



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

1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

On behalf and on direction of Mayor Crystal Cook, the Town Clerk, Jason Gaudet officiated the meeting and called the meeting to order in the Public Room at Magaguadavic Place on Wednesday, May 27th, 2019 at 6:42 pm for the Special Meeting (a Public Meeting on the status of Lower Bridge replacement project). Present: Deputy Mayor Avery, Councillor Allison, Councillor Gayton and Councillor Murray. Absent: Councillor Harris and Councillor Cooke. Also in attendance: Min. Andrea Anderson-Mason (MLA, Fundy-The Isles-Saint John West), Kelly Cain (Deputy Minister, Transportation and Infrastructure), Serge Gagnon (Executive Director with Engineering Services, Transportation and Infrastructure), 2 other staff members of DTI, and approximately 48 audience members.

2) AGENDA:

It was moved by Councillor Gayton, seconded by Councillor Allison to approve the Agenda as presented.

3) PRESENTATION:

Min. Andrea Anderson-Mason spoke first on the matter of the Lower Bridge. Min. Anderson-Mason gave her priorities for the Lower Bridge: 1. A safe bridge, 2. An attractive/aesthetically pleasing, 3. Affordable, 4. It meets the needs of the Town.

Serge Gagnon, Executive Director with Engineering Services with DTI, gave a power point presentation. DTI longer plans to replace the Lower Bridge but plans to complete repairs to the existing 100+ year old bridge by completing work to the bridge deck, the sidewalk and painting. The work will take 4 months. Commencing in September, the work will extend the life of the bridge by 10 years. Mr. Gagnon gave his assurance that "the bridge is structurally safe today".

Mayor Cook asked if the weight restrictions will be lifted (after repairs). Mr. Gagnon said the repairs would not bring the weight restriction any higher than what it current is (currently at a 12-ton maximum weight and 3.4-meter maximum height).

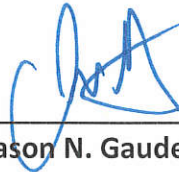
The floor was opened to some question and answers.

4) ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Councillor Allison to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.



Crystal Cook, Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO