

MINUTES
GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
May 22, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 22, 2007.

Council Attendance: Mayor Peter Llewellyn
Councillor Peggy King
Councillor Craig Murphy
Councillor Wade Williams

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Barry O'Brien

Call to Order:

Following presentation from Kings Playhouse Board members, Mayor Llewellyn called the meeting to order 7:20 p.m.

Agenda:

May 22, 2007 Meeting of Council

Moved for approval: Councillor Williams

Second: Councillor Murphy. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief Monthly Report: Fire Chief Allan Gallant presented his report as follows.:

March 22/07 Monthly Meeting
April 09/07 EMS Call
April 17/07 Training
April 20/07 Training
Apr 21-22/07 12 Firefighters attended training to be recertified as Medical First Responders
April 26/07 Responded to a Forestry Call
May 07/07 Responded to False Alarm
May 08/07 Training on Vehicle Extraction
May 09/07 Forestry call to Wood Islands – Total of 48 Man hours spent on scene
May 09/07 Alarm call to Rodd's Brudenell Resort
May 20/07 EMS Call

2 Fire Fighters to attend upcoming course on Air Brakes and Defensive driving.

Minutes from previous meeting: April 16, 2007

Moved for adoption: Councillor Williams

Second: Councillor Murphy. Motion Carried.

Business from Minutes: Nil

Financial Statement:

Moved for approval as presented: Councillor Williams
Second: Councillor King. Motion Carried

Outstanding Expenditures:

Moved for approval as presented: Councillor Williams
Second: Councillor Murphy. Motion Carried

Correspondence Received/Business From:

1. Maurice Delory: Reply from Mr. Delory in regard to correspondence mailed to him regarding development permit issued to him in December 2006.
2. Government of Canada, Senior Program: Information regarding New Horizons for Seniors Program. Council will follow up on this information.
3. Employment Development Agency: Notice of approval of EDA contract for Gardens.
4. Community and Cultural Affairs: Correspondence from Honourable Elmer MacFadyen advising that Georgetown will be receiving an additional \$32,000.00 in funding under the Municipal Support Program.
5. Transport Canada: Correspondence regarding Town's request to occupy the warehouse facility on the DOT wharf during the Bluenose Festival – July 23, 24, and 25, 2007. Charges will be \$125.00 per day.
6. Environment Energy and Forestry: Issuance of Permit # KA07-012 to the Town of Georgetown for landscaping including creation of sand area on property #170001 West Street
7. Students from Georgetown School: Thank you letters for the books donated to the school from the Town.
8. Fred Mullen: Offer to complete additional tax audit. Audit completed in May and awaiting to hear if the claim will be eligible. Compensation will be 40% to F. Mullen and 60% to the Town.
9. Bruno Peripoli: Plan and cost estimate for Tree Restoration. Mayor Llewellyn advised that the Town will actively be pursuing avenues to finance this plan.
10. Matheson & Murray: Memorandum of Settlement Breedon Property
11. Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Loyola Hearn: Correspondence advising that the Town of Georgetown's request to DFO to provide a 10,000 MT quota of Stimpson surf clam on a provisional basis is denied. Mayor Llewellyn advised that he will be responding to the Minister.
12. Inky Mark, MP: Correspondence regarding private members bill in the House of Commons that would see the creation of a Memorial Wall for Canada's fallen soldiers and peacekeepers. Mayor Llewellyn suggested that the Town follow up on this.
13. Three Rivers Heritage Association: Minutes and Financial information.
14. PEI Health Sector Council: invitation to Scope of Practice Seminar to be held May 25th in Cornwall.
15. Canada-PEI Infrastructure Secretariat: Advisement that the guidelines and criteria were approved for those municipalities seeking funding under this program.
16. Community and Cultural Affairs: Correspondence from Samantha Murphy, Manager Municipal Affairs responding to inquiries regarding bylaw enforcement from Mayor Llewellyn.

17. Community Voices Workshop: Invitation to attend seminar being held in Stellarton NS – May 24-26, 2007
18. Active Living Committee: General agreement of Council that the Town of Georgetown declare that the community of Georgetown commits to becoming a PEI Active Community. We will support the community champion and committee in all of their PEI Active Community initiatives.
19. Province of Prince Edward Island: Financial support in the amount of \$12,000.00 towards Infinity Beach development on West Street.
20. Green Municipal Fund: Information regarding Sustainable development planning. Administrator will follow up on this.
21. Department of Health: Correspondence from Honourable Chester Gillan advising that the current complement of physicians on PEI does not have a physician designated to the Town of Georgetown and that the population of the Town and surrounding areas, the demographics would not be sufficient to the services of a full time physician. However, he encouraged the Town to work with area physicians to hold clinics in Georgetown as part of the Kings County Hospital catchment area. Mayor Llewellyn advised that he will follow up on this issue.
22. Elections PEI: Correspondence from Lowell Croken, Chief Electoral Officer advising that the Town's concerns regarding an election poll being moved from Georgetown to Cardigan have been duly noted and following this current provincial election there will be song consideration give to reviewing the polling location for Poll number 9. Mayor Llewellyn advised that he will be following up on this matter after the current election.
23. A Lethal Solution: Newsletter regarding biofuels.
24. Crime Prevention Action Fund: Information regarding funding available. Mayor and Administrator will follow up on this.
25. Federation PEI Municipalities: Notice of upcoming seminar "Peak Oil: Oil depletion and what it means for Towns and Cities. "
26. Island East Tourism Group: Brochure Rack Distribution program. Administrator will follow up on once brochures are completed for Summer Festivals, Walking Tour, and other promotional material is completed.
27. Department of Tourism: Letter advising approval of financial support in the amount of #10,000.00 towards Walking Tour Brochures and Georgetown Summer Days. Payment in the amount of \$6,000.00 received and balance of \$4,000.00 will be paid out upon receipt of financial statement and activity report.
28. Premier Pat Binns: Correspondence advising that in regard to the concerns expressed regarding election pole being moved from Georgetown that Elections PEI operates a separate entity from Government and that he trusts that there will be a satisfactory agreement reached with respect to future poll location.
29. Premier Pat Binns: Correspondence advising that on behalf of government they are interested in working in partnership with Georgetown to establish a medical centre and suggested that Council work with the Department of Health on this matter.
30. Elections PEI: duplicate of item 22
31. Montague and Area 2009 Canada Games Committee: Notice of meeting being held in Montague on Tuesday, May 22nd. Mayor Llewellyn advised that he would be follow up on the business from the meeting.
32. Transport Canada: License Agreement for use of warehouse on wharf during Bluenose Festival. Agreement to be signed and returned with proof of insurance and safety management plan. Administrator will complete and return.

33. Community and Cultural Affairs: Correspondence advising that the Municipal Support Grants payment of 50% have been mailed out and the Town of Georgetown's 50% entitlement is the amount of \$59, 007.60.
34. Preventative Conservation Workshop: Notice of Four Series Workshops to be held starting in May.
35. ACOA: Notice that the Town of Georgetown's application (Outlooks)for financial assistance under the Innovative Communities Fund has been received on May 15, 2007 and assigned project # 192335.
36. Department of Health: Letter from Board Chairman Michael Gallant advising that the date for the Kings County Memorial Hospital Board to meet with Town Council is Thursday June 21 2007 at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall.
37. Roddie MacLeod: Email to Mayor Llewellyn regarding Souris Turbines Initiative.
38. Federation PEI Municipalities: News Release regarding tax burdens on Islanders.
39. Service Canada: Notice of receipt of application for support towards Job Creation Program of the Outlooks Project.
40. Roddie MacLeod: Email with additional information for Mayor Llewellyn regarding the Souris Turbines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor's Report: Mayor Llewellyn reported the following updates:

Clam License Request: A follow up letter is in the draft process and will be forwarded to the Minister Loyola Hearn.

Doctor: Dr. Toma has been kept up to date regarding information received from the Province (correspondence item 21) in the last month.

Reading program: Met with Tamara and work is progressing on this project, a copy of her last email was forwarded to Council members for their information.

Mentor Program - Melissa has done the initial set up and she is looking to identify some technical volunteers for our area to take it to the next level.

Drug complaints: Met with the RCMP and discussed ways we can deal with the complaints about the selling of drugs in our community. I will advise Council when we will be able to meet with them. Mayor Llewellyn advised that he is also checking with RCMP about an interactive link from our website that would allow for anonymous tips to RCMP regarding criminal activity.

Update on meetings since last month:

- ◆ Elections PEI – Attended a hastily called meeting to discuss the relocation of the Georgetown Poll, correspondence from Elections PEI as their follow in correspondence (item # 22/30).
- ◆ Souris - Southern Kings Chamber of Commerce. This was an invitation to the three Mayors to attend a business mixer in Souris. There was good attendance and an opportunity to answer questions from business people about what is happening in Georgetown

- ◆ Charlottetown Abbies - Owners meeting- had a 45 min meeting with the owners to discuss the possible move to Georgetown. This was followed up with a decision from the owners. The proposal from the owners subject to acceptance by the league is that the owners would like to partner with Georgetown in the 2007\2008 season. The owners will be approaching the league to move\schedule 7 of the 28 games (25%) to Georgetown. Our understanding is that we would not have to complete the identified major renovations at this time and we will be meeting with the GM in the near future to discuss details. The press release will be handled by the Team once approval is given by the league.
- ◆ ACOA Tourism - Meeting to discuss developing Georgetown as a Tourist Destination. Patsy CAO will update in her report
- ◆ Pharmacy - We met with the Friendly Pharmacy owners and they have agreed to have a store here pending the approval of the Doctor\Medical Center
- ◆ New Canadians
Follow up discussions with the New Canadians and their Board does not agree with a proposed satellite office in Georgetown. The feeling is that this would be in direct competition to their operations in Charlottetown. Georgetown could apply for funding to open our own office here to work with new Canadians. The other option could be partnering with the Town of Souris and see if a joint office 2.5 days in each community would work.
- ◆ Ethanol Plant
Continue to have drop in contact with the group talking about a Plant. The first was a scheduled meeting at the town hall with a Lawyer from Philadelphia at this meeting it was agreed that they have to give the town a business plan to even begin discussing this project. There were further two unscheduled visits from Dave Paterson. The first one included a consultant from Ireland discussing their new seeder where once again they were asked for a business plan and the second last week in response to the article in the paper, They expressed their assurance once again that the business plan was ready and that we would have it the next day. I was called the next day and told I would be contacted and a business plan e mailed. We still have received nothing to this point.
- ◆ Cruise Manada - Two visits by the owners and they would like to begin evening operations out of Georgetown in the third week of June. Councillor Murphy will follow up with them.

Public Works, Property, Utilities:

Councillor Wade Williams reported:

Public works' crew has been working hard at getting the Town cleaned and things are starting to shape up. Thank you to them for a job well done.

Ball diamond concerns are being addressed. Rolling of the fields will take place when the machine comes out to this area. Baseball team would like the Town to give permission for use of the tractor on Tuesday nights to cut field for Wednesday games.

Also, requested use of the tractor on Sunday mornings to drag the infield. They are looking for financial assistance if possible.

A..A MacDonald Gardens staff will start Monday, May 21. This will definitely brighten up one of the main focal points of the Town.

Waiting for a price and capability of camera installed on the Train Station to look towards West Beach area.

Beach House will open when the cooler nights subside. Kings County will finish the job started last fall on demolition of pump house. It may be done this week.

A group of remote control car enthusiasts are looking for a spot in the Town. They would like to form a club and have a track cut out if a suitable spot could be found. After discussion on this matter it was agreed to offer them the area of the old soccer field on Burnt Point Road.

Still waiting to meet Darrell Fisher (ADI) for what can be done and put a dollar figure on Victoria St. and Fitzroy St. water problems.

Georgetown Residential Development Project has received an application from Terry & Melinda Sherrard for Lot #6 Grafton St. planning has received house plans and the lot requested is available. Approval from Council is required to move to step three of the terms and conditions. Councillor Murphy suggested that in the future possibly the policy could allow a speedier proceeding on these requests.

Price for Street Sweeper has been received. Budget allowed \$708/month for tractor, new quote on tractor is \$645 /month because of PST exemption. 72" Sweeper with original amount budgeted would increase payment \$163/month to \$871/month. Mayor Llewellyn has been promoting clean up Georgetown and take pride in your Community. If Council shares in this vision, would like to get approval to purchase street sweeper.

Councillor Williams advised that Joe Clory had requested to have a used culvert that the Town had on hand from replacement last year and he would like to have it at his property that he just purchased on East Street. Council agreed that Joe be given the culvert as the Town would only have to pay to dispose of it anyway.

Sewer Corporation:

There was a sewer blockage at Kay Fraser's, Percy Henry contracted and after much work it was found out to be caused by grease buildup. The line had to be flushed and a clean out installed to address potential future problems. Councillor Williams requested that a mail out be sent to residents advising that dumping grease down drains is prohibited, and could be costly to the homeowner and the Utility.

Contacted Douglas Moore Ltd. to video and flush sewer lines to be done for the 2007 season. This was the same firm we used last year and they are scheduled May 25/07 to do this work. Council discussed problems with tree roots and old lines that are in need of repair and the cost to the utility. Councillor Williams will check with Souris on how they handle these situations and any preventative measures they may take.

