

# 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, January 14, 2019 in the Council Chambers at Magaguadavic Place was called to order by <u>Deputy Mayor Avery</u> at 7:00 pm with Councillors <u>Harris</u>, <u>Gayton</u>, <u>Cooke</u> and <u>Allison</u> in attendance. <u>Mayor Cook</u> was absent. Staff attendance: Jason Gaudet CAO/Clerk and Cathy Neves Assist Clerk/Treasurer. Public Attendance: Tanya Harrington (RSC) and Don Menton (RSC), Justin Johnston, Dexter Hanley and Terry Berdan (SGFD), Min. Andrea Mason MLA, Cst. Hines RCMP, Sam Rubin, Raymond Hall, Allen Grant and Darcy Stewart.

### 2) OPENING PRAYER:

**Councillor Harris** 

3) <u>Deputy Mayor Avery</u> introduced <u>Councillor Jenna Murray</u> stating that the new Councillor's Oath of Office was filed with the Clerk on December 21, 2018.

#### 4) AGENDA:

Moved by <u>Councillor Harris</u> to approve the Agenda with the addition on item 10, Presentations and Delegations, seconded by <u>Councillor Allison</u>. Motion Carried

### 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by <u>Councillor Gayton</u> to approve the Minutes of December 10, 2018 seconded by <u>Councillor Cooke</u>. Motion Carried

#### 6) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

- a. Deputy Mayor Avery agenda item 13(f)
- b. Councillor Cooke agenda item 13(h)

### 7) RCMP REPORT:

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

#### 8) FIRE REPORT:

Chief Johnston read his report for December (attached).

#### 9) BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

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

# 10) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

Regional Service Commission - Tanya Harrington presented on the Coastal Trail Link that will travel from Calais to Saint John. The members would like to see Council make a decision on where the trail will come through St. George. They would like to see the trail come through the Town instead of around it.

# 11) GENERAL REPORTS:

# a. **General Government:**

<u>Deputy Mayor Avery</u> stated <u>Mayor Cook</u> has requested for a leave of absence for one month for health issues. <u>Councillor Harris</u> made the motion for approval, seconded by <u>Councillor</u> <u>Allison</u>. Motion Carried

# b. Community Services:

• **Community Services Report**: <u>Deputy Mayor Avery</u> read the report as submitted for the month of December (attached).

# c. Water & Sewerage:

 Water and Sewer Report: <u>Councillor Harris</u> read the report as written by Leonard Lees, Works Foreman for the month December (attached).

# d. Transportation:

• *Transportation Report*: <u>Councillor Allison</u> read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman for the month of December (attached).

# e. Tourism:

None.

### f. Economic Development:

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

#### 12) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:

Moved by <u>Councillor Harris</u> to approve in principal the bills paid and payable for the month of December 2018 in the amount of <u>\$691,802.00</u> seconded by <u>Councillor Allison</u>. Motion Carried

#### 13) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. <u>Councillor Harris</u> moved to approve the third and final reading, of By-Law #10-M Respecting the Remuneration of Members of Town Council, seconded by <u>Councillor Gayton</u>. Motion Carried.
- b. <u>Councillor Allison</u> moved to enact By-Law #10-M Respecting the Remuneration of Members of Town Council, seconded by Councillor Murray. <u>Councillor Cooke</u> voted nay. Motion Carried
- c. <u>Councillor Allison</u> moved to approve the second reading, in its entirety, of By-Law #25-B Zoning By-Law, seconded by <u>Councillor Cooke</u>. Motion Carried.
- **d.** <u>Councillor Harris</u> moved to approve the third and final reading, by title only, of By-Law #25-B Zoning By-Law, seconded by <u>Councillor Allison</u>. Motion Carried.
- e. Moved by <u>Councillor Gayton</u> to enact By-Law # By-Law #25-B Zoning By-Law as a By-Law of the Town of St. George, seconded by <u>Councillor Allison</u>. Motion Carried.

- f. Deputy Mayor left the meeting as per her Conflict of Interest at 7:50. <u>Councillor Gayton</u> moved to award the Tender for Audit Service 2019 to Teed, Saunders, Doyle, seconded by <u>Councillor Cooke</u>. <u>Councillor Allison</u> voted nay. Motion Carried. <u>Deputy Mayor Avery</u> returned to the meeting at 7:53.
- g. <u>Councillor Allison</u> moved to award the Tender for Garbage Collection Service to Fero Waste for a five (5) year period, from 2019 to 2024, seconded by <u>Councillor Cooke</u>. Motion Carried.
- h. Councillor Cook left the meeting as per his Conflict of Interest at 7:56. <u>Councillor Harris</u> moved to award the Request for Proposals on its property of 40 Main Street (PID# 01313634) to Cooke Aquaculture, seconded by <u>Councillor Allison</u>. Motion Carried. <u>Councillor Cooke</u> returned to meeting at 7:57 stating that it was not a true definition of a conflict of interest but he thought it best to step out in case of any question.
- i. <u>Councillor Harris</u> moved to accept the renewal proposal for Municipal Insurance from broker Guy R. Day Insurance Group, with coverage provided by BFL Canada, for 2019 at the annual cost of \$85,249.00, seconded by **Councillor Allison**. Motion Carried.
- j. <u>Councillor Harris</u> moved to send the application to the Municipal Capital Borrow Board for authorization to borrow money (or to guarantee the repayment of money borrowed or to enter into a lease, lease-purchase or purchase arrangement) in an amount not to exceed \$258,000.00 for the following:
  - General Fund: Transportation Services: Truck 5 years \$93,000
  - Utility Fund: W&S Services: Backhoe 5 years \$165,000

Seconded by Councillor Gayton. Motion Carried.

# 14) OLD BUSINESS:

None.

#### 15) CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

## 16) STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. <u>Councillor Gayton</u> expressed her excitement with the addition of <u>Councillor Murray</u> to the team.
- b. <u>Councillor Harris</u> welcomed our MLA Andrea Mason to the meeting.

#### 17) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Darcy Stewart asked why he has never been approached concerning the property next to him, pertaining to agenda item 13(e). The CAO explained that is the next step in the process for rezoning of the property that the bylaw was enacted but it actually changed nothing on that particular property.
- **b.** Sam Rubin asked if we would be leasing or purchasing our new 2-ton truck. The CAO told him we will be purchasing.

# 18) NEXT MEETING:

The date of the next Regular Meeting of Council will be Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00pm. The date of the next Special Meeting for budget is January 21, 2019 at 7:00pm.

# 16) ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Faith Avery, Deputy Mayor

Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAC