



**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, July 13, 2020, via Zoom Video Conferencing, was called to order by Acting Mayor Avery at 7:05 pm. Acting Mayor Avery, Councillors Allison, Cooke and Murray in attendance; Acting Deputy Mayor Harris absent. Staff attendance: Jason Gaudet CAO/Clerk, and Chris MacKinnon Administrative Assistant. Public attendance: Fire Chief Justin Johnston (SGFD), Alex Henderson (SNBSC).

- 2) Councillor Murray** moved to approve the meeting via use of electronic means (using Zoom) given the current directives of the Province of New Brunswick regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, seconded by Councillor Allison. Motion carried.

**3) OPENING PRAYER:**

The opening prayer was offered by Chris MacKinnon.

**4) AGENDA:**

Moved by Councillor Allison to approve the Agenda, seconded by Councillor Murray. Motion Carried.

**5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councillor Cooke moved to approve the Minutes of June 8, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council, seconded by Councillor Allison. Motion carried.

**6) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:**

None

**7) FIRE REPORT:**

Councillor Cooke read the report as written by Justin Johnston, Fire Chief, for the month of June(attached).

**8) BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

Alex Henderson, Planning Director, Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission, read the development report as written for the month of June (attached).

To date about 220 responses to the housing survey. Study will be sent around to Council and any developers or others interested when the results are ready. The report is expected around the end of August.

**9) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

None

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

- **Acting Mayor Avery** presented the report for the month of June.
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  - Canal Beach is awaiting installation of a cement walkway and picnic table area via funds received from Community Living estimated at \$10,000. This week we will also concentrate work on the beach, brush clearing, and cleaning.  
Thanks to Matt Murray for getting the swim buoys in last week. The buoy lines were damaged and anchors are missing. We will be changing the buoys for next year.
  - Lagoon upgrade is still on schedule to be worked in August.
  - New well #6 had another EIA monitoring was completed we are waiting on the Province.
  - Government of New Brunswick / MLA Anderson-Mason's office has expressed support for the Splash Pad 50/50. Efforts are still being made for corporate sponsorship.
  - The water line across from Main Street at Clinch Street and sewage lift station is slated for work the first of August. Main Street paving scheduled for mid-August.
  - St. Mark's cemetery is in phase one of 3 phase restoration process. Smet Monuments has reset several headstones. Total 3 year/3 phase project is estimated at \$15,000 with funds from RDC. They are doing phenomenal work and it looks great.
  - The animal shelter will see construction commence in August.
  - On Dunwoody Corner, topsoil and trees have been planted. Waiting on BIA for possible purchase of a number of benches for Main Street and this park.
  - Main Street Park has been resoiled and seeded, as well as dead shrubs removed. BIA and Town are partnering to purchase a number of benches matching the trash receptacles. We are waiting on BIA confirmation of funds.
  - Quite a few reminders sent out last week to residents at risk of having water shut off. Due to the state of emergency we are unable to terminate services, but when it lifts we will go ahead with water shut offs. Twenty-one properties have outstanding balances back to 2018 equating to a grand total of \$24,648 on these accounts. We will be coming out to collect the money or shut water down.
  - Simpson Court has had a small access trail to connect to the old rail line walking trail for access to the crosswalk on Main Street.
  - We are moving ahead with a fence install at Kent Street playground and new equipment. The problem is we have more equipment than space. When receiving GNB funds for equipment we thought we had more land.
  - A friendly reminder there is not to be heavy truck traffic on Carleton Street. We have received complaints of this occurring. CAO will be in contact with companies to reinforce this policy.

**b. EMO Status Update on COVID-19 and the Town of St. George:**

- The CAO offered the report for the month of June.
  - We remain active at Level One, Active Monitoring, and the state of emergency is still in effect with the Province. Things seem to be somewhat normal now.
  - June 11 – The public library reopened for Thursdays, 1 to 4 pm.
  - June 13 – Second death in the province related to COVID-19.
  - June 15 – With changes to the directive we opened the basketball court.



- As of right now almost everything is open with lots of signage, hoping people will pay attention to the guidelines with COVID-19. The only thing not open is the public washrooms at J.O. Spinney drive. There are many requirements for cleaning each day. Hopeful it will change or we will make adjustments to how we clean those washrooms.
- As of today, 166 confirmed cases in the Province with only one active case in the Fredericton area. Over 46,000 test completed in the Province.
- Positive signs in the last little while, but not out of the woods yet.

**c. Community Services/Partners:**

- **Acting Mayor Avery** read the report as written for the month of June (attached).

**d. Water & Sewerage:**

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

**e. Transportation:**

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

**f. Tourism:**

- **Councillor Allison** read the report as written for the month of June (attached).
  - The visitor center has also received the Explore magazine. St. George is on page 15. Stop in and pick one up. It talks about all of the areas in Charlotte County and the different places to see.
- **Acting Mayor Avery** asked what the hours are. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days a week.

**g. Economic Development:**

- **Councillor Murray** shared the Economic Development report for the month of May.
  - Still have several planters open in the Community Garden since we opened. Will be meeting with CHCO TV to do a broadcast on the Garden. Not too late to join this year. Canada Green has seeded veggies to plant, you can do herbs. There is a lot of space available.
  - The YMCA has opened back up and buoys are in at Canal. Philip Maxwell has donated 110 new buoys for next year.
- **Councillor Murray** asked CAO if all businesses in town are mandated to take names and numbers. **Acting Mayor Avery** added: Name, number and temperature.

**11) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:**

Moved by **Councillor Allison**, to approve in principal the bills paid and payable for the month of June, 2020, in the amount of **\$248,952.77**, seconded by **Councillor Murray**. Motion carried.

**12) NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. The CAO explained any appeals regarding building development or building bylaw would go to the PRAC. It is a sort of hearing committee for any appeals if orders are given for demolition, etc.

**Councillor Cooke** moved for a resolution that the Planning Review and Adjustment Committee is the appeal committee for the purpose of By-law 8-D, a By-law Relating to Dangerous & Unsightly Premises, and that when serving in this capacity for the Town of St. George Council, it shall be comprised of a minimum of three of its regular Members, seconded by **Councillor Murray**. Motion carried.

- b. CAO provided results of Tender # 2020-06 (Contract No. 202858.00) Route 172 (L'Etete Road) Slope Stabilization, opened on June 18, 2020 (attached).

**Councillor Cooke** moved to award the project to Terraex Inc at \$320,750.00, seconded by **Councillor Allison**. Motion carried.

- c. CAO advised the motion of the Gas Tax Plan to be rescinded included paving of Main Street East at the same time as Main Street Downtown. Now we will change where funding for Main Street East is coming from as a water line on Main Street and Clinch Street needs to be addressed. It is water and has limited funds in Utilities. The funding is available from the General Fund for the paving.

**Councillor Allison** moved to rescind the motion of July 10, 2019, regarding the adjustment of the Gas Tax Fund plan for 2019-2023 (amendment to 2020 project), seconded by **Councillor Murray**. Motion carried.

- d. **Councillor Allison** moved to accept the document entitled Town of St. George Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the GTF Administrative Agreement 2019-2023 be adopted (amendment to 2020 project), seconded by **Councillor Murray**. Motion carried.

- e. CAO explained we are going through things in storage that are beyond their use in order to dispose of them. This process makes Council aware of what is being disposed of. **Acting Mayor Avery** read the list of surplus items (attached). CAO advised the surplus items will be available through our website and Kijiji once approved by Council.

**Councillor Murray** moved to declare the attached list of items as surplus to be disposed of, seconded by **Councillor Cooke**. Motion carried.

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

- a. None.

### **14) CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. None.

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

- a. **Acting Mayor Avery** made mention of absent member, **Acting Deputy Mayor Harris**. We are missing SH. Our prayers are with his family sending all of our love and strength to the family.
- b. **Councillor Murray** had a shout out to the summer students who helped out at Canal with the buoys. They were amazing, hands on, super efficient and were an awesome group of guys.
- c. **Acting Mayor Avery** has heard people email and stop to say how lovely and beautiful the St. George Rural Cemetery is. It is not the Town who does that, it is the cemetery board. She would like them to know their staff is appreciated, people are noticing and commenting on the great job they are doing. Kudos to them.

**16) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Social Media note asking for an update on Day Adventure Center. CAO advised Outward Bound was the last tenant at the DAC and they will be vacating when the pandemic allows them to get staff down. They had 2 buildings in use.

There was question about a gate; there are no plans to put a gate up at this time. The area is heavily used in the summertime: boating, usage on weekends. Some restoration work needs to be done to the bandstand. The bigger question as time goes on will be what the future of the Day Adventure Center is. It will be a topic of discussion with Council in the future.

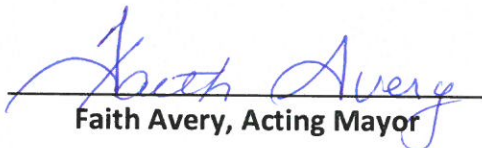
We have had compliments about noise and youth being down there. We ask the public if they see something of concern to contact the RCMP. We are also aware and talking to some of the youth.

**17) NEXT MEETING:**

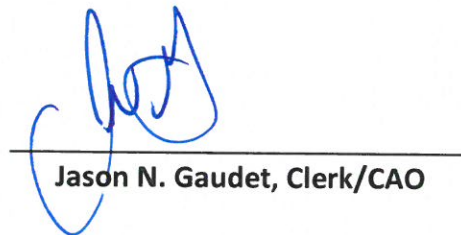
- a. The date of the next Regular Meeting of Council will be Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:00pm.

**18) ADJOURNMENT:**

- a. Motion to adjourn by Councillor Cooke. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.



Faith Avery, Acting Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO