



MINUTES GEORGETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY,
August 17, 2009

Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Councillor Peggy King
Councillor Barry O'Brien
Councillor Wade Williams
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Craig Murphy
CAO Tonya Cameron



The regular monthly meeting of the Georgetown Town Council was held in the Council Chambers on 8/17/2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Attendance: Mayor Lewis Lavandier
Councillor Peggy King
Councillor Wade Williams
Councillor Faye McQuillan
Councillor Craig Murphy

Regrets: Councillor Barry O'Brien

1.0 Call to Order

Mayor Lewis Lavandier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Approval of Agenda: 8/17/2009

Moved for approval: Councillor King.

Second: Councillor Murphy. Motion Carried.

2.1 Additions to Agenda

Nil

2.2 Conflict of Interest Provision

Part V1, 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.

2.3 Declaration-None declared.

3.0 Business/Presentations from the Floor:

3.1 Julie Haddow local business owner requested to make a presentation on behalf of the local business owners with respect to the Town of Georgetown's upcoming potential purchases of tourism advertising. Mayor Lavandier turned the floor over to Mrs. Haddow.

Julie Haddow took the floor. She thanked Council for giving her the opportunity to speak to them on behalf of the local business community. This is on a very positive note; all of the advertising the Town did last year is really paying off for the businesses in the Community. The results we have seen as follows, for instance the King's Playhouse has 30 to 40 visitor's coming in each day – whereas the Visitor's Information Centre

was only seeing 1-2 visitors per day the previous year. So there is definitely a big influx in tourists/ tourism. The visitors are coming in this year and asking about the things they've seen in the guide, and where to find them, etc. That is great. Clam Digger's business has more than doubled from last year's numbers; they are serving between 265-300 dinners a day. We are all hearing a lot of positive feedback from a lot of Islanders and tourists alike. Some people are travelling from Tignish down to Georgetown because of the promotions. There just seems to be more numbers at all of the businesses. The more people that come, the more potential there is for the businesses that are here and the advertising the Town is doing is also helping property values in the Town and the potential to bring more businesses here. We also get a lot of questions about what properties are available and jobs that may be nearby. For our first year of production, at our own business, we can't believe the numbers we are getting. We'd really like to encourage council to keep up the great work they are doing with advertising and hopefully keep it up again and advertise in both the guides.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Julie for her presentation. Mayor Lavandier advised what is good for the businesses is good for the Town. He then told Mrs. Haddow that we really appreciate her contribution here tonight, and suggested that it would be great idea if she came back again after the November election and give the presentation again, because the new Council will also need to hear what great impact advertising is having before next July.

4.0 Minutes

Council Meetings: July 20, 2009 Regular Meeting and business thereof.

July 20, 2009 Regular Meeting

4.1 Adoption

Moved by Councillor McQuillan.

Second: Councillor King. Motion Carried.

4.2 Business from Town Council Minutes

No business presented.

5.0 Financial Statements (Unaudited)

5.1 General Account-to July 31, 2009

Moved for approval as presented by Councillor King,

Seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion Carried

5.2 Sewer Corporation-to July 31, 2009

Moved for approval as presented by Councillor King,

Seconded by Councillor Murphy. Motion Carried.

6.0 Outstanding Expenditures (preliminary & supplementary list)

Moved by Councillor King for approval as presented, seconded by Councillor Williams. Motion Carried.

7.0 List of Correspondence July 21, 2009 to August 17, 2009:

7.1 Julie Haddow: letter concerning Water Street Upgrades; - Concerns have already been address, no further action required.

- 7.2 Gayle Llewellyn: letter concerning parking during Water Street Upgrade; - Concerns have already been addressed, no further action required.
- 7.3 Julie Haddow: letter concerning Water Street Upgrade Schedule; - Concerns have already been addressed, no further action required.
- 7.4 PEI Analytical Laboratories: Water Microbiology Results; - Mayor Lavandier advised he would be addressing this issue later in tonight's meeting.
- 7.5 Canada Games: looking for buyers of used bleachers; - Councillor Murphy has sent an email to the Canada Games Committee to inquiry for more information on the bleachers. Deferred until more information is received.
- 7.6 Tourism PEI: forms for advertising with Tourism PEI for 2010 season; no action required.
- 7.7 PEI Analytical Laboratories: Water Microbiology Results; - Mayor Lavandier advised he would be addressing this issue later in tonight's meeting.
- 7.8 Anonymous: Anonymous letter from Citizen concerning Bylaws; – will not be officially addressed as it is unsigned.
- 7.9 Sport & Recreation PEI: Community recreation support program; no action required.
- 7.10 Tourism PEI: Tourism Operator Video Production Program; no action required.
- 7.11 Infrastructure Secretariat: Community Fund & Capacity Building fund are now accepting applications;
- 7.12 Georgetown Fire Department: invitation to firefighter's annual meeting being held in Georgetown.
- 7.13 EISI: letter advising of installation of chlorination; Mayor Lavandier to address later on in the meeting.
- 7.14 GADC: response for request for assistance with insurance for off-road motorized vehicles; Deferred until such time as the Town receives more information from insurer.
- 7.15 Cooke Insurance: response to request for insurance quote for off-road motorized vehicles.
- 7.16 GADC: seeking Town Council's approval to allow Melvin Ford to become a member on the Georgetown & Area Development Corporation Board of Directors.
- **Moved by Councillor McQuillan that Melvin Ford be accepted as a Director on the Georgetown and Area Development Corporation, seconded by Councillor Williams. Motion Carried.**

8.0 Committee Reports

8.1 ***Finance, Government Relations -Mayor Lewis Lavandier, Chair:***

Mayor Lavandier gave the following report:

It has come to our attention that the PEI Coast Guard, which is now located in Charlottetown, may soon be moving to a new site.

I have sent a letter to Minister Gail Shea, Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans, informing her that we would welcome the opportunity to be the site of the new Coast Guard facility.

I have met with reps from the Port Authority and I have agreed to meet with the Coast Guard reps to show what Georgetown has to offer. I have also sent a letter to the GADC requesting their support and help to provide what will be needed to make our Town the new location. We are going to need the support of the Town, GADC and the Port Authority to make this happen. I will keep Council apprised of any further developments.

We have sent a Notice to Customers of the Water Utility that EISI will be installing new Chlorination equipment on well#3 as their has been a positive test of coliform bacteria in well #2 and #3. Well #2 has been isolated from the system; EISI has ordered chlorination equipment for well #1 and #2 as well, which will have the system fully chlorinated. Although the levels of coliform bacteria were not high enough to require a boil order, the Dept. of Environment, EISI and the Town agree that it is better to be safe than sorry.

The installation of chlorination equipment is not a new item. This is something that has been in the works, we have been working with EISI for a while now and they are going to do a lot of upgrades to their water system and chlorination is part of those upgrades. We have already had a public meeting quite a while ago to let the Town know chlorination is in the works. It has just come a little sooner than originally planned with the upcoming upgrades. We are not going to take any chances to have anything happen, so we are going ahead with the Chlorination now, and I think it's a great thing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mayor Lewis Lavandier

8.2 *Public Works, Property, Main Street Programs, Sewer & Water Utilities-Councillor Williams, Committee Chair:*

Public Works, Property & Utilities July 2009

Patching of streets has been completed. Signs at the Tennis Courts have been installed. Board walk between the school and walking track has been completed. Crews have been removing the sod from the sidewalks to make it more user friendly and to beautify it.

Mayor Lavandier has already addressed the chlorination of EISI's water Utility Service that they provide to the Town.

Respectfully submitted
Councillor Wade Williams

8.3 Three Rivers Sportsplex & Community and Media Relations: Councillor King, Committee Chair:

Councillor King gave the following verbal report:

The Three Rivers Sportsplex Board of Directors had their monthly meeting on August 13, 2009. Debbie Duncan, President of Minor Hockey was present at the meeting and asked if the Board had an idea when they would be open this year for games. There is a good possibility that Georgetown will be hosting 5 teams this year from Georgetown. The rink was open around the 24th of October last year. The Board discussed this and is hoping to have it re-open around the 23rd again this season.

Mark Murphy again made the offer to the Board to offer his services again this year, free of charge, as rink Manager. The Board is really excited and proud that Mark offered his services free of charge again.

The Board is running newspapers ads (Guardian & the Graphic) and has placed a job posting looking for an ice-maker – Sept. 5 closing date.

The Board is still looking for new members and are hopeful that they may get some new members when hockey season starts up again.

Melvin Ford is checking with Danny Walker to see what kind of possibilities there are for EDA workers for the bar and canteen.

Some really good meetings and a lot of positive things happening at the Sportsplex.

Mayor Lavandier addressed the floor – I would just like to comment that I think it's fantastic that Mark Murphy has offered his services as rink manager again this year. I really think that it certainly made all the difference last year for the rink, and made the rink work out in the end in better condition than it ever did.

Respectfully Submitted,
Councillor Peggy King

8.4 Seniors Affairs: Councillor McQuillan, Committee Chair:

Councillor McQuillan reported that the Georgetown Senior's group have booked a Cruise Manada Tour for August 26. Council is invited to attend if they like, it starts at 6:00 p.m.

General discussion that this is the same day as the Canada Summer Games Celebration in Georgetown. Councillor McQuillan advised that she will post-pone the Cruise until the following week.

I made application for 15 more computers for the senior's. There was a great write-up in the Eastern Graphic about the senior's group which has brought some new people in.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Faye McQuillan.

Mayor Lavandier made reference to the really great article about the Georgetown Senior's that was in the Eastern Graphic, and thanked Councillor McQuillan for her work with the Seniors.

8.5 Youth & Recreation: Councillor O'Brien, Committee Chair:
Councillor Barry O'Brien - absent

8.6 Fire Department and Community Development, Councillor Craig Murphy, Committee Chair: Councillor Craig Murphy read aloud the following report, as submitted by Fire Chief Mark Gotell:

Fire Chief's Report for August 2009

Fire Calls	EMS Calls	MVA Calls	Forestry Calls	Training	Meetings
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I have recently received a few complaints in regards to open fire and the burning of garbage in back yard barrels. I also had the Town Administrator draft up a flyer to go out to residents in regards to this. According to the bylaw no open fires are allowed unless permission is granted by the Fire Chief or his designate. Due to the summer months and people wanting to have recreational camp fires, I have taken on the policy that recreational camp fires are allowed if they are held in a suitable fire pit, outdoor fire place, fire bowl or a chimnea that you can purchase at a local hardware store.

Last week we unfortunately had a flood at the hall, it happened sometime between Sunday afternoon and Monday at 6pm when it was noticed, apparently a supply line in the upstairs sink had let go, I called Councillor Murphy as soon as it was noticed and the insurance and restoration company are doing a great job to get it back together, all work should be completed by the end of the week or first of next.

I have noticed some paving in front of the fire hall on Grafton Street, I hope that this job is not completed yet as there is a two inch lip from the street and the fire hall parking lot. Water will not drain to the man hole in front of the hall now and will pool in the parking lot as you can see after today's rain this will cause ice in the winter and be very dangerous, the

pavement should have been graded so water run off would be directed to the man hole. I hope this issue will be addressed.

Yours in Fire Safety

Mark G. Gotell
Fire Chief

Respectfully submitted by Councillor Craig Murphy.

8.7 *Kings Playhouse: Councillor Faye McQuillan, Committee Chair*

Councillor McQuillan and Melvin Ford read aloud the following King's Playhouse report:

- Dawn Sadoway has resigned as Chair of the Board due to time restraints with the Inn but continues to be an active member of the theatre. Randall has filled the position for the interim. She is currently pursuing funding for the artistic programming at the theatre. We are currently in the process of asking for auditions for a Christmas play and performance as well as a list of cast members to work over the winter for a spring plays to be held at the theatre. If anyone knows any one interested in being part of this group, they are asked to let Melvin know at the office to make contact and arrange for auditions. A date will be set for auditions early in September.

- We are currently establishing a singing group for the theatre as well, and anyone interested in being part of this group are also asked to notify Melvin at the office.

- As of today, the Board has agreement with George Canyon for a third Christmas show to be held on Thursday, Dec. 10th. Currently there are 150 seats remaining for the two shows and with this third show, we are in a position to make some much needed money.

- The First Annual Playhouse Fundraiser is set for September 12th. The event will begin with a Wine & Cheese social at 6:30, followed by some great entertainment at 8pm. Emails have currently gone out to over 1000 people through facebook and our email list, but everyone is encouraged to spread the word. Members of council are urged to help support this very worthwhile venture by purchasing your tickets today. All Board members currently have tickets to sell, and there are tickets available at the office. There have also been a number of letters gone out to businesses in the area to help with purchasing tickets for this event. There is also a silent auction set up in the foyer of the theatre for everyone to look at and bid on. Please take the time to stop by and visit and place a bid on some of the wonderful article which have been donated by so many generous merchants. There really are some wonderful prizes. We are hoping that this even will raise over \$20,000 for the playhouse renovation fund.

- Another fundraising effort is the sale of SEATS in the theatre. There are currently a number of seats still available for purchase in the theatre. Seats can be purchased in memory of a loved one, or to honour someone who has made a significant contribution to the community or someone. Seats cost \$250 and will be permanently identified with a brass plaque on the arm of the chair.
- On Saturday, August 29th, the Kings Playhouse will be honouring Patsy Gotell with a dedication of a seat in the theatre for her 22 years of service. This is the night of Tim Chaisson in concert and the event will begin with this honouring event. Councillors are urged to be present for this event. Please note that Patsy does not know about this event, except for the fact that she is going, so please do not say anything to her at this time.
- Also, the Board of directors are in the process of honouring Charlie Martell for the work that he has contributed to the facility over the last 25 years. He has made a lasting impact on the theatre, and the board feels that he is truly in line for an award. This event is planned for Friday, August 28th at 8 pm. Ashley Condon is on stage this night, and this again is a surprise for him as well, so please keep it quiet until then.
- The Board is also in the process of naming the lobby of the Playhouse in honour of some very key people who were instrumental in the building of the Playhouse, 25 years ago. The naming of the foyer will coincide with the 25 year anniversary festivities which are being planned for the theatre. Please keep all of this in mind when looking at events for the playhouse in the next year.
- Currently an offer has been made to Johnny Reid to appear at the theatre for three nights in the spring, we are still waiting to hear back on the routing of a tour for the east coast.
- Melvin attended a conference in Pictou last Tuesday and Wednesday and is planning on being in Moncton for Contact East from October 1 to October 4. This is where all the artists who want to do tours of the east coast present their stuff to all 60 theatres in the Maritime Provinces and where we have the opportunity to bid on acts for the next year.
- Gladys and Kelly will complete their program this Thursday. Again, they both did a wonderful job and were great to have on board this year. Melvin will be taking them out to lunch on Thursday of this week.
- Amber MacLean married Ryan Stevens on Saturday of last week on the Main Stage. What a wonderful place for a wedding. We are hoping that this again, is another way for us to promote the theatre and the town as a place for weddings to take place. It was really an amazing sight to see. Look in tomorrow's Guardian for a story about his event...Amber will be with us for another 9 weeks.
- All councillors are reminded of the two for one tickets available to them for all shows (with the exception of George Canyon) please take advantage of this special.

- The next meeting of the Board will take place on August 25th at the Theatre. Everyone is welcome to come and sit in on one of our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Faye McQuillan

8.8 Community Heritage and Beautification: Councillor Williams, Committee Chair:

Councillor Wade Williams gave the following report: (gave a combined report – as above under 8.2)

8.9 Georgetown and Area Development: Councillor O'Brien, Committee Chair: Councillor O'Brien- absent

8.10 Administrator's Report: Tonya Cameron, Acting Chief Administrative Officer: Tonya Cameron- absent.

Mayor Lavandier thanked Lisa MacKenzie for sitting in on the meeting and taking the minutes.

9.0 New Business:

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN
BYLAW 2008-01 - Bylaw to Amend
A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR'S
HONOURARIUM FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN

Be it enacted by the Town Council of Georgetown that Bylaw 2008-01 – Bylaw to Establish Mayor and Councillor's Honorarium for the Town of Georgetown be amended as follows:

Amendment # 1

Paragraph 1: Effective January 1, A.D. 2009 the Mayor of the Town of Georgetown shall be paid an annual honorarium of Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Three (\$3,183.00) Dollars.

Amendment #2

Paragraph 2: Effective January 1, A.D. 2009 each Councillor of the Town of Georgetown shall be paid an annual honorarium of Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Three (\$2,653.00) Dollars.

First Reading(s):

The bylaw amendment(s) were read a first time by a majority of Councillors present at the Council meeting held on 17th day of August, 2009.

This amendment(s) were approved by a majority of Councillors present at the meeting held on the 17th day of August, 2009.

- **Moved by Councillor Wade Williams and seconded by Councillor Peggy King that First Reading be given and accepted to Amendment #1 and Amendment #2 of : BYLAW 2008-01 - A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR'S HONOURARIUM FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN. Motion Carried.**

10.0 Adjournment

Moved: by Councillor King.

Second: by Councillor Murphy. Motion Carried.

Minutes recorded and submitted by:
Lisa MacKenzie, Admin. Assistant
Town of Georgetown

Approved, September 21, 2009

Lewis Lavandier, Mayor

Tonya Cameron, CAO