



**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, April 11, 2022, at Magaguadavic Place, was called to order by **Mayor Detorakis** at 7:00 pm. **All Councillors** in attendance. Staff attendance: Jason Gaudet CAO/Clerk, Chris MacKinnon (Administrative Assistant). Additional attendance: Chief Sean Morton (SGFD); Alexander Gopen (Planner, SNBSC); Patrick Watt (CHCO-TV); Gallery of 4 persons.

2) OPENING PRAYER:

The opening prayer was offered by Chris MacKinnon.

3) AGENDA:

*Moved by **Deputy Mayor Rayner** to approve the Agenda, seconded by **Councillor Allison**.
Motion carried.*

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Regular Meeting of Council – March 14, 2022

*Moved by **Councillor Rubin** to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council, seconded by **Councillor Detorakis**. **Motion carried.***

b. Closed Door Meeting of Council – March 18, 2022

*Moved by **Councillor Allison** to approve the Minutes of March 18, 2022, Closed Door Meeting of Council, seconded by **Deputy Mayor Rayner**. **Motion carried.***

c. Closed Door Meeting of Council – April 7, 2022

*Moved by **Councillor Allison** to approve the Minutes of April 7, 2022, Closed Door Meeting of Council, seconded by **Councillor Rubin**. **Motion carried.***

5) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

- None

6) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid was unable to attend due to miscommunication.

7) GENERAL REPORTS:**a. General Government:**

- The CAO presented the report for the month of March, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion resulted in the following information:
 - The 2 cents for recreation from regional cost-sharing is for operations and improvements.
 - There is no rental charge for use of the Day Adventure Center buildings. Occupants are responsible for electricity and improvements.

b. Update on Local Government Reform:

- CAO advised the Town is working with Entity 53 representatives on the collection of possible names for the new entity.

c. Fire Report – St. George Fire Department

- Fire Chief Morton presented the report for the month of March, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion regarding the following:
 - Chief Morton has received, since writing the report, pricing information from DTI and private companies.
 - Chief Morton is in possession of the new laptop.
 - In regards to grass fires and penalties, not all fires are illegal. Outside Town residents can be permitted to burn, but most do not fall under that classification. Most grass fires fall under DNR, which has significant fines if a case can be proven.
 - The grass fire problem is seasonal. This area notoriously had more fires than other parts of the Province but seems to be subsiding.

d. Building and Planning Report – Southwest New Brunswick Service Commission (SNBSC):

- Alexander Gopen (Junior Planner, SNBSC) presented the report prepared by Alex Henderson (Planning Director, SNBSC) for the month of March, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion regarding a possible comment by Alex Henderson regarding bike lanes, which may have been part of the private access policy he is working on.
- Discussion regarding Provincial requirements and jurisdiction for drainage, culverts, and RSC's process with municipal approval.

e. Water & Sewerage:

- CAO read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman, for the month of March, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion over the photograph and details of the well repair.
- Discussion regarding the lagoons, influent/effluent results, and reporting to the Province.

f. Transportation:

- CAO read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman, for the month of March, 2022 (attached).

8) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:

*Moved by **Deputy Mayor Rayner** to approve in principal the bills paid and payable in principal to March 31, 2022, in the amount of **\$ 204,918.08**, seconded by **Councillor Coulton**.*

- Questions:
 - Overpayment refund was for water/sewer for property changing hands.
 - Cold mix asphalt was a second load.
 - DAC Tourist bureau (green building) electric – was high for electricity to keep heat in washrooms over the winter for Girl Guides use.
 - SLS #5 electric high. Is the first of a problem. CAO reviews electricity bills to previous months. Issue was discovered and resolved.
 - 40 Main Street is the outlet put in last summer. Bill is now classified under street lights.
 - Library purchases was grant money. We spend it and they reimburse.
 - Street light “acorns” are the glass globes at the top of the light.
- **Motion carried.**

9) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Setting a Public Hearing date for By-Law #25B-2202, an Amendment of Zoning By-Law 25-B**

*Moved by to **Councillor Coulton** to hold a public hearing By-Law #25B-2202, an Amendment of Zoning By-Law 25-B on May 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm, seconded by **Councillor Armstrong**.
Motion carried.*

- b. **Request for views of the PRAC on By-Law #25B-2202, an Amendment of Zoning By-Law 25-B**

*Moved by to **Councillor Coulton** to request the views of the PRAC on By-Law #25B-2202, an Amendment of Zoning By-Law 25-B, seconded by **Councillor Detorakis**. **Motion carried.***

c. **Capital Projects**

- Details of Capital Projects provided to Council prior to meeting.
- CAO advised the list will have to be revisited as we learn the Province’s final decision on the Municipal Designated Highway (MDH). At this point, putting \$80,000 to the side and possibly using for MDH. By next Council will know if we are able to earmark that for another project.
- Also in May, Council will have to adjust GTF projects where some work was not completed last year

- Discussion on the timing of work from the asphalt plants. Quotes are locked in until May, but item may need to be revisited due to any changes in pricing. The dollar value will also determine if additional tendering is required. Initial tenders to go out April 12.

*Moved by to **Councillor Coulton** to approve the list of capital projects, seconded by **Deputy Mayor Rayner**. Motion carried.*

10) OLD BUSINESS:

a. Wellfield Groundwater Under the Direct Influence (GUDI) Study.

- CAO was asked March meeting if other municipalities were aware of the GUDI opportunity. Those he spoke with were not aware. It is something new by the Province respect to the Environmental Trust Fund and potable water. It is not mandatory at this point, but right now the funding is there (up to 75%). The Province is unable to say when but it will be mandatory at some point to obtain a water operating license. In the future the total cost will be on the municipality alone.
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 - The funds required are currently unbudgeted. It is a tight budget with water and sewage systems as revenue comes from ratepayers.
 - The study is not for regular well owners. It is because of the volume of water used by the Town, which is expected to run a system that is healthy and take on the liability of producing that water.
 - The cost is based on the number of wells, not a flat rate.

*Moved by to **Deputy Mayor Raynor** to participate in the Wellfield Groundwater Under the Direct Influence (GUDI) Study, and approve the costs associated with the study, seconded by **Councillor Allison**. Motion carried.*

11) CORRESPONDENCE:

a. Letter from Fundy Middle & High School

- CAO advised the letter is a request for fundraising from FMHS, with a goal of \$5,000.
- Discussion regarding fundraising available and fundraising already undertaken by the school.
- Discussion regarding funds already disbursed by the Town in 2022. CAO advised Letter is regards to speeding in the Town of St. George.

b. Letter from Glen Larsen

- CAO advised the request for looking at refreshing the mural on Main Street in the style of those on display in Sussex.
- Discussion regarding the availability of grants to offset the cost. The current mural was paid for through a Fund.
- CAO will communicate the Town will be exploring more information.

c. Letter from Brian Tatton

- CAO advised the letter points out concerns over road conditions.
- CAO stated the issue is already slated for work later this year. Concern seems to be about timing. The repair requires detailed work at a time when business is closed, as well as timing with the asphalt plants.

12) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- a. None

13) STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. **Councillor Allison**: Thanks to all for coming. Music will be hopefully starting on June 2 on Thursdays. Will have the lineup for the whole summer in May.
- b. **Councillor Rubin**: The Benefit for Ukraine was a very good event. Deputy Mayor Rayner and others organized that and it was well attended.
- c. **Councillor Coulton**: Family Fun Days, July 18-24. Has had lots of interest and lots of volunteers. More information to come.
- d. **Deputy Mayor Rayner**: Thanks to those who turned out for Night for Ukraine. Had a wonderful variety to eat. Special thank you to all who donated; they raised \$7,330. The need will be there a long time to come, we know there will be some Ukrainians coming here, and will do more fundraising in the future.
- e. **Councillor Detorakis**: The garden boxes are for free with the exception of the deposit for the key. Made a video on Facebook detailing recent events at Magaguadavic. Received response from James Hanley thanking the Town for the event for the seniors.
- f. **Councillor Armstrong**: Saw the traffic data on Riverview Ave. Knowing we now have the opportunity for a camera on the equipment, wonders if the Town would have access to the data from the RCMP, how many speeders over 20 km have been photographed and identified.
CAO advised the Town and the RCMP will receive the same reports. Is unsure what is admissible for issuing speeding tickets.
- g. **Mayor Detorakis**: This is a special Council as we are on the road to extinction as a Town. Asks for understanding of limitations. One of the things discussed several times is Mt. Pleasant Road, which is in great need of repair, and its use of travel by students. Intends to write to the Transportation Minister and Minister of Education. Has been deferred year after year and now has been dropped from the list. Other highways not as of such critical importance have been chosen. Hopes that something can be done this summer
Mayor Detorakis presented a Proclamation of April 23, 2022, as St. George Day. (attached)

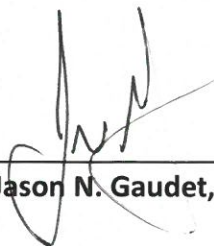
14) NEXT MEETING:

- a. Date of Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm at Magaguadavic Place (or via Zoom Video Conference).

15) ADJOURNMENT:

*Motion to adjourn by **Councillor Rubin**. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.*



John Detorakis, Mayor

Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO