

**MINUTES
GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL
9/17/2007**

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

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

Agenda: Monday, September 17, 2007

Moved for approval without additions: Councillor O'Brien

Second: Councillor Williams. Motion Carried.

Business from Floor or Other: None

Conflict of Interest Provision

Declaration under the *PEI Municipalities Act*: Part VI, Section 23 of the *PEI 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. None declared.

Minutes of the last meeting: August 20, 2007

Moved for adoption: Councillor McQuillan

Second: Councillor Williams Motion Carried.

Business from Minutes: None

Financial Statements

General Account:

Moved for adoption: Councillor McQuillan

Second: Councillor O'Brien Motion Carried.

Sewer Corporation:

Moved for adoption: Councillor Williams

Second: Councillor O'Brien Motion Carried.

Outstanding Expenditures:

Moved for approval as presented: Councillor Lavandier

Second: Councillor O'Brien Motion Carried.

Correspondence (August 21 to September 17-2007):

1. Georgetown & Area Development Corporation: Correspondence advising that at the August 15th, 2007 meeting of the GADC a motion was passed granting approval to loan the Three Rivers Sportsplex a maximum of Thirty Thousand Dollars. The loan being secured by the Town of Georgetown and interest rate of five percent per year. Any further terms and conditions to be discussed at a later date.
2. Leslie Malone, ECO PEI: ECO PEI Energy Report (invitation to attend).
3. Arlene Carpenter / Active Living Alliance: Aug 07 Healthy Living Notes, enclosing Jump Start Brochure & Kid Sport Application.
4. Sharon Vance / Arthritis Society: Exercise (PACE) Program Fall 2007;
5. Randall Fletcher: Correspondence requesting Town to have EDA workers do a clean up of brush area by the Confederation Trail. Council discussed this issue regarding tree maintenance and removal.
6. Ronald Gallant: Correspondence requesting that small trees behind his property on Town land be cut down. Council again discussed the matter of cutting down trees.
 - It was moved by Councillor Lavandier and seconded by Councillor McQuillan that the correspondence received from Randal Fletcher and Ronald Gallant be deferred to the Public Works Committee for their review and consideration with proposed plans and policy for tree maintenance, removal and replacement Carried.
7. ECO PEI Energy Project: Information on Pathways to Sustainable Energy Prosperity on PEI.
8. Island Gardener: October Newsletter.
9. Correctional Services: Notice of Restorative Justice Week Nov. 18- 25;
10. Fax from Communities in Bloom: RE: Invitation to “Communities in Bloom” National Symposium Sept 19 – 22, 2007 in New Brunswick;

11. FCM: Walkability and Placemaking training Seminar – October 1, 2007, Toronto, Ontario;
12. Canada – PEI – Infrastructure Secretariat: Correspondence confirming \$839,500.00 approved for Water St. Sewer & Water Main Replacement.
13. Autumn Tremere – Communications Officer – Canada/PEI Infrastructure Secretariat: Correspondence to inform that three (3) project applications have been approved; 1. Georgetown Integrated Sustainability Plan, 2. Georgetown Official Plan and Bylaw Review 3. Georgetown Preparation of Capital Investment Plan.
14. ACOA (cc. of letter directed to GADC): Correspondence requesting information to be provided for the environmental assessment.
15. FCM & Green Municipal Fund: Green Municipal Fund 2006-07 Annual Report (Large report – available upon request from Admin Office.
16. E-mail from David Boyce: Notice that Three Rivers Heritage Association – Meeting Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Montague Hall;
17. E-mail from FCM: Notice regarding Walkability & Placemaking Training Seminar October 1, 2007 – Toronto, ON;
18. Julia Pike (to P. Llewellyn) - E-mail : Notice of New funds available for heritage festivals and other avenues.
19. Points East Coastal Drive - E-mail News Release: Island East Cycling Event Planned for Thanksgiving Weekend;
20. Peter Davies (to P. Llewellyn) - E-mail: Information regarding possible band playing here – idea of possible Ball/Dance/Concerts;
21. Darrell Fisher, ADI- Copy of email to John Enman PEI Infrastructure Secretariat: Update on Georgetown Lagoon Phase 2. A new concept plan and revised scope of work with estimate of costs to be prepared.
22. Darrell Fisher, ADI – Copy of email to Kings County Construction: Notice to go forward with lagoon site restoration in accordance with the original scope of work as soon as possible.
23. Matheson & Murray: Correspondence from T. Matheson dated September 17th, 2007 regarding Breedon Property and in particular the appropriate way to manage the funds paid under the Estate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Government Relations:

Mayor Peter Llewellyn reported:

Ethanol Update: Councillor Lavandier and he met with a farmer inquiring about the progress of the ethanol development. They advised him that there was no new information submitted to Council.

Dr. Toma: Spoke to Dr. Toma and she has finished her shadowing in Charlottetown and things went well. Dr. Toma writes again in November and from there she hopes to go to the teaching hospital in Newfoundland in January or February and that will be the final stage. She is still very excited about practicing in Georgetown and they have moved to Fortune in order to get closer to Georgetown while staying within the range that the Souris Hospital requires as per her husband's contract.

Meetings:

ACOA: Met with Pat Dorsey and Brian Schmeisser regarding MRIF project on September 5th.

Tourism: Met with Janet Wood to discuss Island Guide revisions for Georgetown and Georgetown Royalty, especially to include Rodd's advertisements as being located in Georgetown Royalty.

Georgetown Timber: Requested to meet with General Manager of the lumber yard to discuss to see if there are any ways we could assist them in staying open.

Ferry Connection: The consideration of a (pedestrian) ferry connection between Lower Montague, Roma and Montague is being proposed. This would be a regional co-operation. Mr. Fred Delory owns a 24 ft steam engine and the plan is to contact him regarding the possible use as a pilot project and grow from there. Interested parties are now working on numerous scenarios for this idea.

Possible New Residents: Three couples visiting the shop last week expressed their interest to purchase homes in Georgetown. Two of them were Americans looking to open businesses here in the Town. Both have requested that we give them information on the steps required to move here and open a business.

Pot Belly Stove: I had a call from Marion Rafuse Fraser, of Stratford, she made a donation of a pot belly stove from the last train that came into Georgetown. The stove is now at the Interpretive Centre.

Abbies Support Initiative for Business Community: Plan to send out a letter to business community in the County offering them the opportunity to support with the purchase of tickets and advertise their business in the program.

Public Works, Property, Main Street Programs & Utilities:

Councillor Wade Williams reported:

Lagoon Project: Phase II will be put on hold, to deal with environmental issues. ADI will present options to Council and the Town will decide which route to take. Landscaping from the previous work will go ahead as planned.

Winter Snow Removal and Ice Control: Winter Snow Removal and Ice Control will have to be advertized for non-designated streets and Town Municipal Facilities and properties. By next Council meeting a decision can be made on the contracts.

Water Street Reconstruction: Progress on Water St. reconstruction is moving forward behind the scenes. Time frame and costs will have to be tied down. Patience will result in a better job. This will be a big enhancement to the Town. Let's explore every avenue available and get what we vision.

Maintenance: Various sidewalks have been repaired because of sewer blockages. Joey and Crew did a great job.

Community and Media Relations

Councillor Faye McQuillan reported:

Island East Cycling Event Thanksgiving Weekend:

Plan to meet with Councillor King and set final details for the purchase of supplies to feed about 100 participants (51 presently registered) . The Town will provide refreshments, shelter and washroom facilities on Day 2- Sunday, October 7. Councillor Williams agreed to arrange to have the washroom facilities open. Consideration will be given for some type of entertainment for the arrival. Plan to contact GADC to confirm approval for the use of the building.

Seniors: Weekly meetings with the Seniors Group continue to be a success. Meeting will be changed from Thursday to Wednesday. Mayor and Council members welcome to drop in.

Remembrance Day: Working towards schedule of events for the ceremony. Michael Gallant has volunteered his services to work with the committee. The Playhouse is hosting an event the night before and the ceremony will follow on the Sunday.

Three Rivers Sportsplex:

Councillor Peggy King reported:

Manager & Ice Maker: The Board of Directors has rehired Mark Gotell as their Rink Manager and Philip Fraser will resume duties as Ice Maker for the

2007/2008 season. Mark Gotell started working on Monday September 10. He and a group of local labourers are working on the upgrades needed for the Sportsplex to house the Charlottetown Abbies for their commitment to host seven of their season games here in Georgetown this winter. The project is proceeding very well. Joe McConnell has been hired to do the plumbing part of this project. The Abbies' first game is scheduled for Oct. 13/07.

Philip Fraser will begin work on September 24. The plant will be turned on the first week of October 2007.

Dance: Kings County Caring Community's group hosted their dance September 1, 2007 which was a spin off from the rained out concert in the park, very small turnout. The group is still waiting on a few bills to come in. A meeting will be held later this month to determine final profit.

Minor Hockey: Registration held over the past two weekends. Numbers have increased somewhat. There is a possibility of two new additional teams. Way to go!

Additional Workers: Denise Lavie, Chair of the Board, has been in contact with Danny Walker to get a list of names of those interested in working in the canteen and also a general labourer needed for the rink i.e. (moving nets, sweeping stands, etc.) These positions are usually hired through EDA.

Recreation / Youth:

Councillor Barry O'Brien reported:

Recreation Youth: The baseball season has come to a close with all divisions reporting good seasons. All children had fun and enjoyed the great game of baseball. Special thanks to the Minor Baseball Committee and our baseball coaches who gave their valuable time to instruct the children this summer.

Request that Joey remove the signs from the baseball fields as well as the stands from the McSwain field. I have put a call into the welding center to discuss new bleachers for next season as the old ones are damaged and in my opinion not worth repairing.

Contacted Principal Byrant at the school and he has informed me that he and the staff have many great ideas again this year. I will be meeting with them on the 26th of September at 3:15 and anyone interested in attending is welcome. I believe we made a huge contribution last year and with our continued cooperation we will continue to make a difference.

Again this year, would like to recommend making a contribution to the school breakfast program as well as sponsoring the healthy food initiative as we did last year. These are invaluable to the health of our school.

Previous Business: Contacted the Council of Disabled and asked to have info mailed out in regards to what we need to do to make Georgetown a Disability Friendly Community. They were very excited to hear from us and to see that we are showing a concern in this area. Yet to receive the package but I placed another call and someone from the council will make themselves available to meet with us to view our buildings and help us make the proper improvements.

Councillor O'Brien offered apology to Council for lack of availability over the past few months. With family and personal commitments he did not had much time to give. As the fall and winter approaches he will be much more available to assist and work with all members of the Council and Town Staff!

Fire Chief's Report: Report from Fire Chief Allan Gallant submitted as follows:

Aug 25/07	E.M.S. Call
Aug 27/07	Meeting
Aug 29/07	Participated in a Search and Rescue Operation with the Canadian Coast Guard and the Kings County Ground Search and Rescue Team.
Sept 6/07	Responded to a Fire Call at the Kings Playhouse

King's Playhouse:

Councillor Murphy reported:

Thanks to the quick reaction of Gladys Macdonald and Kelly Publicover to call the Fire Department when a small fire was detected in the eave of the Playhouse that apparently was started by the reflective heat off of the new aluminum ramps that were installed. The Board is looking into a few ways to reduce the reflection of the sun without removing the ramps.

Plans are in motion for an extreme Kitchen Party for October. This will be a fundraiser that the Artists will play for free or a minimal gate percentage.

George Canyon has been confirmed for November 7th and tickets will be available in the very near future. Council discussed various issues in regard to renovations completed and to be completed before George Canyon concert.

Financial Statement will be forwarded to Council when received.

Community Planning & Development:

Councillor Lewis Lavandier reported:

We have received a letter unofficially informing us that we will be receiving funding for our Integrated Sustainability Plan, Official Plan & Bylaw Review also for costs incurred for the preparation of the Capitol Investment Plan.

The next step will be to hire a consultant to work with us to complete these projects.

We are working on the Lookout Project and hope to get final approval to start work shortly; we are hoping to see a lot of the project finished before the snow flies. Wayne Chiasson contacted for approval to use the shed. Formal approval to follow. Land owners will be contacted and requested to sign a legal document.

Mayor Llewellyn passed on the following notes:

- Spoke to Paul McLinnis and both store fronts of his properties on Water Street are available for rent;
- We possibly have 5 new craft shops/tourist business for next year - 3 of which are already confirmed: 1) Summer Talk 2) Our Town Pottery and Gifts 3) Unnamed craft shop In the works 1) Clam Dog Blues Bar 2) Glass Blowing in Sept 2008.
- Request GADC to set up a meeting with the Province to discuss their participation on the new Marina.

