



**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 13, 2020, in the Council Chambers at Magaguadavic Place was called to order by Acting Mayor Avery at 7:00 pm. All Councillors in attendance. Staff attendance: Jason Gaudet CAO/Clerk, and Chris MacKinnon Administrative Assistant. Public Attendance: Chief Justin Johnston (SGFD), Dexter Hanley, Derek Hatt, Brian White, Tracy Craig, Raymond Hall, Wayne Avery, Ann Middleton.

**2) OPENING PRAYER:**

Rev. Chris MacKinnon

**3) AGENDA:**

Moved by Councillor Allison to approve the Agenda with the following amendments: Removal of items 9.a and 12.b; addition of item 12.h Appointment of Acting Deputy Mayor. Seconded by Councillor Harris. Motion Carried.

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Moved by Councillor Murray to approve the Minutes of October 29, 2019, Closed Door Meeting of Council, seconded by Councillor Allison. Councillor Harris asked if this was the budget meeting. Acting Mayor Avery replied it was regarding personnel. Motion Carried.
- b. Moved by Councillor Cooke to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council, seconded by Councillor Harris. Councillor Allison requested the name change in section, from Councillor "Allen" to Councillor "Allison". Motion Carried.
- c. Moved by Councillor Cooke to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2019, Special Meeting of Council, seconded by Councillor Allison. Motion Carried.
- d. Moved by Councillor Harris to approve the Minutes of December 16, 2019, Closed Door Meeting of Council, seconded by Councillor Cooke. Motion Carried.
- e. Moved by Councillor Allison to approve the Minutes of December 30, 2019, Special Meeting of Council, seconded by Councillor Murray. Motion Carried.

**5) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:**

None

**6) FIRE REPORT:**

Fire Chief Justin Johnston read the report as written for the months of November and December (attached). Chief Johnston added the flooding call in December was water coming through the wall on an electrical panel. Also, two training sessions were held in December instead of one.

Councillor Cooke commented that while working on budget, Jason Gaudet mentioned Chief Johnston is doing a good job on budget.

Councillor Harris moved to accept Ian Lee as a firefighter, seconded by Councillor Murray. Motion carried.

**7) BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

- a. Jason Gaudet submitted the development report as written for the month of November (attached).
- b. Jason Gaudet read the development report for the month of December (attached).  
**Councillor Cooke** asked which property the land added to Clinch Street from Main Street was taken from. Jason Gaudet replied it was a piece of property purchased from the old Gilmor estate.

**8) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

- c. None

**9) GENERAL REPORTS:**

- a. (removed)
- b. **General Government, December 2019:**
  - **Acting Mayor Avery** presented the report for the month of December.
  - The lower bridge has reopened but will be closed again in the Spring when restoration work continues.
  - The flashing crosswalk was installed on Main Street just before the Christmas break.
  - The tendering of Town property on Brunswick Street will be posted again in February.
  - Council is working on the final budget lines for 2020.
  - In 2022 the Town Hall, like the Magaguadavic Place, will install security cameras on exterior, in the vehicle bays of Public Works and Fire Hall, and in the entry to the office.
  - Regarding unsightly and dangerous properties, in the Spring we will move forward with the demolition of the Boyd house on South Street.
  - Road Salt and sand are now being purchased from DTI in St George instead of the Town purchasing its own salt. This is at the request of the Province as bookkeeping and inventory control was too difficult for them.
  - The following changes have been made to Council portfolios:
    - **Acting Mayor Avery** will have General Government, Personnel, Community Relations and Community Partners. Community Relations and Community Partners will now be combined as one item.
    - **Councillor Cooke** will have Transportation.
    - **Councillor Murray** will have Economic Development.
    - **Councillor Harris** will have Protective Services and Water & Sewage.
    - **Councillor Allison** will have Tourism.
- c. **Community Services, November 2019:**
  - **Acting Mayor Avery** submitted the report as written for the month of November (attached).
- d. **Community Services, December 2019:**
  - **Acting Mayor Avery** read the report for the month of December (attached).
  - The SplashPad Committee is looking for volunteers as well. **Councillor Murray** added that these volunteers are for help with Chase the Ace, hockey games, and other fundraisers.
  - **Councillor Murray** shared the SplashPad is moving on to Phase 2 which is the recycling system. Phase 3 will be fundraising for toys, hoping to employ an adopt-a-toy program.



e. **Water & Sewerage, November 2019:**

- **Councillor Harris** submitted the report as written for the month of November (attached).

f. **Water & Sewerage, December 2019:**

- **Councillor Harris** read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman, for the month December. (attached)

g. **Transportation, November 2019:**

- **Councillor Cooke** submitted the report as written for the month of November (attached).

h. **Transportation, December 2019:**

- **Councillor Cooke** read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman, for the month December (attached).
- **Acting Mayor Avery** asked how long the tree would remain lit. **Acting Mayor Avery** also commented she has heard the flashing crosswalk lights are working great.

i. **Tourism:**

- **Councillor Allison** advised there is currently nothing to report for Tourism. She is working on programs and the pamphlets for the area.

j. **Economic Development, November 2019:**

- **Acting Mayor Avery** submitted the report as written by Michelle Deveau for the month of November (attached).

k. **Economic Development, December 2019:**

- **Councillor Murray** read the report as written by **Acting Mayor Faith Avery** for the month of December (attached).

l. **Community Partners:**

- **Acting Mayor Avery** advised this report and portfolio has been combined with Community Services, therefore there is no report to be received.

**10) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:**

- a. Moved by **Councillor Harris**, to approve in principal the bills paid and payable for the month of November 2019 in the amount of **\$543,631.09**, seconded by **Councillor Allison**. Motion carried.

**11) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:**

- a. Moved by **Councillor Murray**, to approve in principal the bills paid and payable for the month of December 2019 in the amount of **\$477,216.84**, seconded by **Councillor Cooke**. Motion carried.

**12) NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Acting Mayor Avery** explained the Town's option to continue audit services with Teed Saunders Doyle for two more terms. Jason Gaudet added that the Town had a contract for 1

year for 2019. Contracts can be reviewed annually, and the cost is \$14,400 per year. A motion from Council is required to continue services.

**Councillor Cooke** moved to continue the audit contract with Teed Saunders Doyle for the years 2020 and 2021, seconded by **Councillor Allison**. **Councillor Harris** said he would like to see a more detail report for the next audit. Motion carried.

b. (removed)

c. **Councillor Cooke** moved to receive the first reading, by title only, of By-Law # 84 Remuneration of Firefighters, seconded by **Councillor Harris**. Motion carried.

d. **Councillor Cooke** moved to receive the second reading, in its entirety, of By-Law # 84 Remuneration of Firefighters, seconded by **Councillor Harris**. Jason Gaudet read the by-law and explained the reason behind this by-law comes following the 2018 financial audit by Teed Saunders Doyle where it was recommended any type of remuneration outside of staff should be detailed in a by-law. The document was updated after copying to include point 7 under section "Other", stating, "Salaries will be increased each year at a rate of 2%."

**Councillor Harris** commented that firefighters from Bonny River are also on the fire department roll. He asked if these firefighters would be under the same pay scale. Chief Johnston replied yes they would, and that the cost is shared with the Province.

e. **Councillor Harris** moved for a resolution of Council to transfer \$120,708.44 from Gas Tax Account for payment of Sewells Paving for paving of Hillcrest Lane and Harbourview Heights, seconded by **Councillor Allison**. Jason Gaudet advised the motion was required to move monies from the Gas Tax Fund for payment of services. The Province changes the rules at times with Gas Tax Fund use, so the motion is just to cover all bases. **Councillor Harris** commented the work was already done and funds allocated. Motion carried.

f. **Councillor Harris** moved for a resolution of Council to transfer \$100,000.00 from Gas Tax Account for payment of Leon Banks Pools & Spas for the Multi-Generational Park (Splash Pad), Phase One work, seconded by **Councillor Murray**. Motion carried.

g. **Councillor Allison** moved for a resolution of Council to transfer of \$8,280.00 from Gas Tax Account for payment of Stinson Equipment for RRFB Solar Crosswalk Beacon System for Main Street Project, seconded by **Councillor Harris**.

**Councillor Cooke** commented the price appeared steep. Jason Gaudet explained quotes were obtained and this was the cheapest. Some came as high as \$15,000. **Councillor Cooke** asked if it was high from UMN as well. Jason Gaudet answered it was one near \$15,000. Motion carried.

h. **Acting Mayor Avery** nominated **Councillor Harris** to serve as Acting Deputy Mayor. **Councillor Allison** moved to accept **Councillor Harris** as Acting Deputy Mayor, seconded by **Councillor Cooke**. Motion carried.

### **13) OLD BUSINESS:**

a. **Councillor Murray** moved to accept the proposed list for 2020 Grant Request for Town Funds, seconded by **Councillor Cooke**. Jason Gaudet reviewed the list of requests for Grants (attached). Motion carried.

- b. Jason Gaudet advised this by-law remains on the table. It is being reviewed for what is considered restricted garbage bins as well as time of pickup and what is permitted for when garbage is put out. Should be expected for third and final reading in February.
- c. Jason Gaudet advised this is also still table as they review long-term accommodations as it relates to campgrounds and seasonal trailers. Will also be coming to council in February.

**14) CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. None

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

- a. Acting Mayor Avery commented on the upcoming municipal election on May 11. Papers are online now and encouraged those interested to look at information and have their names submitted.

**16) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Brian White addressed Council. He has been on in the Fire Department for two years. As of December 1 the Fire Department had a bad call with a fatality on site, which opened old wounds. December 2 was another structure fire. The Department has become his family. On December 2 there was meeting between Jason Gaudet (CAO) and Leonard Lee (Foreman) about a sliding door to be put in the fire hall. Mr. Lee advised the sliding door was not as important as the ventilation system. On December 9, Mr. White spoke with the CAO and had a problem that the CAO did not take ownership for a comment made to the Foreman, "Don't worry about these people. They like breathing this stuff." Mr. White is concerned his health is worth more than a sliding door. He wants to see the relationship between the Fire Department and the Town Office rebuilt, as it is important to support the Department.
- b. Derek Hatt asked for clarification regarding By-law #84 and the missing section 7. The packet copy was from information prepared for December cancelled meeting and was not the updated version.
- c. Derek Hatt commented on pictures provided in the Water and Sewer report that no trench box was pictured and is required for safety.
- d. Derek Hatt inquired how the cost of the Splash Pad could be approved without a price provided?
- e. Derek Hatt presented a package of documents to Council to address the Christmas bonus not given to the Fire Department. The issue was not the money but the principle. Speaking for the Department with the exception of Chief Johnston and Deputy Chief Morton, the Department was insulted.

Documents included texts between Mr. Hatt and the CAO and Mr. Hatt and Acting Mayor Avery. He notes a similar issue in 2007. And asked if it was a motion of Council to stop the bonus. A sheet detailing man hours volunteered towards improving the fire hall was provided.

Mr. Hatt listed grievances of the Fire Department: missing awning over fire hall side door; "beg" for buckets of salt; holes where awning is missing; water leaks in roof of fire hall; insulation blown out; need for gutters; plowing in front of fire bay doors.



Would like the issue between the Fire Department, Town and Works Department to stop. Would like to know if the bonus was a Council or management decision as it has been blamed both ways.

**Councillor Cooke** commented this was the first time seeing any pictures and could not respond regarding the fire hall. The list of volunteered hours shows not everyone puts in the same amount of hours. He would like to see the Fire Department take ownership and plan they want to do for Christmas.

Mr. Hatt responded regarding volunteer hours that everyone is part of the team regardless of number of hours, which is how they operate.

**Councillor Harris** commented it was a great presentation. He agrees but there is no representation for the Fire Department on Council. When Chief Johnston has a question he goes to the CAO, which is not really his job to look after the Fire Department. A dialogue was started months ago with Chief Johnston and it was cut off.

Mr. Hatt responded the Works Department has a representative on Council but they did not receive a bonus, either.

**Councillor Harris** said a lot has to get straightened out. **Acting Mayor Avery** agreed the situation needs to be mended and she hopes having a Council member back for the Fire Department will help.

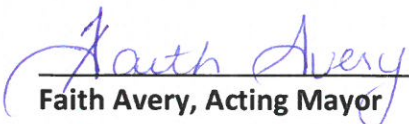
- f. Raymond Hall commented regarding the pictures of the Foreman and the lack of a trenching bucket, advising Jackie MacDonald from Worksafe is around especially after a bridge worker was killed in Fredericton. Town should watch everything when it comes to work being done.


**17) NEXT MEETING:**

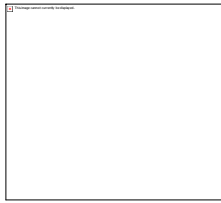
- a. The date of the next Regular Meeting of Council will be Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00pm.

**16) ADJOURNMENT:**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

  
Faith Avery, Acting Mayor

  
Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO



Town of St. George

# Fire Department Report

Report Period: December 2019

Prepared By: Fire Chief Justin Johnston

## **Response**

For the month of December we responded to eighteen incidents. Three of the incidents were inside town, and fifteen of the incidents were outside of town. The breakdown of these calls are as follows:

Grass Fire – 1

Medical Assist – 1

Mutual Aid (MVA) – 1

Mutual Aid (Structure Fire) – 5

Public Service/Hazard (Flooding) - 1

Public Service/Hazard (Lines Down) – 5

Rubbish Fire – 1

Structure Fire – 1

Vehicle Collisions – 2

## **Training**

- SGFD held 1 training session over the month and 1 regular monthly meeting.

### **Other**

- The annual SCBA (AirPack) testing was done. Sent seven air bottles out for hydro testing.
- The annual ladder testing was done. All ladders passed.
- We took three busted fire hoses out of service. We also took four more old fire hose out of service. These will be replaced in Jan.
- The pump primer on Rescue 453 quit working. We'll need to get that replaced as soon as possible.

### **Recommendations**

Please accept my recommendation to accept Ian Lee as Firefighter.

Ian is a resident of Bonny River and would like to join our team. He lives close by the fire hall and would be an asset to have in that area.

Fire Chief Justin Johnston





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# Community Services Report

Report Period: December 2019

Prepared By: Mayor Faith Avery

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- We have two upcoming information seminars. One on Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> on Suicide Awareness the other on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> on Stress Management.
  - We are currently working on future seminars and classes so keep your eye on our website or fb event page “The Scene In St. George”
  - Knacktivites are still going strong so be sure to check out the fb page for upcoming events.
  - Splashpad raised just under \$1000 towards the next phase. Chase The Ace is still going strong each Thursday evening at Pub on Main. You can buy your tickets in advance at either the pub or at the town office.
  - Summerfest 2020 and Canada Day activities are in the beginning stages. If anyone is interested in either being a member of our committee or volunteering a little time to make these events a success, please contact me or call the town office and leave a message. We need all the volunteers we can get!

Respectfully Submitted  
Mayor Faith Avery



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# Water and Wastewater Report

Report Period: DECEMBER 2019

Prepared By: Leonard Lee, Foreman

THE AVERAGE WATER CONSUMPTION FOR DECEMBER WAS 1462.8m<sup>3</sup> (321,780imp. gals.) FOR A TOTAL OF 46,811m<sup>3</sup> (10,296,968imp.gals.)THERE WAS A SINGLE COLIFORM REPORTED FROM WELL# 5, WE CHLORINATED THE WELL, FLUSHED IT AND RESAMPLED WHICH CAME BACK GOOD.

A CHLORINE PUMP AT WELL# 3 WAS CHANGED AFTER 2 FAULTS. A WATER LEAK ON A SERVICE ON PANCAKE HILL HAS STARTED TO LEAK AGAIN FOR THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TIME. WE WILL BE REPLACING THE ENTIRE LINE IN JANUARY.

OUR SECOND WATER BREAK OF THE SEASON OCCURRED ON FRIDAY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 144 BRUNSWICK STREET. THIS WAS AN OLDER 8"CAST IRON LINE THAT SHOWED A 24" CRACK IN THE TOP OF THE PIPE. THE 10" SEWER BESIDE IT WAS BROKE IN THE EXCAVATION PROCESS AS THESE LINES WERE BURIED IN SHOT ROCK MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO DIG. AIR IN THE HIGHER ELEVATIONS SUCH AS HARVEST LANE HAS BEEN FLUSHED TWICE, AFTER THE BREAK CAUSED AIR IN THE LINES.



A CONTRACTOR IS GIVING US A PRICE ON A NEW JACKET FOR THE SEWER FORCEMAIN UNDER THE LOWER BRIDGE.

## RESULTS

(All results are in mg/L unless otherwise noted; test methods available upon request)

	Lagoon #1	Lagoon #1	Lagoon #2	Lagoon #2
Sample ID:	Influent	Effluent	Influent	Effluent
Lab ID:	G283063-1	G283063-2	G283063-3	G283063-4
Parameters				
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	81	11	153	9
BOD <sub>5</sub>	84	13	161	11
TSS	75	12	63	12
FOG	25	18	24	8

LEONARD LEE

FOREMAN





Town of St. George

# Transportation Report

Report Period: DECEMBER 2019

Prepared By: Leonard Lee, Foreman

THE XMAS DECORATIONS WERE ERECTED, THE OAK TREE AT THE POST OFFICE LIT WITH LIGHTS AFTER WE REMOVED 3 LOADS OF DEAD BRANCHES. BANNERS AND OTHER TRIMMINGS WILL BE TAKEN DOWN THE SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY.

THE DAY ADVENTURE CENTER PARKING LOT WAS BLOCKED OFF AND THE OUTWARD BOUND BUILDING WATER SHUT OFF AND DRAINED.

THE NEW FLASHING LIGHTS FOR THE CROSSWALK ON MAIN ST WERE PUT TOGETHER IN THE SHOP AND INSTALLED IN THE SIDEWALK.



3 CONCRETE MEDIANS WERE ADDED TO THE TWO ALREADY AT THE END OF MACLEAN LANE TO PREVENT TRAFFIC FROM DRIVING THROUGH.

THE SANDER WAS REPAIRED ON THE 2 TON WITH A NEW WIRING HARNESS, AND A NEW BELT AND IDLER.

THE WING WAS INSTALLED ON THE 3 TON AND IT WAS TAKEN TO CARSONS FOR RIGHT FRONT BRAKE ISSUES.

BARRICADES WERE SET OUT FOR THE PARADE AND COLLECTED AFTER THE BAD WEATHER PREVENTED THE PARADE FROM GOING FORWARD.

POTHoles HAVE BEEN FILLED WITH COLD MIX AS WELL AS THE CURB AND GUTTER/SIDEWALK ON CLINCH AND BRUNSWICK STS.

LEONARD LEE

FOREMAN



Town of St. George

# Economic Development Report

Report Period: December 2019      Prepared By: Mayor Faith Avery

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- The Eastern Charlotte Chamber of Commerce is undergoing a rejuvenation, the Chamber has been meeting and hosted a social event in December. On Feb 12<sup>th</sup> there will be an AGM and elections. First year membership is \$50. For more information, please check out [EasternCharlotteChamber.ca](http://EasternCharlotteChamber.ca)
- The Town has been working with the Eastern Charlotte Inc. Though the group is not a Committee of the Town, it is a non-profit group made up of area business people which are interested in regional economic strategies including housing, immigration and recreation.
- The BIA (Business Improvement Association) has been active again after being inactive for a while. Last summer they invested in Main Street by purchasing new garbage receptacles.

Respectfully Submitted by

Mayor Faith Avery