

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD MARCH 13, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular and annual council meeting was held March 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Curtis, Adams, Cahill, Jeffery and Gillis present also Arlene and Barry Morrison, Paul Cotton, John Ellsworth, Ray Millman, Eric McCarthy – Journal and Matthew Somers and Jonathan Riley – Graphic.

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

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to adopt the General and Sewer financial statements for 2005.**

**YEARLY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Curtis reported for streets. There were two major paving jobs completed during 2005 including Elizabeth Drive and the south end of Lorne Street and a section of Prince William Street. The middle section of Lorne Street was widened and graded.

Councillor Adams reported for fire and police. Councillor Adams reported that the fire department came in under budget and had a successful year.

Councillor Jeffery reported for development. The development report was circulated. Councillor Jeffery made special mention to John Griffin who is retiring from this group.

Councillor Gillis reported for environment. The sewer revenue was \$80,800.00, with expenditures of \$101,643.00 and an over expenditure of \$20,843.00.

Mayor Murphy read the recreation report in the absence of Councillor Oliver. The report included a list of events that the recreation department either put on or assisted with during the year.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to approve the budget for 2006 with revenue and expenditures of \$484,775.00.**

Councillors Cahill, Gillis, Jeffery, and Curtis voted yes and Councillor Adams voted no.

Councillor Adams said he would like to see \$10,000.00 set aside for the fire department.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to give the recreation department a grant of \$13,500.00.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to give the museum a grant of \$2,000.00.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to give the library a grant of \$2,000.00.**

Councillors Adams, Cahill and Jeffery voted yes and Councillors Curtis and Gillis abstained.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to give the three employees a 3.2% increase.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Adams, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve the minutes of the last regular, three special and two public council meetings.**

Councillor Jeffery reported that the reason he voted no at the February 13, 2006 meeting regarding adopting the provincial regulations for wind energy was that he wanted more information.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Information was received on PEI Active Movement to encourage people to be active and to walk. They are looking for names of volunteers to organize a committee. Any suggestions for names should be given to Susan.

A letter was received from Peggy Riley to draw attention to the importance of Reid Street and to ask that it be restored to the original width and kept open during the winter months.

A letter was received from Minister Ballem regarding our request for follow up sampling to contamination of private wells by pesticides in 2002. He said the cost would be at the homemaker's expense. Council agreed to send a stronger letter to ask that the province do the testing since they issue the permits to authorize the use of the pesticides.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to send another letter to Minister Jamie Ballem and copy to Cletus Dunn regarding chemical testing.**

Mayor Murphy said he would be making a presentation at the Electoral Boundaries Commission meeting March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Murphy gave first reading to the 2006 Zoning and Subdivision Control Bylaw.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to accept first reading of the Town of Alberton Zoning and Subdivision Control Bylaw.**

Mayor Murphy gave first reading to rezone a portion of property tax number 30809-000 from public service and institutional to residential and also to amend the Official Plan map from PSI to R1.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to accept the first reading of the bylaw amendment to rezone a portion of property tax number 30809-000 from public service and institutional to residential and also to amend the Official Plan map from PSI to R1.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to allow a ten percent minor variance to part of property tax number 30809-000 from 100 feet to 90 feet frontage.**

### **BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS**

A property development application was received from Terry Adams for an extension for dwelling and fitness center.

**The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve the property development application from Terry Adams contingent on approval from the fire marshal.**

A request was received to build a house with access from the French Lane. Council agreed to check with our lawyer, Krista MacKay.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Curtis reported for streets. He had received a small complaint about timeliness of snow removal.

Councillor Adams reported for police. The report included 13 complaints. The fire report included 2 false alarms and a training session, a copy of the newspaper article "Going Beyond the Call of Duty" was also distributed.

Councillor Jeffery reported for development. He said AADC had their annual meeting and Ted Haslam has taken over as chairperson. Downtown Enhancement Phase 11 is being drafted.

Councillor Gillis reported for environment. Three tenders were submitted for wastewater treatment and collection operator.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to hire Ron's Plumbing and Heating Inc. for a 12-month period at a cost of \$35.00 per hour.**

Councillor Cahill reported for finance.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$68,851.36.**

The balances were as follows –

General Account	40,246.88
Sewer Account	18,969.59
Sewer T-Bill	509.65
Sinking Fund T-Bill	5,324.00.

Mayor Murphy reported for recreation in Councillor Oliver's absence.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay Jeff's mileage in the amount of \$700.64.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to give Councillor Gillis \$75.00 for attending a workshop on March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to get a line of credit or loan at the best rate until revenue comes in.**

The old council table will be for sale with a deadline of the next council meeting to submit a price.

Council decided to tender for a furnace with an ad in the Journal and Graphic with a deadline of the next meeting.

Mayor Murphy explained that Leo Gaudet did the electrical work at the station and had been hired by Perry's Construction and Coles Associates oversaw the project. Leo Gaudet faxed the price of \$10,800.00 and put the decimal in the wrong place. Councillor Oliver arrived at the meeting. Mayor Murphy said it was a compassionate move to compensate Leo Gaudet since we received the work.

**The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to pay Gaudet's Electrical the sum of \$5,000.00 to offset material used related to the tender error subject to the legal requirements of the lawyer around a waiver.**

Mayor Murphy suggested that an information pamphlet be prepared to mail to Alberton and area residents to emphasize the town's point of view on the hospital issue. Council also discussed the possibility of holding a public meeting.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Ray Millman asked what the final total was on the French Lane. Mayor Murphy said it was \$48,296.95.

Ray Millman asked what it could be used for, if it would ever be a two-lane road and if people with land there could get access to it.

Mayor Murphy read from the settlement that the town does not currently intend to use the lane as a public road for the purposes of motorized passage but rather intends to use it as a heritage trail.

Paul Cotton asked if last year to this year is the amount higher or lower and what can the fuel credit be used for. He also asked if any departments got an increase and if the town had a balanced budget last year. Paul Cotton said the fire department is looking for a fire truck this year at a cost of \$200,000.00. He said it is discouraging to not be backed right now. He said the members are working hard and covering half the cost of the truck.

John Ellsworth said it was great to hear that they will be backing them. He said in eight years they would be looking at a \$300,000.00 pumper.

Paul Cotton said that last year Hemphill were approached for a car and didn't respond.

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