Community Heritage and Beautification:

Councillor Wade Williams reported:

Waiting for quote to put two flood lights and run underground wiring to the Town entrance sign. Billing would be included with the Town message sign and the source to power.

Looking to plant some trees this fall on Kent Street, when Laird Tree Care comes back with the overall plan for the Town.

Looking at getting some Fall bulbs to plant in front of the retaining wall by the Town sign. This would give a nice spring colour coming into the Town.

Georgetown and Area Development Corporation:

Councillor Murphy reported the following:

The GADC has recently approved funding of up to \$30,000 to the Three Rivers Sportsplex to complete their renovations to upgrade the washroom and shower facilities in the dressing rooms. This loan will be a low interest loan that will be

paid over an agreed amount of time when the final costs are in for the renovations.

The Engine No. 6 Café is closing for the time being and there is a possibility of new tenants, but we are awaiting details of a business proposal. This will be discussed at our Annual Meeting scheduled for September 24th.

Councillor Lavandier inquired if the proposals would be open to the public. Councillor Murphy advised that information would be a decision of the GADC Board.

Administrator's Report

ACOA Meeting September 5: Mayor Peter and I met with Pat Dorsey and Brian Schmiesser regarding the MRIF Project and the following items were clarified:

- Municipal Rural Infrastructure Program does not cover the costs to convert power and communication lines from overhead to underground.
- The Town has contacted the engineering firm working on this project (ADI) to review the proposed costs and firm up the projections. We will advise MRIF of any significant changes.
- In regard to the cashflow component of the agreement, the start date for 2007-08 will be delayed and based upon any updated numbers from ADI and the actual start date the cashflow projections may be altered and accessible depending on reserves available in the program at that time.
- A letter from the Town has been sent to Matt Collins (cc Stephen Yeo) Department of Transportation and Public Works advising them that the MRIF project has been approved and requesting a meeting with them to discuss timelines and commitment to complete the rebuilding of the street (granular, asphalt and curb).
- In regard to the GADC proposal for the development of a Day Marina as per application completed and submitted, ACOA has agreed that they are supporting the application pending the participation of Provincial funding portion of partnership. Since this meeting ACOA has sent a letter to GADC with a copy to the Town(Item 14) requesting additional information.

Tourism September 5 and 13th Meetings: Mayor Peter and I met with Janet Wood, Melody Gay and Heather Pollard regarding Island Guide revisions, establishing a Welcome Centre in Georgetown for 2008 and more advertising/marketing of the Town.

Active Communities Challenge : Met with Don Larkin and Sarah Noonan- a copy of the details of the challenge placed in Councillors mailboxes:

- 1> Agree to challenge
- 2> Set up meeting with regional areas in the Georgetown Communities list
- 3> Involve and encourage residents

4> The Animator will play a leading role

They are still interested in names for position of “Animator”
It is a 6 month position.

AMA Meeting: Meeting held on Friday September 14th. There were over 25 CAO’s in attendance. Samantha Murphy and Albert MacDonald gave a presentation from Community and Cultural Affairs. Three members of the PEI Road Builders Association gave an informative brief regarding infrastructure projects and bidding. Many complimentary remarks on Georgetown and the leadership endeavors undertaken by Georgetown’s Mayor and Council.

Web Page: Meeting with Bill Wozniak this week to assess work to date.

Water Utility: Email received late today from Phil Chiasson, EISI advising that MRIF phases are being put off for a short time. The plan is to get started on the water mains as soon as possible (Phase3). Phase1 is having the scope of work reduced and being retendered. Phase 2 is being delayed until some more details can be sorted out.

Bylaw for Municipal Offence Ticket: Town’s solicitor reviewing draft and we should have it available for First Reading in October.

New Business:

Mayor Llewellyn commented to Council that at the beginning of 2007 part of the mandate of this Council was to raise the profile of Georgetown. The response from the public on the happenings in Georgetown is very encouraging and Council should be very proud of their efforts to date!

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor McQuillan, seconded by Councillor Williams that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Minutes submitted by:
P. Gotell, C.A.O.