- Moved by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Murphy that the Town accept Terry & Melinda Sherrard's application for Lot 6 Grafton St. of the Georgetown Residential Development Project as per regulations of the agreement. Motion Carried.
- Moved by Councillor Williams, and seconded by Councillor Murphy that approval be granted to purchase 72" sweeper from McGowan Tractor & Equipment on to payment of tractor \$644/month to \$871/month. An increase of \$227/month @ 0% 36 months. Motion Carried

Community Heritage and Beautification:

Councillor Wade Williams reported:

Entrance sign to the Town has arrived and has been installed. Planting of shrubs will take place when some kind of design is determined.

Laird Tree Care will be donating a white ash for Arbor Day. Tree has been planted on Kent Street just past the Town information sign. I would like to thank Kirk Laird for donating and planting this tree.

In follow up with Harry Holman about Historic Places Initiative, he will contact the Town when they finish up a previous project and things settle down.

Monty MacMillan looked at the Dutch Elm stump on Water Street. It wasn't suitable for carving; he suggested we could cut the stump to 4' and use it as a base. He could carve the sea captain suggested at his shop and deliver here. Approximate cost \$1200.00 or maybe less.

Attended the Three Rivers Heritage meeting May 2, 2007, the plaque ceremony will be Sunday, June 10, 2007 @ 2:00 p.m. (Rivers Day). Arrangements for Campbell's concrete to make the concrete base, install the plaque and deliver to location. Plaque will be delivered to Campbells for installation. Approximate cost is \$1,200.00 to \$1,400.00 Councillors McQuillan and King will be contacted to see what we can offer for the ceremony. Mayor Llewellyn will be speaking that day.

- Moved by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that funding be allocated from Beautification budget to pay for the plaque. Motion Carried

Kings Playhouse

Councillor Murphy reported the following in addition to report given by members of Management prior to Council meeting being called to order.

- Blue Grass every Wednesday night.
- Gospel every Sunday night.
- Something is booked every Saturday for the summer season.
- Mother's Day – Kendall Docherty and others. Great start to the season with approximately 200 attended.

Special Events:

Councillor McQuillan absent, regrets noted. No report submitted.

Three Rivers Sportsplex:

Councillor Peggy King reported:

A copy of Financial report to April 30th for Sportsplex and Bar submitted to Councillors.

- Board has John Lavers employed for 13-14 weeks.
- Bar hours are cut back to Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Flea market started Saturday May 19, 2007. 10 tables at present. Going to try every Saturday for a while to see how it goes.
- Board making plans to have some dances.
- Rubber Boot reunion with Brad Oliver. Prizes being once a month to raise funds.
- Had Mothers' Day Draw Winner. Father's Day draw tickets now on sale.
- Charlottetown Abbies to play 7 games and practice times.
- Hockey camp for kids in Minor Hockey.

Planning and Development:

Councillor Lavandier absent, regrets noted and forwarded the following report and read by Councillor Williams:

We have sent in the applications for funding to A.C.O.A. & H.R.D.C. for the Lookout Project, we have found out that we will be covered by our existing insurance policy for the Town in regards to the lookouts it is now a matter of waiting for these Government Departments to approve our applications and give us a starting date for the project.

Made a trip with Councillor Murphy to view the sand that we will be using for the Beach Project we are now in the process of getting prices from various contractors to sift and haul the sand to the site also completing the work on the Beach itself.

Thank you to Councillor Murphy and Committee member Perry Gotell for the extra work they have put in on this Project, there is a lot of work that goes in to making these things happen and it is much appreciated. Thanks guys!

Georgetown and Area Development Corporation

Councillor Craig Murphy reported:

- The Interpretive Center hosted Minister Johnson of Veterans Affairs who was representing Minister MacKay for ACOA. There was a full playhouse of dignitaries from far and wide as well as a CBC television crew. They announced the completion of the Interpretive Centre and new funding for the construction of a new building at the Dundas Plow Match site with a value of \$250,000. As well, there was \$140,000 to go towards the reconstruction of the Cardigan Ball Fields. The final monies allotted were \$20,000 towards the Souris Harbor Authority.

- Installation of the new ventilation duct work in the kitchen has been completed.
- The new lease with Robin Campbell has been signed for a one year term and is being performed with the intent of opening day being June 1st.

Fire Department and Recreation

Councillor O'Brien absent, regrets noted. No report submitted.

Other Business:

Adjournment: Moved by Councillor William, seconded by Councillor Murphy that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Carried.

Minutes submitted by:
Patsy Gotell, CAO