



**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, November, 2022, at Magaguadavic Place, was called to order by Mayor Detorakis at 7:00 pm. Mayor Detorakis, Deputy Mayor Rayner, and Councillors Allison, Coulton, Detorakis, and Rubin in attendance; Councillor Armstrong absent. Staff attendance: Jason Gaudet CAO/Clerk, Chris MacKinnon (Administrative Assistant). Additional attendance: Vicki Hogarth, Florence Mitchell, Dale Wells (CHCO-TV); gallery of three (3) persons.

**2) OPENING PRAYER:**

The opening prayer was offered by Chris MacKinnon.

**3) AGENDA:**

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

**4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

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

**b. Special Meeting of Council – November 2, 2022**

*Moved by Councillor Detorakis to approve the Minutes of November 2, 2022, Special Meeting of Council, seconded by Deputy Mayor Rayner. **Motion carried.***

**5) CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS:**

- None

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**6) PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

- None

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

- The CAO presented the report for the month of October, 2022 (attached).

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

- The CAO presented the report for the month of October, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion resulted in the following additional information:
  - When residents go to vote they will be given the appropriate ballot for their ward based on their registered address.
  - The library will remain untouched by Town Hall renovations. There are two offices upstairs; one to be used for finance. Will be flipping the fire chief and foreman offices, bring back the mayor's office, and a new shared kitchen area.

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

- CAO read the report as written by Fire Chief Morton for the month of October, 2022 (attached).

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

- CAO read the report as written by Alex Henderson (Planning Director, SNBSC) for the month of October, 2022 (attached).

**e. Water & Sewerage:**

- CAO read the report as written by Ron Groom, Acting Public Works Foreman, for the month of October, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion resulted in the following additional information:
  - Water consumption is not unusual for this time of year.
  - Sewer line issues are typically reported once or twice a month. The recent issues have no common denominator and there does not appear to be any concerns at this time.

**f. Transportation:**

- CAO read the report as written by Ron Groom, Acting Public Works Foreman, for the month of October, 2022 (attached).
- Discussion resulted in the following additional information:
  - There is not a long-term contract with Mayfield's [for Main Street flowers]. It is year by year. Baskets need to be stored somewhere so they are taken there.

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**8) BILLS PAID AND PAYABLE:**

*Moved by **Councillor Allison** to approve in principle the bills paid and payable in principle to October 31, 2022, in the amount of **\$ 149,066.45**, seconded by **Councillor Rubin**.*

- Discussion regarding the cost of a movie license. The Town currently does not purchase an annual license for viewings, but a per-showing license for outdoor movies. Outdoor movies have different license requirements than indoor movies.
- **Motion carried.**

**9) NEW BUSINESS:****a. The new Zoning By-Law, By-Law 25-C**

- CAO advised the service commission recommended to proceed. PRAC is in agreement with the bylaw, and the Town also fulfilled the requirement of a public hearing and accepts the recommendations.

*Moved by **Councillor Allison** to accept the Second Reading of the Zoning By-Law, By-Law 25-C by title only, seconded by **Councillor Coulton**. **Motion Carried.***

*Moved by **Deputy Mayor Rayner** to accept the Third and Final Reading of the Zoning By-Law, By-Law 25-C, seconded by **Councillor Detorakis**. **Motion Carried.***

**10) OLD BUSINESS:****a. Donation from the Royal Canadian Legion**

- **Mayor Detorakis** advised the matter was tabled in the previous meeting, regarding a donation made in appreciation of the Town's efforts to post the veterans banners. **Councillor Detorakis** had moved to donate the funds to the food bank.
- **Councillor Detorakis** withdrew her motion.

*Moved by **Deputy Mayor Rayner** to utilize the \$2,000 donation to defray the Town's costs to put the banners up and down, seconded by **Councillor Coulton**. **Motion Carried.***

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**11) CORRESPONDENCE:****a. Eastern Charlotte Lions Club – donations for the annual telethon**

- CAO reviewed the details of the letter. The Town does not have any funds earmarked to the event, but other municipalities have made donations.
- Discussion regarding donations of previous years. The Town has donated in the past around \$1,000. Last donation was prior to COVID, probably 2018.

*Moved by **Councillor Allison** to donate \$1,000 to the Eastern Charlotte Lions Club "Santa Finds All the Children" telethon, seconded by **Councillor Detorakis**.  
**Motion Carried.***

- Councillor Coulton challenged other members of the Eastern Charlotte community (LSDs, the Village) to make donations to the telethon.

**b. RCMP – Thanks to the SGFD for assistance in high school evacuation drill**

- CAO reviewed the letter from Corporal Jayson Hansen, RCMP.
- The Town also thanks the St. George Fire Department for all the work they do. We don't think about them sometimes until we need them, but they are appreciated.

**c. Mr. & Mrs. Livingstone (32 Carleton St.) – re: signage on Carleton Street**

- CAO advised the Town has requested the lines to be done. Has been an issue of supply with road paint this year. The mobilization cost is the same as the cost of the painting, and is expensive for the Town to have them down again. Advised to wait until the lines are redrawn next year as the vendor could not return.
- Discussion regarding the placement of more signage or street lights in the area.
- CAO will respond to the letter.

**12) PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- a. None

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

- a. **Councillor Allison:** Thanks to all for coming. Reminder to residents there is an election on November 28 and hopes all get out and vote. It is for our area and we need all good people to run and be on Council. Good luck to all who are running.
- b. **Councillor Rubin:** An RFP did go out for flowers this year, and will probably continue to go out every year.

Less than a year ago the majority of MLAs voted for amalgamation. In doing so you are going to see some changes. Some are going to be good; some you're not going to like. Taxes will probably be one of them. The Councils had nothing to do with that.

November 28 an election is taking place and the Province has done a poor job advising

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the public there is an election. Many are confused about the ward systems and the election taking place. Please get out and vote; it's your right.

- c. **Councillor Coulton**: Come out and vote. December 3 will be a tree lighting ceremony, some hot chocolate, and maybe some Christmas carols. December 21 hope to have Santa and Mrs. Clause at the Center, with candy for all.

- d. **Deputy Mayor Rayner**: Get out and vote. There are quite a few people who are confused where they are and where they can vote.

Regarding traffic, there was an accident the other day near the Catholic Church. Would it make sense to have a 3-Way stop there or does it make it more confusing? CAO advised we have looked at traffic patterns there. Adding street signs on Main Street may cause more problems because more people are used to them not being there.

- e. **Councillor Detorakis**: To Councillor Armstrong and the Armstrong family, we offer our sincere condolences. We are thinking of you.

Election day is November 28, early days on November 19 and 21. There are a lot of people who do not know amalgamation is taking place or there is an election happening. That is concerning.

Government is not supposed to be a popularity contest. Hopes the new Council will have the decency to inform the public what is going on and how much it will cost to pay for things.



- f. **Mayor Detorakis**: (No statement)

#### 14) NEXT MEETING:

- a. Date of Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 12, 2022, at 7:00 pm at Magaguadavic Place.

#### 15) ADJOURNMENT:

*Motion to adjourn by **Councillor Rubin**. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.*

  
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John Detorakis, Mayor  
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Jason N. Gaudet, Clerk/CAO

