



**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, May 5, 2021, at Magaguadavic Place, was called to order by Acting Mayor Avery at 7:00 pm. Acting Mayor Avery, Acting Deputy Mayor Harris, Councillor Allison and Councillor Murray in attending in person; Councillor Cooke attending via teleconference. Staff attendance: Jason Gaudet CAO/Clerk, and Chris MacKinnon Administrative Assistant. Public attendance: Alex Henderson (Planning Director, SNBSC), Andrew Sutton (CHCO TV), Public gallery of 10 persons.

- 2) Councillor Allison** moved to approve change of venue (room) due to compliance with the current directives of the Province of New Brunswick regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, seconded by Councillor Murray. Motion carried.

3) OPENING PRAYER:

The opening prayer was offered by Chris MacKinnon.

4) AGENDA:

Councillor Allison moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Councillor Cooke. Motion carried.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Councillor Cooke moved to approve the Minutes of April 12, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council, seconded by Acting Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried.
- b. Councillor Allison moved to approve the Minutes of May 5, 2021, Special Meeting of Council, seconded by Acting Deputy Mayor Harris. Motion carried.

6) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

- a. None.

7) FIRE REPORT:

CAO read the report as submitted by Fire Chief Morton for the month of April (attached).

8) BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

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

9) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a. None.

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

- **Acting Mayor Avery** presented the report for the month of April.
 - Well # 6 - With permits acquired, the well building is nearing completion over the next couple of weeks. Hope to have this well online in July.
 - Eagles Nest - we cleared tree brush on both sides of the lower bridge and added gravel to add room for the parking lot at.
 - Benches, Planters & Additional New Garbage Receptacles - all order and awaiting receipt of items. Public Works installed a few cement bases for benches and planters.
 - St. Mark's Cemetery - awaiting response on funding (\$5,000)
 - Coastal Link Trail - sorting of some issues with permits and agreements with Department of Natural Resources. Construction is still planned to start this summer.
 - Canal Rebuild – Still waiting for approval for gas tax money. John Young has agreed to continue with the Canal Beach Canteen again this year. We will also have better swim area buoys this year and removed the teeter-totter.
 - Municipal Designated Highway (MDH) – as you are aware, the MDH for 2021 was not approved, it was postponed by DTI. This is the work on extending the sidewalk on Mount Pleasant.
 - Paving - With construction going on Fundy Bay Drive, we will monitor on whether we can/should completed Gas Tax Fund paving of Salar Court in 2021. There are several pad areas that will need work such as a spot in front of Dennis Hall on Main Street.
 - Lower Bridge Sewage Pipe Insulation – we will likely skip a Sewage Lift Station upgrade this year in favour of addressing the insulation issues on the South Street Bridge.
 - Post Office Plaza - the Christian Academy, in partnership with Change of Seasons, will be planting flowers in the post office plaza over the next week or so.
 - Street & Bridge Camera – we are working with Dramis on finalizing installation of web camera to give view of post office and plaza as well as Main Street looking east towards Pete's/Gillmor House. These cameras will be used in promotion and viewable online. The bridge/gorge camera is still pending as we work with DTI on their concerns.
 - Memorial Park – despite the bench and flag pole being set, we should look at a possible installation of a stone monument for “all members of the volunteer fire department – past, present and future”.
 - CAO added regarding the Memorial Park, two criteria were used for names on the bench: full-time employees who passed away while employed with the town, and volunteer fire fighters who died while on duty and on a fire call. Mark Rose, St. George Fire Fighter died while on duty. Michael Morton was not listed due to position in the Fire Department but was full-time with Public Works. The Fire Fighters Club is erecting a flag pole in memory of Davey Boyd, an honorary fireman. Expressed apologies for any concerns around the media release.

