

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD DECEMBER 11, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held December 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Curtis, Cahill and Gillis present also Paul Cotton, Perry Morrell, Raymond Bernard, Scott Wilson, Marvin Riley, John Smith, David MacDonald – Graphic and Eric McCarthy – Journal.

Mayor Murphy opened the meeting and welcomed the new council.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve the agenda.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve the minutes from the last regular council meeting held November 13<sup>th</sup> and special council meeting held November 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to run a Season’s Greeting ad in the Journal and Penny Saver.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to send Susan to an AMA workshop on December 15<sup>th</sup> in Charlottetown.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to support Sidewalk Grill to obtain a liquor license.**

Mayor Murphy said the Premier and Ministers have not responded to a letter he sent on November 2<sup>nd</sup> to request a study be done on the social and economic impact of losing Western Hospital. He asked the media to ask Premier Binns if there was not an economic issue here as well as the health care side.

**BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS**

A business license application was received from Lori Doucette for Final Touch Aesthetics to be located at Iron Haven Gym.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councilor Curtis and carried to approve a business license application for Final Touch Aesthetics.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Curtis reported for streets. Argyle Street is finished with a bit of work to be finished in the spring.

Councillor Gillis reported for environment.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to file an application for an EDA worker.**

Councillor Gillis reported that there is a problem with cars left in the town parking lot overnight and hindering snow removal. Councillor Curtis will discuss alternate parking options with the owner of the apartment building. Councillor Gillis requested that the kiosk that is being installed at the entrance to this property be put at the entrance to town because this area is becoming cluttered. Councillor Curtis said he represented council at the meeting when the location was decided but he will pass on the concerns to the Alberton Business Association. Mayor Murphy suggested that the new council meet with the committee to discuss it further.

Councillor Cahill reported for finance. The balances were as follows -

General Account	70,721.23
Sewer account	63,867.84
Sewer T-Bill	522.51
Sinking Fund T-Bill	42,807.96.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay the bills in the amount of \$108,850.01.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to borrow \$101,057.00 from Scotiabank to be added to the existing loan for sewer.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to give the full-time employees the same Christmas bonus as last year.**

Councillor Cahill congratulated the new and old council for the next three years.

Fire Chief, Paul Cotton gave the fire report in the absence of Councillor Adams. There were 12 calls including 4 medical and training for Jaws for Life.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to give Kevin Gillis the same as last year for keeping up the web site.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to apply to CIBC for a line of credit up to \$150,000.00.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried that Mayor Murphy and administrator, Susan Wallace-Flynn have signing**

**authority until December 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight and January 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:01 a.m. signing authority be given to the new Mayor, Perry Morrell and administrator, Susan Wallace-Flynn.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gilis and carried to buy flowers for Lori Ellsworth for \$30.00 for Jeff's reception.**

Mayor Murphy gave thanks to the council and staff for all their support. He also thanked Paul and the fire department, the City of Summerside, the Communities and O'Leary and Tignish. Mayor Murphy wished the new council the best of luck in the future and hoped they would keep the hospital issue alive and continue to pursue the equalization issue.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Ray Millman asked Councillor Curtis how he surveyed the outskirts of town.

Marvin Riley asked if council should have something to say about the location of the new sign.

Ray Millman said nothing is brought back to council to be debated and that they are sticking a lot in this small park.

Councillor Curtis said it was not safe to stop at the entrance to town.

Scott Wilson said he has seen a lot of war cenotaphs but none in the same park as a business directory and he felt there would be a lot of negative feedback from the veterans.

Perry Morrell said the business directory was first located at the entrance to Alberton and that a lot of tourists stopped at the Fox Monument.

Councillor Curtis said he walked past that area once or twice a day all summer and only saw one or two cars stopped there.

Perry Morrell said he did not agree with that.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to adjourn the meeting.**