



**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 9, 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: Rev. Maryanne Langmaid (Community Builders); Serri Hatt, Holly Hannan, Alicia Bradley, Marlene Allaby (St. George Pickleball); Chief Sean Morton (SGFD); Vivian Peng (Planner, SNBSC); Patrick Watt, Vicki Hogart, Florence Mitchell (CHCO-TV).

**2) OPENING PRAYER:**

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid.

**3) AGENDA:**

*Moved by **Councillor Rubin** to approve the Agenda, seconded by **Councillor Allison**.  
**Motion carried.***

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**a. Regular Meeting of Council – April 11, 2022**

*Moved by **Councillor Allison** to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council, seconded by **Councillor Armstrong**. **Motion carried.***

**b. Closed Door Meeting of Council – May 2, 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.***

**5) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:**

- None

**6) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:****a. Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid - Community Builders**

- Rev. Langmaid delivered a presentation on the Community Builders.
- Partners include CMHA, Working Together. Focus is on youth, ages 11-18.

**b. St. George Pickleball**

- Serri Hatt presented on behalf of St. George Pickleball. A packet of information was given to Council detailing the project.
- Would like to convert the back part of the tennis courts into pickleball courts, which use half the space.
- The group has raised funds through Chase the Ace and also from Cooke Aquaculture. With \$5,000 from the Town they would have \$50,000 and MLA Andrea Anderson-Mason has promised to match from the Province, providing all of the funding necessary.
- Discussion regarding the Town's responsibility to repair the stairs regardless of the rest of the project.
- The Town will reply within the month.
- To complete resurfacing there would need to be access to a water truck, which they are requesting the Town to supply, and to electricity from the RCMP detachment, which they will discuss directly.

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

- The CAO presented the report for the month of April, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion and additional information:
  - Discussion regarding hours for Outdoor Washroom at Magaguadavic Place.
  - Docks at Day Adventure Center will be installed this month, as timing is usually late May.
  - Regarding Municipal Designated Highway request for Mt. Pleasant Road, the Province is having internal discussions.
  - Regarding quotes for work, what used to be good for 30 day, now seems to be about 2 weeks.
  - Work for Coastal Link Trail is being completed by CLT itself, not the Town.
  - Discussion regarding municipal mileage reimbursement.

**b. Update on Local Government Reform:**

- CAO advised Greg Lutes has been named as Facilitator for Entity 53, in addition to other entities.
- The Advisory Committee has narrowed potential names to 8, and the Province has approved 3 of those names.
- Maps are finalized though the Town has not received any map data.

  
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**c. Fire Report – St. George Fire Department**

- Fire Chief Morton presented the report for the month of April, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion regarding the grass fire count being “a record low”.
- Discussion regarding fire hydrants and water line flushing, as well as the impact to the fire fighting.

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

- Vivian Peng (Junior Planner, SNBSC) presented the report prepared by Alex Henderson (Planning Director, SNBSC) for the month of April, 2022 (attached).

**e. Water & Sewerage:**

- CAO read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman, for the month of April, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion over regarding any noticeable uptake since the 6 inch line was opened. Nothing yet; will probably catch more through meter readings.

**f. Transportation:**

- CAO read the report as written by Leonard Lee, Works Foreman, for the month of April, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion regarding complaint the town pump is broken.

**8) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:**

*Moved by Councillor Coulton to approve in principal the bills paid and payable in principal to April 30, 2022, in the amount of \$ 230,777.89, seconded by Councillor Allison.*

- Questions:
  - Salt and sand were high compared with other years. It was a rough year with a lot of ice.
  - A small amount of beautification has been spent year to date.
  - Re: #46639 - Was one bill. Covered the full project and the work for four days. It was more than anticipated. Perhaps a full day more than foreseen.
  - Re: Exit 52: The Town has had a number of interested organizations. Have not put out a new RFP because the lot was not ready for development and the WAWA permit application was not completed. The goal is to make the lot appealing for a commercial developer. Drainage is typically the first step in development.
- **Motion carried.**

  
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**9) NEW BUSINESS:****a. Third & Final Reading of By-Law #25B-2202, an Amendment of Zoning By-Law 25-B.**

- CAO advised Town heard back from PRAC which had no concerns.
- CAO read the Bylaw by title only.

*Moved by to **Councillor Allison** to accept the third and final reading of By-Law #25B-2202, an Amendment of Zoning By-Law 25-B, seconded by **Councillor Armstrong**.  
**Motion carried.***

**b. Town Memorial Bench & Tree program**

- CAO advised the program has been asked for by residents and non-residents. A pilot program has been operating for a couple of years to gauge interest.
- There is a form bench in Town, a municipal bench that is supposed to be long term and durable, and used by other municipalities. Regarding a tree, looking for help from experts for what type of tree to plant.
- The cost of the bench is 1500, and the additional cost is covered by the Town.

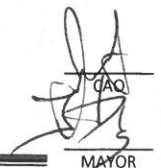
**c. Results of Tender: Road Paving 2022-03**

- Details of received tenders 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 **Councillor Rubin** to award Road Paving Tender 2022-03 to NRB Construction, seconded by **Councillor Allison**. **Motion carried.***

**d. Allocation of the former BIA close-out Funds to Main Street Improvements**

- CAO explained, Council previously repealed the BIA bylaw resulting in the dissolution of the BIA. They have sent a cheque and a letter requesting the funds be earmarked for the Main Street area.

  
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**10) OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. N/A

**11) CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. N/A

**12) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- a. None

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

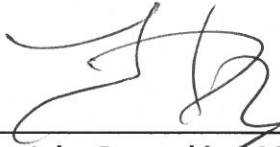
- a. **Councillor Armstrong**: No comments.
- b. **Councillor Detorakis**: In light of local government reform and news of a new facilitator, it would be important if someone from the Advisory Committee could appoint a note taker for members of Council and the public who are not on the Committee to be aware of what is going on.
- c. **Deputy Mayor Rayner**: In regards to St. George News Network YouTube commenting we have some of the deadliest streets in Canada. If people would like to move to our Town or visit, saying we have some the most dangerous streets has done irreparable harm to our image. Was delighted to see former Councillor Ronnie Cousins, who lives on Riverview Avenue, respond. "If controlling speeding is the responsibility of every municipality across the country, I guess they're all negligent and irresponsible. What strikes me as being irresponsible is not acknowledging this is a policing issue beyond the scope of Council's mandate, apart from communicating their concerns to the RCMP and the Department of Public Safety." **Deputy Mayor Rayner** takes exception to the statement that we have some of the most dangerous streets in Canada.
- d. **Councillor Coulton**: Also takes exception to the statement regarding dangerous streets. Family Fun Days, Have had a great response. Are getting organized. Anyone who wants to volunteer should contact the town council.
- e. **Councillor Rubin**: No comments.
- f. **Councillor Allison**: Music will be starting on Thursdays beginning June 9th with The Richard Sisters. Would like to thank Brent for the box made for the Hillary event, thanks to all volunteers who worked that weekend, and thanks to all who came out and donated.
- g. **Mayor Detorakis**: Regarding notetaking at Advisory Committee meetings, this provision has been taken off the table at the direction of the Province.  
Mt Pleasant Road needs to be fixed as it is a really bad situation.  
Council came together with an idea of a time capsule to be sealed on December 31, 2022, in commemoration of the end of the St. George Municipality.

**14) NEXT MEETING:**

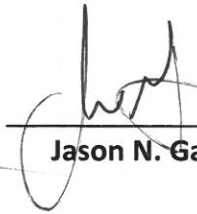
- a. Date of Next Regular Meeting: Monday, June 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm at Magaguadavic Place (or via Zoom Video Conference).

**15) ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion to adjourn by **Councillor Rubin**. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.*



John Detorakis, Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO