

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

The regular Council meeting was held September 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Oliver, Curtis, Adams, Cahill and Gillis present also Marvin Riley, Florence Graham, Ray Millman, Paul Cotton, Eric McCarthy – Journal and David MacDonald – Graphic.

The motion was made by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for the approval of the agenda.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried for the approval of the minutes of the last regular council meeting held August 14, 2006.

CORRESPONDENCE

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Adams and carried to purchase an ad from the West Prince Graphic for a salute to volunteer fire fighters for \$42.00 plus GST.

A request was received from Alberton and Area Development Corporation for \$10,000.00 for the Streetscape project. The letter was tabled for more information and a written copy of the plans and project are available.

A letter was received from the president of the Elvis Presley Association of PEI and the possibility of hosting the 30th anniversary of his death in Alberton the first weekend of August 2007. Council suggested another weekend be considered because exhibition is that weekend.

Mayor Murphy read the following statement “The town has had a lawsuit filed against it by Kildare Fisheries. The claim alleges that the company lost money as a result of the overflow of the Town’s sewer lagoon. The nominal amount of the claim exceeds \$900,000. The town reported the claim to its insurer, and the insurer denied coverage under the pollution exclusion provision of the insurance policy. The company has retained the services of a law firm to defend the claim. The town’s lawyers filed a motion for a declaration that the insurer was legally obligated to provide the town with defense costs. In August, the court unfortunately ruled that under the policy, the insurer was under no obligation to defend the town on the claim. The town will continue to defend the claim.”

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Adams and carried to approve the survey plan showing the French Lane.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Oliver reported for recreation. The report was distributed. This weekend the Provincial Championships will be held in Alberton with two Alberton teams in it.

Mayor Murphy congratulated Jeff on being named to Team Canada and he suggested that the town in conjunction with the fire department host a reception for Jeff. He had already discussed it with the fire chief. The Premier and Leader of the Opposition will be invited. A lunch consisting of fruit and sandwich trays will be served. Mayor Murphy said that Jeff requested 200 town pins to take to Mexico.

The motion was made by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried that the town in conjunction with the fire department have an appreciation night for Jeff and give him whatever pins are left.

Councillor Curtis had nothing to report for streets.

Councillor Adams reported for fire and police. The fire department was busy with eighteen calls and training on September 6th. The calls included eleven medical calls. The RCMP responded to twenty-four complaints. The truck is paid for and it is in St. John to have the PTO driver for a generator put on. Fire Chief, Paul Cotton said they are trying to decide which body builder to send the truck to finish it off.

Councillor Gillis reported for environment. The sewer project is coming along despite a problem with caving in on a section of Dufferin Street. Councillor Gillis said that we would soon be sending out notices to 35 overdue sewer customers.

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

General Account	34,106.51
Sewer Account	9,119.85
Sewer T-Bill	518.49
Sinking Fund T-Bill	390.44

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$176,629.40.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to spend the gas tax dollars (Capital Investment Plan) on opening Argyle Street and putting in sewer and the street.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Adams and carried to give forty pins to the RV convention.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to appoint Erma Weeks as returning officer and Vicky Duggan as poll clerk for the election.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to increase the town's line of credit by \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to approve the Community Calendar ad for \$50.00.

PUBLIC INPUT

Florence Graham said that the following complaints were passed on to her. The washrooms are not working at the ball field. The weekend the MLA's were at Briarwood Inn and had breakfast in Alberton, Main Street was full of broken glass. She asked who looks after this on weekends? Florence Graham said the walkway between Bonnie's and the drug store also had broken glass. She suggested that someone should check when we have people around. She said the prior week people had children at the park at the school and could not use it because of broken glass. Marvin Riley asked if the recreation department should look after the ball field. Marvin Riley asked if it was public information how much the town owes. The sewer account owes \$420,948.00 and the General Account owes \$238,531.00 to December 31, 2005.

Ray Millman said Fenton Jeffery is in charge of murals and we should get someone on council that will come back and report to council. He asked if you have to be a taxpayer in order to file nomination papers for the election. It said that is a poor thing not to have to be a taxpayer. Ray said he agreed with Mrs. Graham that Lenny is not available on the weekends but he said he is doing a great job. He said when we have two or three fellows on we could give one Wednesday afternoon off and get them to pick up dead animals and glass on the weekends. Florence Graham said that Lenny is on the job early and works late. Marvin Riley said we would be spoiled if Lenny ever leaves. Ray Millman said we should use the gas tax money to put a road into the land the town bought and even start inside.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis seconded by Councillor Cahill to return from a committee of the whole.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to give Lenny an additional \$1.00 raise retroactive to August 14, 2006 since the job description and expectations of the maintenance position have changed since the position was filled.

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