



**THE TOWN OF ST. GEORGE  
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The regular monthly meeting of the St. George Town Council held on Monday, March 11, 2019 in the Council Chambers at Magaguadavic Place was called to order by Mayor Cook at 7:00 pm with all council in attendance. Staff attendance: Jason Gaudet CAO/Clerk and Cathy Neves Assist Clerk/Treasurer. Public Attendance: Justin Johnston, Scott Dougan, Ben Negus and Jacob Burte (SGFD), Cst. Hines (RCMP), Anne Middleton and Robert Middleton (St. George Memorial Ice Rink), Tabatha Barker, Stefany Voutt, Jessica Carrier (Splash Pad Committee), Tracy Weir (YMCA), Alex Henderson (RSC), Scott Cook, Sam Rubin, Raymond Hall, Allen Grant, Archie Leslie, and Andre Chaisson.

**2) OPENING PRAYER:**

Councillor Harris

**3) AGENDA:**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Avery to approve the Agenda, seconded by Councillor Cooke. Motion Carried

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Councillor Allison to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2019, seconded by Councillor Gayton. Motion Carried

**5) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:**

None

**6) RCMP REPORT:**

Cst. Hines read the report as submitted for February (attached).

**7) FIRE REPORT:**

Chief Johnston read his report for February (attached).

**8) BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

CAO, Jason Gaudet read the building permit report submitted by the Regional Service Commission for the month of February (attached).

**9) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

**10) GENERAL REPORTS:****a. General Government:**

Jason Gaudet CAO read the report as written by **Mayor Cook** for the month of February. (attached)

**b. Community Services:**

- **Community Services Report:** **Deputy Mayor Avery** read the report as submitted for the month of February (attached).

**c. Water & Sewerage:**

- **Water and Sewer Report:** **Councillor Harris** read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman for the month February (attached).

**d. Transportation:**

- **Transportation Report:** **Councillor Cooke** read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman for the month of February (attached).

**e. Tourism:**

- **Tourism Report:** **Councillor Allison** read the report as submitted for the month of February (attached).

**f. Economic Development:**

- **Economic Development Report:** **Councillor Gayton** read the report as written for the month of February. (Attached)

**11) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:**

Moved by **Deputy Mayor Avery** to approve in principal the bills paid and payable for the month of February 2019 in the amount of **\$287,925.73** seconded by **Councillor Harris**. Question – **Councillor Allison** asked if a tender had been put out for the cleaning of the medical center as she saw a payable to C. Neves for cleaning. **Mayor Cook** stated the cleaning was hired out by the owner of Guardian who reimburses us for the cleaning amount; all expenses for the center go through the Town and are invoiced out. **Deputy Mayor Avery** asked about a cost for missing invoices for a vendor. Cathy Neves stated the payment was set to be charged directly to the Visa once a month but there was a glitch in the system and had never been paid. All of 2018 was paid at once. Motion Carried

**12) NEW BUSINESS:**

- Moved by **Deputy Mayor Avery** to accept the third and final reading of By-Law #8-D, Respecting Dangerous and Unsightly Premises, seconded by **Councillor Cooke**. Motion Carried
- Moved by **Deputy Mayor Avery** to repeal and replace By-Law #8-C (2011), by enacting By-Law #8-D Respecting Dangerous and Unsightly Premises, seconded by **Councillor Allison**. Motion Carried
- Moved by **Deputy Mayor Avery** to accept the first reading, by title only, of By-Law #20-C, Building By-Law, seconded by **Councillor Cooke**. Motion Carried
- Moved by **Deputy Mayor Avery** to accept the second reading, in its entirety, of By-Law #20-C, Building By-Law, seconded by **Councillor Harris**. Motion Carried
- Moved by **Deputy Mayor Avery** to enact the Policy regarding Social Media (Policy#54A-2019), seconded by **Councillor Murray**. Motion Carried
- Moved by **Councillor Harris** the Establishment of a Town Committee - Trails Committee, seconded by **Deputy Mayor Avery**. Motion Carried
- Moved by **Councillor Gayton** the option of \$100,000 of funds be used from Gas Tax Fund Funding Allocation for Splash Pad Project, or as a secondary option, in the absences of

applicable funding from the Gas Tax Fund Funding Allocation, the Town submits to the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board an application for authorization to borrow money in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the Splash Pad Project, seconded by Councillor Cooke. Question – This was debated at length; audio recording filed in the municipal records ‘Shared Drive’ for future reference. Mayor Cook, Councillor Cooke, Councillor Murray, Councillor Gayton voted *Yay*; Deputy Mayor Avery, Councillor Harris and Councillor Allison voted *Nay*. Motion Carried

**13) OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**14) CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**15) STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:**

- a. Deputy Mayor Avery thanked Mayor Cook for her return and stated that was in complete agreement with Councillor Harris on the topic of the splash pad.
- b. Councillor Harris and Councillor Allison debated (heatedly) on the splash pad again.

**16) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Sam Rubin asked if the \$100,000.00 would be better put towards the rec center; Mayor Cook stated that project is a 12 million dollar project and that committee does not want the splash pad added to the design.
- b. Raymond Hall questioned if the splash pad water will be turned off if the Town issues a water conservation statement; the answer was yes.
- c. Archie Leslie stated he would like to see some money put into roads; Mayor Cook told him Route 172 where Mr. Leslie lives is a designated highway, maintained by the Province. Mr. Leslie stated he would like to see money going into all roads.


**17) NEXT MEETING:**

The date of the next Regular Meeting of Council will be Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00pm.

**16) ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:0pm.

  
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Crystal Cook, Mayor

  
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Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO