

MINUTES

Special Meeting of Council Thursday, July 19th, 2018 @ 11:30 a.m. Council Chambers

Present:	P. Farwell	Mayor
	T. Pollett	Deputy Mayor
	R. Anstey	Councillor
	G. Brown	Councillor
	B. Dove	Councillor
	O. Fudge	Councillor
	P. Woodford	Councillor
Advisory and Resource:	D. Chafe	CAO
	G. Brown	Town Clerk
	J. Blackwood	Director of Engineering
	K. White	Communications Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Council reviewed the agenda.

Motion #18-180

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Woodford and seconded by Deputy Mayor Pollett to approve the agenda as presented.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Design Build Contract

In 2009, the Town Council of the Town of Gander undertook an Integrated Communities Sustainability Plan. The number one Sustainability Initiative identified was sewage treatment, specifically the replacement of the two existing antiquated sewage treatment facilities. The town was and continues to experience strong growth in both the residential and commercial sectors and Council wanted to ensure the infrastructure was in place to support this continued growth.

During the same period it was speculated that Federal regulators were developing new and more stringent wastewater regulations that Gander's existing facilities would likely not meet. This prompted Council to immediately engage a consultant for recommendations on a plan to move forward. Council struck a steering committee consisting of Town official's, stakeholders and government regulators and tasked them to secure sources of funding, land suitable for a new facility, a design, and management and construction teams to bring this project to fruition.

Funding was secured through the Building Canada Fund under the Provincial - Territorial Infrastructure Component with a Federal contribution of \$11,686,331, a Provincial contribution of \$10,375,000 and the taxpayers of Gander contributing \$13,001,169.

Council has secured land to the south east of Whitman's Pond for the placement of the new facility and has ensured adequate room for future expansion of the facility as the Town continues to grow.

The first phase of this project which included linear infrastructure, associated pumping stations and chambers to transmit the sewage from the existing network to the newly proposed facility. It was awarded in the fall of 2017 to Springdale Forest Resources. This phase is expected to be completed within this construction season.

The Design Build delivery method was chosen for the new treatment facility in an attempt to encourage all available treatment technologies to be evaluated and to promote competitive bidding, ensuring the residents of Gander were getting the best possible technology at competitive pricing. A Request for Qualifications for a Design Build company to design and construct the newly proposed Sewage Treatment facility was issued. Numerous responses were received and four companies were prequalified to respond to a Request for Proposals. After the Request for Proposals were received the project team evaluated each proposal and selected a preferred bidder to proceed with.

The technology brought forward by the recommended vendor is an aerated lagoon. An aerated lagoon (or aerated pond) is a simple wastewater treatment system consisting of a manufactured water body with artificial aeration to promote the biological oxidation of wastewaters. This technology is best suited in areas where land is available and there are highly variable flows typical to that found in Gander. The technology is simple but effective and the evaluation team is confident that the proposed facility will exceed all federal effluent standards and serve the residents of Gander well into the future. The proponent has indicated an estimated 18 month construction period from the time of award.

Based on the thorough evaluations conducted by the Town of Gander in partnership with Municipal Affairs and Environment, the Owners Engineer – CBCL and the Owners Project Manager Colliers the preferred proponent was mutually agreed to be Pomerleau Inc.

Motion #18-181**Waste Water Treatment Plant Design Build Contract**

Moved by Councillor Dove and seconded by Councillor Anstey that the Gander Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Build Contract _CCDC 14 (2013) Design Build Stipulated Price Contract, Document No. 880123-0220 (2.0), be awarded to the preferred proponent, Pomerleau Inc. at a cost of \$21,560,775, HST inclusive. This contract value is within the forecasted and approved budget project for the project.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

Councillor Anstey thanked everyone involved in making this happen.

Motion #18-182**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Councillor Anstey and seconded by Councillor Brown that the meeting be adjourned.

In Favour: 7 Opposing: 0

Decision: Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 pm

P. Farwell, Mayor

G. Brown, Town Clerk