Motion Carried.

4.2 Business from Town Council Minutes - November 19, 2007

No business presented.

5.0 Financial Statements (Unaudited)

5.1 General Account:

Moved for adoption as presented: Councillor O'Brien

Second: Councillor Williams Motion Carried.

5.2 Sewer Corporation:

Moved for adoption as presented: Councillor O'Brien

Second: Councillor Williams Motion Carried.

6.0 Outstanding Expenditures

Moved for approval as presented: Councillor Peggy King

Second: Councillor Wade Williams.

Motion Carried.

7.0 Correspondence Received - November 20 to December 17, 2007

7.1 Development & Technology: Correspondence advising that payment in the amount of \$4,000.00 (Four Thousand Dollars) for Kings Playhouse improvements has been approved.

7.2 Community Development: Correspondence from Steven Lewis advising that the file for the Painting – Kings Playhouse & Civic Centre building has been completed.

7.3 Family of the late Theresa Wright: Re: Thank you card – re: expression of sympathy.

7.4 FCM (Fax): Re: FCM requesting resumes applying to the GMF Peer Review Committee.

7.5 Georgetown School: Re: Christmas Card;

7.6 HRSDC (Human Resources and Social Development Canada): Georgetown Seniors on the Move Project – advising funding has been approved in the amount of \$5,000.00.

7.7 Community & Cultural Affairs & Labour: Correspondence from Honourable Caroline Bertram, Minister with notification that the deposit of fall installment of Municipal Support Grant from the Province has been made as well as the full amount of the equalization grant increase in the amount of \$32,003.92.

Council agreed that the increase was very much appreciated and would be used towards the ever increasing expenses for the ongoing operations of the municipality.

- 7.8 Image Works PEI, Jeff Squires: Offer of 2008 Tourism Advertising Package the total package cost, \$5,940.00 plus applicable taxes. Council reviewed and discussed proposal.
- Moved by Councillor Wade Williams and seconded by Councillor Craig Murphy that the Town of Georgetown accept specified selections of the proposal to advertise in the 2008 PEI Image Works Handbook. Items selected being a double page advertising spread for the amount of \$4,005.00 and the PEI Map advertising package for the amount of \$1,300.00; totaling \$5,305.00 (Five Thousand, Three Hundred Five Dollars) plus applicable taxes. Motion Carried.
- 7.9 Community & Cultural Affairs & Labour: Re: Acknowledgement of receipt of Town of Georgetown Bylaw # 0001-2007 Municipal Offences, Penalties & Ticketing now filed in accordance with the *PEI Municipalities Act*.
- 7.10 CBCL Limited: Invitations to CAO & Mayor to attend their annual Christmas Reception;
- 7.11 Canadian Red Cross: Invitation to Mayor and Council to attend their Winter Open House, Dec. 11/07;
- 7.12 Holland College: Invitation to Mayor to attend their Christmas reception on Dec. 11/07;
- 7.13 ADI Limited: Invitations to Mayor and CAO to attend their Christmas reception on Dec. 13/07;
- 7.14 Island Trails: Notice of membership and donation renewal for 2008. Council discussed offer.
- Moved by Councillor Craig Murphy, seconded by Councillor Barry O'Brien that the Town renew membership fee for 2008 in the amount of \$25.00. Carried.
- 7.15 Department of Tourism: Correspondence enclosing \$1,200.00 cheque representing the final payment of Tourism's contribution for the Bluenose 2007 festival / McGinty event.
- 7.16 Tourism PEI & Tourism Charlottetown: Invitation to Mayor and Council to their Christmas open house – location – information centre (Flounder's Hall), Charlottetown on Dec. 14, 2007.
- 7.17 Provincial Treasury: Notice of permission to release any holdbacks to Kings County Construction regarding the Georgetown Lagoon Improvements.
- 7.18 CBCL (fax) from Robert Hughes: Copy of correspondence to Environmental Industrial Services Inc., copied to the Town of Georgetown, re: Georgetown Water System Upgrades, Phase 2 – Contract # 062644; project report dated December 7th, 2007.
- 7.19 Devtra Inc.: Offer of product "The Checker" an inspection compliance regulation for commercial road vehicles list book.
- 7.20 Canada Institute of Planners: Information update regarding Planning Profession Competency Standards.

