

MINUTES
GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
3/19/2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on 3/19/2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Subdivision Proposal: Mayor Llewellyn advised that due to correspondence received from the legal firm Campbell Lea (representing Floyd and Judy MacConnell residing at 86 Water Street) advising that the property is currently under legal dispute by the family, therefore the decision was made to cancel the 6:00 p.m. meeting.

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

Agenda: 3/19/2007

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

Presentation - RCMP Ellen MacDougall: Constable MacDougall did not show up for her presentation.

Fire Chief Allan Gallant: Fire Chief presented his report. Fire Chief addressed Council expressing his preference to have the Fire Department member's accident and sickness insurance be changed from the present policy through Cook Insurance to Andrew E. MacDonald Insurance Company.

- **Moved by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Williams that in response to recommendation of Fire Chief that the Town purchase Insurance Policy for Fire Department Accident and Sickness coverage through the firm of Andrew E. MacDonald Insurance. Carried.**
- **Moved by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Williams that approval be granted by the Town for two members of the Fire Department to attend the 13th Annual Fire Department Information Conference in Wolfville, NS on June 1st, 2nd, 3rd for**

the cost of \$150.00 per person – charges to be allocated to the Training budget for 2007. Carried.

Fire Chief Gallant also expressed his interest for the Department to be included in the wireless internet service for the building.

Minutes of the last meeting: February 19, 2007

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

Business from Minutes: Nil

Financial Statement:

Statements will not be available until after 2007 budget approval.

Outstanding Expenditures:

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

Correspondence:

1. PEI Pyro FX: Offer of service, Community and Media Relations Committee to review.
2. Darlene MacConnell: Request for subdivision of Property # 172866. This issue deferred in response to legal dispute among MacConnell family regarding property ownership.
3. Julia Pike, PEI Cultural Sector Council: Informational update on her endeavors to increase cultural climate in Georgetown.
4. Tom Carver: Offer of service towards West Street Beach construction.
5. Town of Souris: Information notice on upcoming meeting to increase the awareness of the extensive Acadian heritage while strengthening the local economy.
6. Island East: Offer to advertise on their website.
7. Julie McMullen: Offer to participate in media promotion. Mayor Llewellyn directed that a promotional disc be forwarded.
8. Youth Connection: Informational notice on upcoming symposium to be held April 13-15th in Mill Rivers Resort. Mayor Llewellyn advised that he

contacted this group expressing interest to plan a symposium in Georgetown.

9. Pat Hayes: Offer for service regarding website.
10. Larry Campbell: Informational letter regarding Youth Outreach Program, Councillor O'Brien to follow up on this.
11. Points East Coastal: Newsletter.
12. Bill Courtney: Correspondence regarding customer inquiry on Water Utility.
13. Points East Coastal Drive: New Release on Points East Coastal Drive.
14. Julia Pike, PEI Cultural Sector Council: Further update regarding expanding cultural offerings in Georgetown.
15. Adam Smith, Active Communities: Follow up regarding Georgetown's plans for Tourism Promotional products.
16. City of Summerside: Invitation to participate in Good Neighbour Award.
17. Julie McMurrer: Notice of upcoming workshops.
18. Paul Barrett: Offer of service regarding wireless capabilities.
19. CHRSC: Notice of new website launch.
20. Town of Montague: Invitational challenge issued to participate in Healthy and Active Living Lifestyle 2007 by challenging Councillors to participate in a walking competition between Councils of Montague, Souris and Georgetown. Mayor Llewellyn advised that previous to this meeting the Town's of Souris and Georgetown have counter challenged Montague to a literacy improvement competition.
 - **Moved by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor McQuillan that Georgetown accept invitational challenge as put forward by the Town of Montague. Carried.**
 - **Moved by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor McQuillan that the Eastern Graphic track the walking competition on a weekly basis. Mayor Llewellyn also requested media to track the counter challenge on literacy improvement. Carried.**

21. PEI Environment: Water Quality Results – Lagoon Outfall sample 196501
22. Transportation and Public Works: Correspondence from Honourable Gail Shea, Minister Transportation and Public Works advising of agreement and authorization for TPW staff to provide assistance to street maintenance on Victoria Street and East Street as per request from Councillor Williams.
23. PEI Literacy: Correspondence to Mayor Llewellyn congratulating him on literacy fitness challenge.
24. FPEIM: Information brochure regarding initiative towards community and government working together for community safety and well being.
25. Canada Day Youth Award: Offer to participate in program.
26. Glenn Munro: Notice of workshop on compost tea.
27. D. Pagett (Copy of her letter to GADC): Copy of letter to GADC from D. Pagett, Engine # 6 Cafe regarding lease and operations.
28. UPEI: Notice of upcoming courses.
29. EISI: Informational correspondence regarding customer service at 123 Grafton Street.
30. Colleen Acorn: Correspondence noting interests and concerns. Council members agreed to look at concerns expressed and Councillor Wade Williams, Public Works will respond.
31. Federation PEI Municipalities: Notice of upcoming conference on Healthy and Safe Communities to be held in August 2007.
32. D. Harris: Comments from Father David Harris, noting remarks regarding efforts towards Anglican Church proposal.
33. Samantha Murphy, Manager Municipal Affairs: Correspondence offering update on Bylaw Enforcement and Municipal Offence Ticket.
34. Department of Health: Letter requesting support for the Kings County Memorial Hospital. Councillor O'Brien suggested that the Town offer the Theatre to this group to hold a fundraising event.
35. Jerry MacKinnon, GP Trucking: Offer of service towards West Street Beach construction.

36. Maritime College of Forest Design and Installation: Information on upcoming workshop.
37. Federation PEI Municipalities: Notice of Annual Meeting and registration form. Meeting date April 23, 2007.
38. Matheson & Murray: Correspondence regarding MacConnell subdivision. This issue deferred, no action taken by Council and correspondence to be kept on file.
39. G. MacConnell: Correspondence regarding MacConnell subdivision, requesting a variance. This issue deferred no action taken by Council and correspondence will be kept on file.
40. Campbell Lea: Correspondence regarding MacConnell subdivision. The issue deferred due to correspondence as addressed at the beginning of meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Government Relations:

Mayor Peter Llewellyn reported:

Meetings held with the Souris Mayor. The Town's of Souris and Georgetown have been working towards the three Towns of Montague, Souris and Georgetown working together in a cooperative effort. Souris Mayor will be setting up another meeting opportunity this week. In the past Montague has not been available to meet. Hopefully the timing will be better for her this week. To date, Souris and Georgetown have worked towards the following agreed points.

- i. Literacy
- ii. Cooperation between towns
- iii. Chinese investment
- iv. Bio-diesel discussions
- v. Follow up meeting scheduled for this Wednesday.

School project: Mayor Llewellyn advised that he is working with Melissa Batchilder on the following:

- a. Tutors:
- b. Internships
- c. Training

Update on meetings since last month:

- ◆ Minister MacFadyen, Cultural Affairs: Councillor Williams also in attendance, Heritage promotion and other issues addressed.

- ◆ Real Estate Representatives: Promotion CD “Discover Georgetown” unveiled at meeting with Real Estate representatives. This successful meeting will lead towards ongoing promotion of Georgetown. The package will be sent to marketing PEI and will be included in provincial media conferences for promotions.
- ◆ Provincial Heritage: Meeting held with Harry Holman. Also met with Anglican Church Officials towards developing information for a proposal.
- ◆ Rodds – Blair Smith: Promoting Georgetown and Playhouse as mutually supportive to each other. Playhouse being targeted to Rodds and others as joint marketing cooperation on theater and convention center. A business model being constructed as we speak extension of building being explored to allow operation from a business perspective. (Stand alone center, movie theatre and full summer line up.)

Other initiatives being worked on:

- ◆ Recruiting new Canadians to our town to promote business and community.
- ◆ Ice golf meeting to be arranged with Province.
- ◆ Vimy ridge celebration - March 28 1200 premier wreath laying for Georgetown
- ◆ Opening of Business Centre – Office provision for lawyer, financial and banking services and other services as they unfold.

Public Works, Property, Utilities:

Councillor Wade Williams reported:

Public Works: Winter Snow Removal is near over for the 2007 season. Repairs to the shoulders are part of the snow removal contract. When the weather is suitable, necessary repairs will be made. Designated street shoulder damage will be repaired by the Province. One sewer blockage on Richmond Street with necessary steps taken to fix the problem. Tractor costs and other numbers will be submitted for budget.

Community and Media Relations:

Councillor Faye McQuillan reported:

Summer Days

Committee has met twice this month to discuss upcoming summer day's festivities. Things are going well, with only a few items left to finalize.

Bluenose: The committee for the Bluenose Days also met. A letter has been sent to Federal officials for permission to use the shed for two days while the Bluenose will be docked. The cost is \$125.00 per day. Some discussion held on events that will be hosted. The next meeting is in two weeks and will work more on the Bluenose Days at that meeting.

Canada Day:

- **Moved by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Williams that authority be granted to Councillor McQuillan to submit a financial request to the Department of Heritage in relation to the Celebrate Canada program for organizing activities to celebrate Canada Day in Georgetown, PEI for July 2007. Carried.**

Three Rivers Sportsplex:

Councillor Peggy King reported:

Manager's report to February 28th shows that February was a very busy month with tournaments. Approximate ice rentals being 120 hours. The canteen was good with sales over Three Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars. The Jimmy Carroll Tournament was once again a great success, which brought in revenue over Four Thousand Dollars; also a new sign was unveiled at the Tournament. RCMP tournament, Aliant AAA provincial championships were both very successful events at the Sportsplex. There will be a benefit event this Friday towards Jennifer Stevens, daughter of Tim and Judy Stevens. Manager Mark Gotell received an offer on a Zamboni.

After viewing, Board placed a bid on the Zamboni and at this time they are waiting a response. Councillor King advised that the Sportsplex has the funding in place to purchase the Zamboni if their bid is accepted. Plans to shut down Sportsplex for March 23rd. General agreement that the agreement between the Three Rivers Sportsplex Board of Directors and the Town be put forward at the meeting of March 29th.

Recreation / Youth:

Councillor Barry O'Brien had nothing new to report.

Fire Department:

Councillor Barry O'Brien had nothing to add to the Fire Chief's report.

King's Playhouse:

Discussion that there is a Board in place but Council approval of agreement has not been signed. Agreement, this should be done as soon as possible. There was some discussion on meetings, upcoming operation and plans for the theatre. Councillor Lavandier expressed that he would like to have this proposed board

update Council on the plans. Council members McQuillan and Lavandier expressed their interest in being informed of meetings taking place regarding to the Playhouse. General agreement that the new agreement between proposed Board and the Town be put forward at the upcoming meeting on March 29th. The group would be offered the opportunity to update Council on their plans.

Community Planning & Development:

Councillor Lewis Lavandier reported:

Outlook Project/West Street Beach: Drawings and material quote for the lookout project received. The Planning Committee will be meeting with Bill Buell and Amy Swallow tomorrow to plan the next stage. Hoping to begin work on the new beach as soon as we are given the go ahead from the Department of Environment. A lot of positive response to these projects, optimistic that the project will not be jeopardized by environmental issues.

Marina: GADC hopes that plans to establish a floating marina at the end of the old ferry wharf will proceed smoothly. Completion of the project will give boater's access to the Interpretive Centre, walking tour, West Street Beach and other Town attractions.

Councillor Lavandier commended Mayor Llewellyn on a job well done on the presentation given to the real estate representatives. After the meeting agents agreed that this kind of positive attitude as well as the proposed upcoming events will go a long way in making the Town more appealing to potential buyers and new businesses looking for the ideal location.

The meeting with Rodds Resort – Blair Smith went well with his response being very receptive to working with us in promoting Georgetown as a must destination for guests staying at the Resort.

Councillor Lavandier noted that he had received complaints from several citizens in regard to some unsightly properties within the Town. If we are going to promote Georgetown this matter will have to be addressed and soon. There was general agreement of Council that a plan and proposal be put in place. Council members to read their Unsightly Premises Bylaw and then meet and then identify problem areas. The Town will work with the property owners to make this work.

Community Heritage and Beautification:

Councillor Wade Williams reported:

Community and Cultural Affairs have sent a representative to help with heritage goals. Harry Holman will also be helping us to take the necessary steps in moving forward. Committee working with Mayor and Anglican Church representatives to come up with a viable option to preserve this valuable property, hopeful for a solution. There will be a Heritage River meeting on March 21 in Lower Montague; due to prior commitments unable to attend ...any member of Council that may be available to fill in would be appreciated.

Georgetown & Area Development Corporation:

Councillor Craig Murphy reported:

Engine # 6 Cafe has been tested for airflow. Necessary steps have been made to address the problem of the furnace going out when the exhaust fan comes on. The problem has been diagnosed and it is just a matter to see what can be done to fix the problem. There was approval to upgrade the electrical to 125 amps. The lease has been sent to lawyer with changes for a final draft.

Marina: The application is being submitted to ACOA. We await their response.

West Street Beach: Verification and agreement today in the location and placement of the beach.

Administrator's Report:

Patsy Gotell, C.A.O. reported:

Breedon Estate:

Patsy advised that Tom Matheson/Ginger Breedon will meet with Council on Monday, March 26th, 2007 in the Council Chambers to speak on the Breedon Estate. Following that meeting the interviews for Admin Assistant will be held.

Annual Budget Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 29th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Cooke Insurance: Jeff Cooke will be out on Wednesday for review of all insurance files; those interested should make a point of attending.

Other Business:

Mayor Llewellyn advised that he was looking into a means to have solar lighting placed from Brudenell Resort into Georgetown.

Adjournment: Moved by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Williams that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Minutes submitted by:

P. Gotell, CAO