

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 30, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.**

An emergency Council meeting was held October 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Oliver, Curtis and Gillis present also Leonard O'Meara, Marvin Riley, Perry Morrell, Ray Millman and David MacDonald – Graphic.

Mayor Murphy said that the hospital closure is the main reason for this meeting. He said the Community of O'Leary was planning a public meeting for November 2nd at 7:00 p.m. and were looking for support. Mayor Murphy suggested that we ask the Province to do an impact study on how the loss of the hospital would impact the town. Mayor Murphy said that the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Prince County Hospital are having trouble retaining doctors and he wondered if the government thought it would be a good idea to close one of them and build one in Hunter River. He said it was very important for all the Councillors to show up for our public meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to rent the Centre for November 9th if available and put appropriate notices in the paper for keeping Western Hospital open.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to call on the Province to do an impact assessment on how the hospital closure will impact the town of Alberton and future development and how the Province intends to deal with the impact from taking these vital services out of the community.

The letter will be addressed to the Premier and copied to all the Ministers and the Leader of the Opposition.

The extension on Argyle Street was discussed. Delcom recommended that it be ditched on both sides but the land owners are not all willing to either deed over the land or to sign easements to provide the extra land needed for ditches. Mayor Murphy asked Leonard O'Meara, maintenance man for his opinion.

Leonard O'Meara said a solution would be to start at Terry Adam's on Argyle Street, go across Church Street and have one culvert run the whole thing. He said to put culverts and a lateral into every property owner. He said every 200 feet to put culverts on one side and you don't need ditches but wherever the road is if somebody builds to build it up. He said the water will boil down at the main road and you have to start there but if you put it in by Kelly's there will not be a water problem. Luc Van Hul was contacted and he said that there was not enough money to put the culverts in and that a good portion of the money would be used for the sewer and gravel road. Luc Van Hul said the water could be controlled with a storm system and have the road higher than everything else. He said you could run the storm system on the shoulder or edge of the road and leave stubs or T's out of people's properties. He said you would have to go down Argyle Street to get the grade and come uphill to get the depth. He said the problem with the upper end was building the road up. He said that the budget we have would not take us far with a storm system. He said you normally put curbs with a storm system to collect the water

on the road. He said you would put a 24-inch pipe underground and leave stubs if picking up a fair flow. He said it was the most expensive solution. He said the next question was the width of the road and wherever we start off the next stage of the road will be the same.

Leonard O'Meara said everyone thinks it is swamp but it is sand down underneath. He said we need to do the same by Pat Rochford's because the streets are narrow. He said his street was just a cow path when he moved in and he filled it in and now it is 16 feet wide. He said we would lose 20 feet just for the ditches and we do not need ditches. He said to let the man and his family move in. He said he did not know why we were dragging and to call Charlottetown and see if it can be done or call Donnie and tell him to take the trailer out. He said he could build the street and keep an eye on the culvert and that 200 feet will not cause much extra water. Mayor Murphy asked what would happen if we ditched only on one side and did not put in culverts now. Leonard O'Meara said he could use the backhoe to clean it out if it plugged up and if it rained he would keep an eye on it. He said it is the same every year. Councillor Gillis asked if that would get us through until next year. Leonard O'Meara said he would keep an eye on it because he has to go any time there is a snowstorm anyway. He said after a heavy rain he goes by Myles Getson's and the house on the corner of Main and Argyle and by going 200 feet you are not going to get any extra amount of water. He said 50 loads of fill would get the man in for now, the water will go into the swamp and the only water problem is from the water lying there. Mayor Murphy contacted Luc Van Hul and asked if he could draw up the plan with ditches on the north side and culverts across and he agreed to do that. Luc Van Hul said that would allow a 20-foot asphalt surface and three to four foot shoulders with minor scraping done on the other side.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to ask Luc at Delcom to draw it up with the ditch on the north side and a culvert under the street and across the road and whatever width he can made the road.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to approve the building permit application from the Town of Alberton for a gazebo 24 feet by 24 feet.

An application was received from the Town of Alberton for a 14' X 24' addition to the fire hall for storage. Leonard O'Meara said that John Ellsworth, Acting Fire Chief, had no problem with it.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to approve the building permit for a 14' X 24' addition to the maintenance building as long as it is at no cost to the town and with the agreement of the fire department.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to go to a committee of the whole.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to return from a committee of the whole.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to hire John Mitchell from Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver to adjourn the meeting.