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

- The CAO offered the EMO report for the month of April.
 - Our zone, Zone 2, remains in Yellow phase. As of today (May 10) there are 149 active cases (23 in our zone) in the Province with 11 in hospital. Since the start of the pandemic, there have been 2,013 confirmed cases and 41 related deaths.
 - There have been 308,697 total vaccinations administered, of which 278,811 are vaccinated with at least one dose. And there have been 305,433 tests administered. As

of midnight tonight, with the positive results in the Edmundston area, all of the Province will return to Yellow. As of today, all those age 40 years old or older can schedule vaccination (either via the Horizon Health system or by calling your local pharmacy).

d. **Community Services/Partners:**

- **Acting Mayor Avery** gave the report for the month of April.
 - June 12 is the Town-Wide Yard Sale. Please submit your address to our Facebook page or call the town hall to be included so people know where to find your yard sale

e. **Water & Sewerage:**

- **Acting Deputy Mayor Harris** read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman, for the month of April (attached).

f. **Transportation:**

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

g. **Tourism:**

- **Councillor Allison** advised there was no activity to report for the month of April.

h. **Economic Development:**

- **Councillor Murray** gave the report for the month of April.
 - The community garden is now open and you can get a box by contacting the Town Office.
 - Update on the Splash Pad: Waiting for the contractor to finish the contract pad for the mechanical station so the splash pad company can return and complete the hookup, as well as NB Power. We will need to look at landscaping in the future if we want benches, bushes, or grass around it.

11) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:

Moved by **Councillor Allison** to approve in principal the bills paid and payable in principal to March 31, 2021 in the amount of **\$ 301,506.43**, seconded by **Councillor Cooke**. Motion carried.

12) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. None.

13) OLD BUSINESS:

- a. None

14) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Correspondence received from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of New Brunswick. **Acting Mayor Avery** read a proclamation announcing the month of June as Heart and Stroke Month (attached).

15) STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. **Acting Mayor Avery** expressed thanks to present Council, being the last night together as present Council. Worked hard the last couple of years. Thanks for sticking through to the end.

Thanks to those who have put their name forward. We have to wait fifteen days for the results. Thanks to the Works Department and Fire Department for all the hard work they do for the Town.

- b. **Councillor Murray** stated thank you to Jason, Town staff, and fire fighters. To the community: Just because you don't see something on social media does not mean the Council is not working on it.
- c. **Councillor Allison** shared thank you to Jason, Staff, Works Department, and Fire Department. They go all out and beyond when we need them. Thank you to fellow councillors and acting mayor for being there for her and guiding her in some ways.

16) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Lisa Needle: Has lived in Town her whole life (after 3). Father joined the Fire Department in 1974 and was a member until his death at age 56 in 1998. Referring to the memorial bench, she understands and was told the criteria for names on the bench. However, the CAO read fire fighters as plural, adding to the confusion as to why her father and others who died beforehand were not added. Was really upset to hear they are not considered as part of the municipality crew because they receive a stipend and not paid by the Town. The Fire Department are the ones giving their time to save everyone's life. Don't ever forget them. Hopefully moving forward, as she was told, this will be fixed and there will be another bench or something for those who were still active at the time of their passing.
- b. Alexa Detorakis: The budget for the year is \$2.5 million, approximately, and new Council will be taking over probably in June. How much of the budget will be left for the remaining months of the year? **Acting Mayor Avery** answered it is hard to say. We buy as we need it, such as salt at the beginning and end of the year. Ms. Detorakis asked if the fiscal year begin in April. **Acting Mayor Avery** answered, no. She added, sometimes we get near the end of the budget earlier than December. We can move money around to the right spots to make it up.

17) NEXT MEETING:

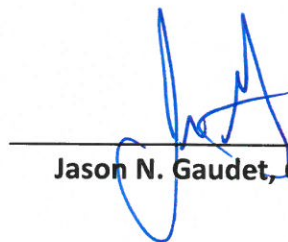
- a. Date of Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Magaguadavic Place (or via Zoom Video Conference).

18) ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Motion to adjourn by **Acting Deputy Mayor Harris**. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.



John Detorakis, Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO