



**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 7:06 pm. All Councillors in attendance. Staff attendance: Jason Gaudet CAO/Clerk, and Chris MacKinnon Administrative Assistant. Public attendance: 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 with the following amendments: Items 12.a and 5.b be tabled, seconded by Councillor Murray. Motion Carried.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Councillor Murray moved to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2020, Regular Meeting of Council, seconded by Councillor Allison. Motion carried.

6) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

None

7) FIRE REPORT:

Fire Chief Johnston was absent from the meeting. He will deliver the report for July at the next regular meeting of Council.

8) BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

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

9) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

None

10) GENERAL REPORTS:

b. General Government/Personnel:

- Acting Mayor Avery presented the report for the month of July.

- L'Etete Road: Work has started on the slope repairs on L'Etete Road. Traffic is only interrupted when dump trucks or equipment moves in and out of the area.
- Canal: Last week cement was poured for the new walkway. Mobi-mat to be installed this week after some work on the ground is completed. The gate has also been painted red. It looks great up there.
- Lagoon upgrade: Still waiting for start of work sometime in August.
- New well #6: We are waiting on the Province.
- Splash Pad: GNB has expressed to support the SplashPad at 50/50. Efforts are being made to gather corporate sponsorship.
- Water line at Main Street & Clinch Street: Expected the first of August.
- Main Street Paving: Tender went out on Friday, August 7, for paving from the corner of Portage to the corner of Riverview Avenue. Project depends on water project on Clinch Street. Paving has to happen after the water project is completed as there is a water line that extends across Main Street.
- St. Mark's Cemetery: Cement monuments have been reset as have several headstones. CAO volunteered time to trim trees. There is one more monument to level to complete work of Phase 1.
- Boyd House: Awaiting project start meeting with Jeremy Smith.
- Dunwoody Corner: Topsoil and trees have been planted. Prices for benches have been sent to the BIA. Bench for the spot will be a memorial bench for municipal workers who died while employed, as well as planters installed.
- Day Adventure Center: Have completed some repairs to the benches and repaired lighting in the area. We have also been clearing brush around the boat ramp.
- Kent Street playground: We are placing a trail from Hillcrest to the playground, and will install equipment this month.

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

- The CAO offered the report for the month of July.
 - As of August 10 there are 6 active cases in the Province with no new cases being reported today. Those 6 are all non-residents.
 - There have been 176 total cases in New Brunswick, with over 55,000 tests completed, and two deaths reported. In our Zone 2, there have been 27 total cases since March with all of those recovered.
 - Within the Province there are 7 traffic control points on the border with Quebec, Nova Scotia and PEI. Over the last month Town staff have followed up with the Province on one concern call about a non-resident possibly not isolating.
 - Town remains at Level 1 monitoring with EMO. The Province of New Brunswick has renewed its mandatory order state of emergency. It has been renewed 10 times with slight modifications from the original order.
 - Due to limited space within the Council chambers, proper social distancing cannot be achieved when we have a gallery there. Looking at options for how to get the Council to reconvene at the chambers and maintain social distancing. Also looking at how other communities are doing and trying to adopt best practices.
 - Everything is pretty much open with the Town: Canal (beach), playgrounds, fields, and such. Have erected a lot of signs this year.

d. Community Services/Partners:

- **Acting Mayor Avery** advised there is nothing to report for the month of July.

e. Water & Sewerage:

- **Acting Deputy Mayor Harris** read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman, for the month of July (attached).
- **Acting Mayor Avery** asked CAO how the water tower is doing with the dry weather. CAO: Tower is maintaining. Wells 4 and 5 are a bit of a concern, but so far so good. Will wait and see how the rest of the summer goes.

f. Transportation:

- **Councillor Cooke** read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman, for the month of July (attached).
- **Acting Deputy Mayor Harris** asked when the ditching will take place in Hillcrest subdivision. CAO: Some ditching was done at the end of Armstrong Crescent where the cul-du-sac is. Once that is finished completely, they will do the rest of the subdivision; should be completed by the end of next week.

g. Tourism:

- **Councillor Allison** read the report as written for the month of July (attached).
- **Acting Mayor Avery** asked what the hours are. **Councillor Allison** replied the hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, seven days a week.

h. Economic Development:

- **Councillor Murray** shared the Economic Development report for the month of July (attached).
- The YMCA is still running day camps. You can call or email to join in all the fun.
- Keep in mind about social distancing and wearing a mask when you can.

11) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:

Moved by **Acting Deputy Mayor Harris**, to approve in principal the bills paid and payable for the month of July, 2020, in the amount of **\$203,199.62**, seconded by **Councillor Murray**. Motion carried.

12) NEW BUSINESS:

- b. **Acting Deputy Mayor Harris** moved to table the Resolution of Council to accept the purchase of PID#15208382 from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure for \$1,700.00, seconded by **Councillor Cooke**.

CAO: This has been in the works for about a year to purchase the residential lagoon property. It has until now been held by the Province. Under their own internal audits it was highlighted to be made as surplus and transferred to the Town. It was formerly a small cove and was dammed up to create the sewage lagoon. Has been going back and forth for years with the Province, for them to remove the liability and the Town to take it on. The price was determined by a market appraisal for the property.

Acting Deputy Mayor Harris commented the pit was formed back in the 1970's and was the high water mark at that time. Not clear how the government can put a PID and a price on a landlocked piece of property and expect the Town to buy it. Maybe we should go back to

them. \$1700 doesn't sound like a lot when you say it fast but it could be used for the Splash Pad. Could we go back to them and say we aren't satisfied with the price? CAO: Absolutely.

Motion carried.

- c. CAO advised the Province requests from municipalities a partnership to work on Provincial roads. This is an ongoing plan for us. Have been focused on Mount Pleasant and extending the sidewalk to the Town boundaries and then down again. The addition to the plan this year, for year 2025 which can change between now and then, we have added Riverview Avenue from the entrance to the Town Boundaries to resurface asphalt.
- d. 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.

Acting Deputy Mayor Harris moved for a Resolution of Council to accept the Municipal Designated Highway Plan 2021-2025, seconded by Councillor Cooke. Motion carried.

Acting Deputy Mayor Harris asked CAO if those are Provincial lands/roads. CAO confirmed they are Provincial not Municipal roads.

13) OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None.

14) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. None.

15) STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. Councillor Cooke wanted to reiterate the hope for all of Council to join together in one room, even if just on video, to gather together. Acting Mayor Avery replied CAO is going to work on that.
- b. Acting Mayor Avery commented on Canal Beach, it is looking phenomenal out there. The mobi-pad is going to be fantastic. A shout out to John Young, who has taken over the canteen, is doing a great job and is there every day. Councillor Murray added thanks to Brooke Bacher for her work in getting the mobi-pad and her vision there.

16) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

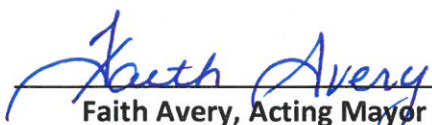
- a. None

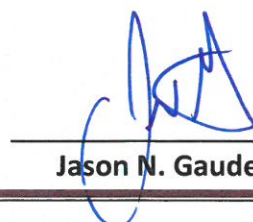
17) NEXT MEETING:

- a. The date of the next Regular Meeting of Council will be Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00pm.

18) ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion to adjourn by Councillor Cooke. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.


Faith Avery, Acting Mayor


Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO