



**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, August 8, 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: Alex Henderson (Planning Director, SNBSC); Vicki Hogarth, Florence Mitchell, Dale Wells (CHCO-TV).

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 Armstrong**. Motion carried.*

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a. Regular Meeting of Council – July 11, 2022

- **Mayor Detorakis** provided a handout to members of Council with a correction for the Minutes.

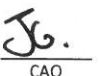
*Moved by **Councillor Coulton** to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council, with the proposed correction, seconded by **Councillor Detorakis**. Motion carried.*

5) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:

- None

6) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:

- a. None**


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

- The CAO presented the report for the month of July, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion and additional information:
 - Funding for lower bridge insulation is dependent upon Well 2 final costs. The Town is forgoing the generator for Well 2. If it goes over budget Council will have to approve an overrun. Estimates for lower bridge work will be valid after Well 2 is complete.
 - The development agreement mentioned is for the Hillside Estates, for 30+ residential lots.
 - The Province has put a hold on Municipal Designated Highway (MDH) planning, asking the Town to not submit a plan as a result of local government reform. There will not be an MDH project next year.

b. Update on Local Government Reform:

- The CAO presented the report for the month of July, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion regarding the unknown costs of continued and newly added services next year by SNBSC.
- Bylaw templates mentioned will be equal and uniform throughout the Province. The first meeting in January will need to have the code of conduct and procedural bylaw in place prior to the meeting. Those Bylaws can be amended.

c. Fire Report – St. George Fire Department

- Fire Chief Morton was absent from the meeting.
- CAO filed the report for the month of July, 2022 (attached).

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

- Alex Henderson (Planning Director, SNBSC) presented the report for the month of July, 2022 (attached).
 - Moving so quickly on the Municipal Plan because of limited time with the term of this Council and getting something adopted before the election.
 - More development pressure last year, but it was also an anomaly. This year is more on track with years previous to 2021.
- Discussion regarding the timing required to pass the municipal plan in 2022.
 - If Council were to accept a first reading, Mr. Henderson would recommend Council also set a date for a public hearing of objections and ask for views from PRAC. These will accomplish last two requirements. Then Council can consider doing a second and third reading.
 - If this new plan is going to be adopted it will need an accompanying zoning bylaw. SNBSC is prepared to put resources in action to put the bylaw in place to align with the municipal plan.


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- Would aim to have something to pass in September. From the initial point Council sees it, it can be done in 22 days.

e. Water & Sewerage:

- CAO read the report as written by Ron Groom, Acting Public Works Foreman, for the month of July, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion regarding water consumption being lower due to a lot of reductions on the industrial side.

f. Transportation:

- CAO offered the report as written by Ron Groom, Acting Public Works Foreman, for the month of July, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion regarding blue-green algae at Canal Beach. In 2010 there was bloom. Once it occurs the report stays with the Ton, which is part of the reason for discussion regarding testing. Signs were paid for by the Province. There currently is no bloom.

8) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:

*Moved by **Councillor Armstrong** to approve in principal the bills paid and payable in principal to July 31, 2022, in the amount of **\$ 287,331.36**, seconded by **Councillor Allison**.*

- Questions resulted in the following:
 - Family Fun Days is about \$714 over budget. Will come closer to budget as some cost will be offset by those who bought bears.
 - The time capsule was designed by a small design source online, not locally.
- **Motion carried.**

9) NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The proposed subdivision of 112 Mount Pleasant Lot (PID# 15188352) with Municipal Plan Amendment for small residential subdivision (By-Law #24B-2201).**

*Moved by **Deputy Mayor Rayner** to table the item so more information can be gathered, seconded by **Councillor Allison**.*

- Discussion regarding the desire of individual Councillors for obtaining additional information.
- Discussion regarding the ability to amend the current proposal. Proposal cannot be amended. It is either accepted or rejected and the applicant has the option to submit a new proposal.


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- Vote on the motion:

IN FAVOUR:

- Councillor Allison
- Councillor Rubin
- Councillor Coulton
- Deputy Mayor Rayner

OPPOSED:

- Councillor Detorakis
- Councillor Armstrong
- Mayor Detorakis

- Motion carried.

- CAO directed to schedule a meeting with all parties, including Mr. Henderson from SNBSC.

b. The New Municipal Plan, By-Law 24C

*Moved by **Councillor Coulton** to accept the first reading, by title only, of By-Law #24-C, the Municipal Plan, seconded by **Councillor Rubin**. **Motion carried.***

*Moved by **Councillor Allison** to hold a public hearing of objections pursuant to proposed By-Law #24-C, the Municipal Plan, on Wednesday, August 31, 2022, seconded by **Councillor Armstrong**. **Motion carried.***

*Moved by **Deputy Mayor Rayner** to request the written views of the PRAC on the proposed By-Law #24-C, the Municipal Plan, seconded by **Councillor Rubin**. **Motion carried.***

10) OLD BUSINESS:**a. Letter from Mr. Allen Holmes – re: Use of the Town of St. George Logo**

- CAO reminded Council Mr. Holmes asked about using the Town logo to create materials with the logo on it. If Council chooses to give permission, it would be for the length of the Town. Still waiting to hear if these identifying marks will pass on to the new entity like any other trademark, as well as the Village of Blacks Harbour.
- Discussion regarding current outside of the Town's logo.
- Discussion on position of lawyer and the Province.
- Discussion of concerns making legal identifiers available to public and risks of how they may be misused.

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*Moved by **Councillor Armstrong** to table the item until more information is obtained from our lawyer, seconded by **Councillor Allison**. Motion carried.*

11) CORRESPONDENCE:

a. **Invitation – Touch A Truck in Blacks Harbour, August 27**

- CAO advised a general invitation for residents in the area to this Eastern Charlotte community event. Open for all ages. Looking at SGFD sending a vehicle down as well.

b. **Letter from Mr. Jason Frost – re: Coastal Link Trail route**

- CAO advised this letter draws attention to the municipal plan that showed the route going south of the highway, adjacent to his property. This was an old plan from 2018-2019. The actual route of CLT is north of the highway. The draft of the new municipal plan has no mention of the CLT as well. We would be bound by the plan.
- CAO has already spoken with Mr. Frost over the phone, and he was satisfied with the information.

c. **Letter from Mr. Stan Jary – re: Subdivision Proposal, Proposed Bylaw 24-B-2201**

- CAO summarized the letter as stating Mr. Jary is opposed to the municipal plan amendment 2201.
- **Mayor Detorakis** commented he believes Mr. Jary could be a valuable resource for information and insight at the meeting with the applicant.

12) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- a. None

13) STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

- a. **Councillor Allison**: Thanks to all for coming this evening. Thursday night music nights are still going. Three more nights. Food bank appreciates all we are doing. Thanks to the community for supporting it.
- b. **Councillor Rubin**: Thanks to Marg Grant and Paul Ingram for their contribution to Family Fun Days, and all the organizations involved.
- c. **Councillor Coulton**: Thanks to everyone for attendance at Family Fun Days. Thanks to Cooke Aquaculture for the beautiful fireworks display, all of the vendors, and those who worked very hard on this. Also thanks to Marg [Grant] for the strawberry social and supper. She hopes everyone enjoyed themselves.


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- d. **Councillor Armstrong:** July 5th there was a public hearing about the four-wheelers driving on Main Street and Riverview Avenue only. ATVs seems to think now they can drive all over the community. What are the RCMP doing to stop it? Are not these off-road vehicles illegal, and we found out they are. We are paying the RCMP \$456,000 a year. Have been told the RCMP cannot chase ATVs, and yet if there was murderer on the loose they would chase them.

We have a bylaw, 23-D, that says it shall be the duty of all members of the RCMP assigned to the Town of St. George to enforce all traffic laws of the Town and the Motor Vehicle Act of the Province of New Brunswick. Also Bylaw 37 states no person shall make or be permitted to make any noise within the Town likely to cause a public nuisance or otherwise disturb the inhabitants of the Town. Yet the off-roaders seem allowed to do whatever they want.

What are we paying for? No one knows, or no one is able to tell us. Complaints seem to fall on deaf ears. The forces of the law seem crippled, unable to do a thing. How can we continue to allow this to happen? How long do we have to tolerate this?

Calling all residents to step up, attend Council meetings, get involved, and speak up. If you don't say anything, no one will know that it actually matters. Help make the difference.

- e. **Councillor Detorakis:** Thanks to Stan Jary for his letter to Council; it covers a lot of points. Regarding the decision to table the matter, she sees no reason to vote on the matter. Does not believe the Council lacks facts or information, but sees it as a refusal to act. It shows the Council is not prepared to take a stand in the Town it allegedly represents.

- f. **Deputy Mayor Rayner:** Thought the motion was a good way to come to some sort of amicable settlement.

Nancy did not thank herself for Family Fun Days. She deserves credit for all she did and it was a lot of stress on her.

- g. **Mayor Detorakis:** Expressed he is extremely proud of this community, for coming together when a threat was put to the livelihood and lifestyle of a neighbor. Many people said we stand up and will not accept it. He was there 40 years ago when this happened, and feels for those affected. He is very upset with what has happened to them and for them to live for another month with a cloud over their heads. Expects more from our leadership. We all need housing; there is no question about that. But we don't do progress by making harm.

Hopes we can learn something when this ends. It started in the wrong way. Normally you have consultations with people and then you proceed to make a proposal. One of the reasons for why we are where we are.

14) NEXT MEETING:

- a. Date of Next Regular Meeting: Monday, August 8, 2022, at 7:00 pm at Magaguadavic Place (or via Zoom Video Conference).

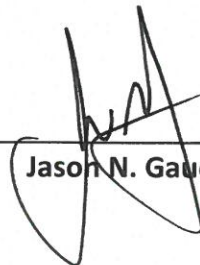
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15) ADJOURNMENT:

*Motion to adjourn by **Councillor Rubin**. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm*



John Detorakis, Mayor



Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO