



THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The regular monthly meeting of the St. George Town Council held on Monday, January 12, 2015 in Council Chambers at the Magaguadavic Place was called to order by Mayor Tucker at 7:00 pm. All Council was present. Staff attendance: Penny Henneberry, CAO and Cathy Neves, Administrative Officer/Accounting Clerk. Public Attendance: Barb Rayner (St. Croix Courier), Sgt. Douthwright -RCMP Representative, James Chase Resident.

2) OPENING PRAYER: Mayor Tucker.

3) AGENDA: Moved by Councillor Avery, seconded by Councillor Mullin to approve the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED - #15-001

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Moved by Councillor Mullin seconded by Councillor Hooper to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on December 8, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED - #15-002

b. Issues arising from the minutes: None

5) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS: None

6) RCMP REPORT: Sgt. Douthwright read the RCMP report for the month. (Attached)

7) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS: None

8) GENERAL REPORTS:

a. General Government

• General Government:

Mayor Tucker welcomed Councillor, Crystal Cook, who was officially sworn in on December 19, 2014. Mayor Tucker stated that Councillor Cook's portfolio would be EMO, By-Laws and Building Inspection.

Mayor Tucker stated that as of January 12, 2015 a new collective agreement had been signed between the Town and the Works Department. She also stated that the inside workers are not included in this agreement. Mayor Tucker asked for a motion for a 2.25% increase to inside worker wages, retroactive to January 1, 2015. Moved by Councillor Avery, seconded by Councillor Hooper.

MOTION CARRIED: #15-003

b. By-Laws Enforcement/Building Inspection/EMO Report:

- ***By-Law Enforcement Report:*** Councillor Cook read the report as submitted by Sean Morton, By-Law Enforcement Officer for the month of December. (Attached).
- ***Building Inspector's Report:*** Councillor Cook read the report as submitted by Sean Morton, Building Inspector for the month of December. (Attached)
- ***EMO Report:*** Councillor Cook read the report as submitted by Sean Morton, EMO Coordinator for the month of December. (Attached)

c. Protective Services/Building Inspectors Report:

- ***Fire Report:*** Councillor Harris read the report as submitted by Fire Chief Morton for the month of November. (Attached)
Councillor Harris mentioned that 97 fires were outside of town limits. Deputy Mayor Hatt stated that even though they were not in town limits they were still within the fire district which is from Digdeguash Bridge to the Red Rock Road on the back side of the Magaguadavic River.

d. Transportation Report:

- ***Transportation Report:*** Deputy Mayor Hatt read the report as submitted by Foreman, Leonard Lee for the month of December. (Attached)

e. Tourism/Community Pride/Assistant Development Officer Reports:

- ***Tourism Report:*** Councillor Mullin read her report for the month of December. (Attached).
- ***Assistant Development Officer:*** Councillor Cook read the report as submitted by Sean Morton, Assistant Development Officer, for the month of December. (Attached)

Penny Henneberry, CAO, mentioned that this report is not assigned to anyone. It was decided that it should be with someone on the PAC, so from this time forward this will be part of Councillor Mullin's portfolio.

f. Recreation Report:

- **Recreation Report:** Councillor Avery read her report for the month of December. (Attached).

g. Water & Sewer/Economic Development Report:

- **Water & Sewerage Report:** Councillor Hooper read the report submitted by the Foreman, Leonard Lee for the month of December. (Attached)
- **Economic Development Report:** Nothing to report

- 9) **BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:** Moved by Councillor Harris and seconded by Councillor Mullin to approve in principal the bills paid and payable for the month of December 2014 in the amount of \$242,706.73. Question: Councillor Avery asked what the \$4700.00 was for in regards to Street Lights Answer: CAO, Penny Henneberry stated that it is the power bill for all the street lights in Town. Question: Councillor Avery asked about the use of the flags that we purchased from Atcan. Answer: CAO, Penny Henneberry stated they were the flags for Front Street buildings. Question: Councillor Cook asked about line 40128 and 40129 in the weekly payables, why was one RRSP made out to the Bank and one made out to an employee. Answer: CAO Penny Henneberry stated they were for her because her bank would not accept cheques directly into her RRSP account. Mayor Tucker stated it was now resolved. (Attached).

MOTION CARRIED: #15-004

10) NEW BUSINESS: (Motions and Resolutions)

- a. Moved by Deputy Mayor Hatt, seconded by Councillor Avery to convert Dr. Natarajan's stipend to cover residential rent from January to August 2015. Question: Councillor Cook asked if this was just rent or power also. Answer: CAO, Penny Henneberry stated that is rent only. Questions: Councillor Cook questioned if it would be put in writing so the Doctor could not come back and say she did not get her money from the contract. Answer: CAO Penny Henneberry and Mayor Tucker both stated that it would be put in writing.

MOTION CARRIED: #15-005

- b. Resolution of Council as per Section 87(2) of the Municipalities Act, the sum of \$2,009,974.53 be the total Revenue and Expenses of the General Operating Budget of the Municipality; that the sum of \$1,743,404.53 be the Warrant of the

Municipality for the ensuing year; and that the tax rate for the Municipality be \$1.3250. The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Environment and Local Government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the Municipality of the Town of St. George. Moved by Councillor Avery, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hatt

MOTION CARRIED: #15-006

- c. Resolution of Council pursuant to paragraph 189(4) of the Municipalities Act, the sum of \$762,293.00 be the total Revenue and Expenses of Utility Budget of the Municipality for the Water & Sewerage operations. Moved by Councillor Hooper, seconded by Councillor Avery

MOTION CARRIED: #15-007

- d. Resolution of Council as per the Town of St. George By-Law No. 27-C, the new yearly rate for Water and Sewer be as follows: \$315 for water and \$135 for sewage for a total of \$450.00 per unit per year. Moved by Councillor Hooper, seconded by Councillor Avery.

MOTION CARRIED: #15-008

11) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Request from Fundy Community Foundation to know the charity the Town would like them to support in the amount of \$200.00. Moved by Councillor Avery, seconded by Councillor Mullin for Fundy Community Foundation to support the breakfast program.

MOTION CARRIED: #15-009

- b. Letter of thanks from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #40 to Council for everything the Town Council does for the Legion.
- c. Heritage Week 2015 Proclamation was tabled until the February 2015 Council Meeting.
- d. Request from the St. George Baptist Church for the use of the Community Center for Tidal Impact Youth Mission. This request was denied as it is during the weekend of the Granite Town Festival 2015. CAO, Penny Henneberry will respond with a letter to explain why it was denied.
- e. Thank you from the Harris Family to Council for the food during their time of mourning.

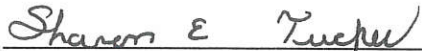
12) STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. Mayor Tucker stated that Dr. Hameed will be starting his practice on February 2, 2015 and Dr. Anderson will be relocation to the Lawton's West on March 13, 2015.
- b. Councillor Harris questioned the census, how often it is taken. Mayor Tucker stated that the census is done every five years.

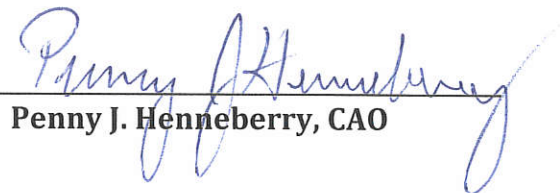
- c. Councillor Avery reminded everyone about the meeting at Fundy High School regarding the grade six students moving to Fundy High School.

13) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Jim Chase questioned how Council could approve a budget without a breakdown and no information. He stated that he was not there to criticise but would like to help Council make a budget that is meaningful. Mr. Chase stated that he wished more people attend meetings on a citizen level. Mayor Tucker stated that if he had questions on the breakdown he could meet with CAO, Penny Henneberry. She also stated that the Province has very specific criteria for the budget and that is what Council follows.
- 14) The date of the next Regular Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm.
- 15) Moved by Councillor Mullin to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.



Sharon Tucker, Mayor



Penny J. Henneberry, CAO