

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MAY 8, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was held May 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and all Council present also Paul Cotton, Ray Millman, Marvin Riley, Peggy Riley, Verna Banks, Bev Rochford, Pat Healey, David MacDonald – Graphic and Eric McCarthy – Journal.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried for the approval of the minutes of the last regular Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Darlene Rhodenizer, Provincial Manager of Infrastructure, in response to our request to use New Deal Funds for a furnace and street work. A Capital Investment Plan will have to be submitted after the form has been developed.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to approve a subdivision plan for Lot 06-1 for Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of Alberton.

Deputy Mayor Cahill chaired the meeting for the next item, which was a request from the government for input on a drive through for Alberton Bakery. Council wanted them to check with environment to see if it met the requirements on how close it could be to the stream and if the Department had any concerns with going off the highway. Mayor Murphy abstained from the discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Oliver read the recreation report. The recreation department is organizing a Summer Youth Camp for ages 6 – 14.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried that the town supply the recreation department with \$2,272.00 for summer youth staff.

Councillor Curtis reported for streets. He is reviewing the street and sidewalk work.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to get bids on the job of installing a new sidewalk in front of the Business Centre.

Mayor Murphy asked that the RCMP have a member at our meetings.

Councillor Adams reported for fire and police. Fire calls included 5 medical, 1 MVA, 1 Mutual Aid and 1 training. Councillor Adams congratulated the fire department on another successful Which Price is Right Show. Paul Cotton explained that when EMS became effective the department was asked which level they wanted – 1. attend everything 2. attend if life threatening and 3. attend if the ambulance can't do everything. Alberton Fire Department decided to respond to Level 2 and purchased an automatic defibrillator to use with their medical kit.

Councillor Jeffery reported for development. He reported that Alberton and Area Development Corporation had a new board of directors consisting of Ted Haslam - Chairperson, Bill Smith - Vice Chair, Sharon Gallant - Secretary-Treasurer and other members - Krystyna Pottier, Pat Murphy, Fenton Jeffery, Rossetta Tremblay, John Griffin, Bill Glydon, David Lewis and Arlene Morrison. Councillor Jeffery reported that the research and market survey has been drafted and a presentation will be made to Council when it is completed. AADC thanked Kevin Gillis for putting their presence on the web site.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried that Mayor Murphy and Councillor Jeffery sit on the AADC committee.

Councillor Gillis reported for environment.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to review the tenders for sewer work and report back to Susan with their vote by Thursday.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried that if the tender we submitted is accepted that we purchase the 1999 ton truck from the Community of Tignish.

The sign on the town hall will be relocated to the signpost by the street.

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

General Account	22,454.41
Sewer account	4,588.56
Sewer T-Bill	511.95
Sinking Fund T-Bill	380.43.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$30,511.64.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried that we apply for infrastructure (MRIF) with 1st priority sewer and 2nd priority water.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Adams and carried that we hire W.C. Matthews to install a hot water furnace in the town hall as per the tender specifications.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried that we pay up to \$3,500.00 for one year for a house for a locum doctor or nurse as long as the hospital is in Alberton.

The Community of Tignish and Western Hospital Foundation have already agreed to match the amount.

PUBLIC INPUT

Peggy Riley said we have a problem with four wheelers and that the police need to deal with it. She said that we had a nice park and they are making a path through it and they gas up at all the gas stations. She asked why we can't do something about it and said we all know who they are. Peggy Riley asked if we could put a fence (not permanent) there to stop them. She said she did not want to be negative about the RCMP but they are driving along the road with them. She asked how much we pay for RCMP per year and stated that they are not doing their job.

Ray Millman said that they got a boost from the federal government and perhaps they should buy some four wheelers.

Peggy Riley said if we were lax about this it is not going to change. She said they gas up at all the service stations.

Marvin Riley said the gas stations don't want to turn away the business.

Peggy Riley said that if she went on a bike without a helmet she would get a ticket.

Ray Millman asked what streets are being paved and if there was anything on paper. He said it is a long while since Railway and Station Streets were paved. He said most other streets have two or three coats of pavement.

Bev Rochford said she understood from the article in the Graphic that the French Lane would be discussed. She asked what the long-range plans were for the French Lane. She asked if the whole lane would be graveled.

Verna Banks asked if there were any plans to apply for heritage status for the lane.

Ray Millman asked if we could do it with people that own land down there.

Bev Rochford said that Spruce Street is still there and it could be developed off that and the street is in the 1880 Meacham Atlas.

Ray Millman said that when they put the sign by the road to make sure the visibility is clear and to keep it high.

Peggy Riley said the condition of the bench outside annoys her because it is in worse shape than it was when she asked about it before. She asked what they were going to do with it and said that if they were going to junk it she wanted it. Council agreed to give Peggy Riley the bench.

Pat Healey thanked Council for approving the youth worker for recreation and said it would keep the youth off the streets.

Mayor Murphy suggested that we get prices from Wesley Arsenault and Eddie Doyle for fixing the stone chimney on the town hall.

The motion was made by Councillor Adams that the meeting be adjourned.