- 7.21 Leo Marchildon: Correspondence providing information to Council regarding the proposed production Nine lives of L. M. Montgomery. Information will be forwarded as the projects proceeds.
- 7.22 Human Resources & Social Development Canada: Correspondence enclosing a nomination brochure for the 2008 “Therese Casgrain Volunteer Award.
- 7.23 Canadian Youth Centre Challenge: Brochure and workshop registration form.
- 7.24 Eastern PEI Chamber of Commerce: Revised Invitation (changes made) to their “President’s Reception”, location – Active Communities in Montague on Dec. 17/07;
- 7.25 Theresa Kenny: Re: Request for Mayor Llewellyn to work with the Eastern School Board to make the Georgetown Elementary School’s gymnasium wheel chair accessible.
- Councillor O’Brien noted that he plans to continue his work with the staff at the school on this matter.
- 7.26 Federation Canadian Municipalities: Request for proposals (RFP) to host the September 2010 meetings of FCM’s National Board of Directors.
- 7.27 Dept. of Transportation & Public Works: Correspondence from Honourable Ron MacKinley, Minister of Transportation and Public Works responding to correspondence from the Town requesting to have the surface rebuilding of Water Street, as it is a provincial designated street, included in the Province’s 2008 listing of work projects. Minister MacKinley advised that the Department’s 2008 Road Program budget is currently under development. Council agreed that Mayor Llewellyn be granted authority to follow up on this matter.
- 7.28 J.D. Irving Limited: Correspondence dated November 22, 2007 to Michael Currie, MLA, copied to the Town of Georgetown regarding Georgetown Timber indefinite closure. Mr. Irving advised that the current market pressures experienced by the forest product industry have had an impact on a number of sawmills in the Maritimes. Unfortunately, they have had to undertake an indefinite closure at Georgetown due to the record high Canadian dollar, increases in fuel and transportation costs, a decline in market prices and a 25% decline in the U. S. housing market.
- 7.29 Communities in Bloom: Invitation to participate in the 2008 National Edition of Communities in Bloom.

8.0 Committee Reports

- 8.1 ***Finance, Government Relations-Mayor Llewellyn, Committee Chair:***
No report – Mayor Llewellyn, absent.
- 8.2 ***Public Works, Property, Main Street Programs & Utilities-Councillor Williams, Committee Chair:***
Snow Removal Streets:

Snow removal is well underway. Early indications are that it will be a busy snow removal season. There have been a few problems starting out. A few phone calls have been made and the contractor has been very willing to address these concerns.

Snow Removal Sidewalks:

The cost to clean sidewalks on Kent Street has been looked at. Early projected costs came in around \$7,500.00, also looking into something more long term before making any decision.

Storage Space: The storage building the Town rents on 102 Glenelg Street has changed ownership from Jim Diamond to Howie and Kelsey McMaster. The new owners have requested an increase in rental fees. Previously cost was \$50.00 per week and the new price submitted is for the amount of \$75.00 per week.

- Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor O'Brien that the Town continues to rent space at 102 Glenelg Street location at the increased weekly rental rate of \$75.00 per week payable to Howie and Kelsey McMaster. Carried.

8.3 ***Three Rivers Sportsplex: Councillor King, Committee Chair:***

Skills Camp: Craig Jenkins is holding a skills camp at the Sportsplex. This event is being held on Saturday afternoons with sessions booked at the Sportsplex.

Eagles Nest Bar: Hours of operation have been revised. It will now be open seven days a week, hours will be posted.

Canteen: Continues to do well. The recent addition of a slushy machine is a hit.

Abbies: The fourth game was held on December 13th. Toys for Tots campaign was also held at this event with a good supply of toys donated by the fans. Fans received a Three Dollar Coupon off the Abbies next home game in Georgetown in exchange for the toy donation. Santa Claus was present for the official dropping of the puck to start the game and also offered chocolate to those who chose to sit on his knee. A good time was had by all!!

Ice Rentals: Rentals continue to be approximately thirty hours per week.

Tournaments: The Sportsplex is happy to host various hockey tournaments in the New Year. UPSE, Campbell's Concrete, Jimmy Carroll Memorial Tournament and others provide a busy schedule for the upcoming months at the Sportsplex. A financial statement dated November 30, 2007 distributed for Councillors' information.

8.4 ***Community and Media Relations: Councillor McQuillan, Committee Chair***

No report – Councillor McQuillan absent.

- 8.5 ***Fire Department, Youth and Recreation: Councillor O'Brien, Committee Chair:***
Councillor O'Brien advised that had nothing new to report.
- 8.6 ***Kings Playhouse, Councillor Murphy, Committee Chair:***
Events have been well attended. The Board continues to work hard towards bringing in entertainers and shows.
- 8.7 ***Community Development: Councillor Lavandier, Committee Chair:***
Planning and Development: Lookout project start date to be January 14. Hopefully the weather will improve so the work outside will be able to done at the sites. Some of the components will be constructed outside. Weather will play a big part on work that will be accomplished.
Municipal Offence Tickets: As we will able to issue Municipal Offence Tickets, (once received) we should decide on how we plan on moving in regards to enforcement. In regard to Animal Control Bylaw, it has been suggested that we may have to make changes to our present Bylaw if we decide to work with the Humane Society. Council will have to make a decision on which of the two options proposed could best serve our needs. At this time option two would be the recommendation.
- Council agreed that a meeting be scheduled in the New Year with Heather Irving, Manage, Humane Society, to discuss the proposals as submitted for Councillors' review in October.
- 8.8 ***Community Heritage and Beautification: Councillor Williams, Committee Chair:***
Councillor Williams advised that he nothing new to report.
- 8.9 ***Georgetown and Area Development: Councillor Murphy, Committee Chair:***
The Board is presently awaiting details from an interested tenant; more information will be forthcoming after the board hears details and costs associated.
- 8.10: ***Administration Report: Patsy Gotell, Chief Administrative Officer:***
Financial Review: Administrator provided details and summary regarding current bank accounts, investments and loans.
Photocopier, Scanner, Fax and Printer: Council agreed that the decision to proceed with purchase be deferred until January meeting.
Recording System: Moved by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Murphy that Administrator be granted authority to purchase new recording device and software for Council meetings. Carried.
Annual Gratuities: Moved by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Williams that approval be granted to pay out annual gratuities the same as last year; also to add Administrative Assistant as the position was not in original budget. Carried.

Administrator's RRSP: Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor O'Brien that approval be granted to pay out fund as per budget allocation for 2007. Carried.

Fire Department Invoice: Moved by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor King that approval be granted to pay invoice to B. MacDonald for the amount of \$663.33 for the Georgetown Fire Department. Carried.

9.0 New/Other Business:

9.1 Off Highway Vehicle Bylaw: Councillor Peggy King advised that she was contacted by Snowmobile Association requesting that the Town give consideration to allow Snowmobilers operate within the Town limits to access the Eagles Nest Bar.

- Councillor King advised that she would contact the Snowmobile Association and set up a meeting with them and Council to discuss the idea.

10.0 Adjournment:

Moved by: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded by: Councillor Williams

Deputy Mayor Lavandier wished all in attendance best wishes for holiday season and New Year.

Minutes recorded and submitted by: Patsy Gotell, CAO, Town of Georgetown
Approved January 21, 2007

Peter Llewellyn, Mayor

Patsy Gotell, CAO