

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR
AND ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MARCH 12, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held March 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Morrell presiding and Councillors Oliver, Curtis, Wilson, Gillis and Smith present also Marvin Riley, Ray Millman, Jeff Ellsworth, Kelly Williams, Derek Williams, Raymond Bernard, Darcy Getson, Ritchie Profit, John MacLeod, Paul Cotton, Chris LeClair, John Ellsworth, Eric McCarthy – Journal and David MacDonald – Graphic.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of committee of the whole and EDA worker.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting held February 12, 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Doug Lyon with a request to pave Lorne Street.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to send a letter of support to the Minister and media to keep Western Hospital status quo.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to buy an ad from the Penny Saver for kid's winter carnival.
Councillors Wilson, Curtis and Smith voted yes and Councillors Oliver and Gillis voted no.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

A property owner asked to access his property to build a house off the French Lane.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried that the French Lane property was fought for heritage and due to costs associated with it no access will be granted at this time other than pedestrians.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to put eavestrough over the main door of this building as required.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to discuss easements for future sewer work.

If the next infrastructure project is completed easements from the town pond to the lagoon will be needed if the line is moved to a different location.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried that the loan for the fire rescue unit be referred to the finance committee and go with the best rate.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to approve for Susan to apply for EDA workers, Canada Summer Jobs and Jobs for Youth.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Morrell reported that he attended eight meetings and functions during the month.

Councillor Curtis reported for recreation.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to accept the recreation monthly report.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to pay the recreation bills in the amount of \$921.19.

Councillor Smith reported for fire.

The motion was made by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to accept the monthly fire report.

Councillor Gillis had nothing to report for environment.

Councillor Wilson had nothing to report for streets.

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

General Account	4,001.14
Sinking Fund T-Bill	652.82
Sewer Account	-14,205.70
Sewer T-Bill	522.51.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$44,184.11.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to table the monthly RCMP report.

Mayor Morrell recommended to Council that the RCMP contract be dropped for one year.

ANNUAL MEETING

Councillor Smith reported for fire.

The motion was made by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to table the 2006 yearly fire report.

Councillor Wilson reported for streets.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to table the 2006 street report.

Councillor Gillis reported for environment.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to accept the 2006 report for environment.

Councillor Curtis reported for recreation.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to move the adoption of the yearly recreation report.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver to table the annual RCMP report from April 1, 2005 until March 31, 2006.

The motion was not voted on.

The RCMP will be asked for 2006 statistics.

Councillor Oliver reported for finance. The general account for 2006 had revenue of \$554,163.00 and expenditures of \$646,169.00 with excess expenditures in the amount of \$92,006.00. The sewer account had revenue of \$81,204.00 and expenditures of \$111,971.00 with excess expenditures of \$30,767.00. The recreation association had revenue of \$76,415.00 and expenditures of \$80,138.00 offset with a surplus at the beginning of the year of \$4,617.00 and a prior period adjustment of \$1,771.00 that left a deficit of \$877.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to approve the general, sewer and recreation financial statements for 2006.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to set the tax rate for 2007 at .65 for non-commercial and \$1.00 for commercial.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to approve the budget for 2007 with revenue and expenditures of \$524,225.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to approve a grant to recreation in the amount of \$13,500.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to approve a cost of living increase of 2.2% for the three full-time employees.

Councillor Oliver reported that the motions for the other donations would be done when we receive funding later in the year.

Gerald O'Meara arrived at the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ray Millman said a loaf of bread went up over two cents. Ray Millman said the only place the French Lane was challenged was up at her place. He said the first 300 feet were not under dispute and we were losing a house in town. He asked if the committees got an increase and if the hospital was still ongoing. Ray Millman asked about the grant for the curling club. He asked if we were still setting aside money for the fire department for future fire fighting equipment.

Marvin Riley asked if we gave money for Save our Hospital committee.

John Ellsworth said police protection was \$93,725.00 and asked if we got a grant back.

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

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

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to sell the 1987 Chev one ton rescue van for \$4,500.00 to Griffin Farms as soon as the new unit is in service.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to remove Councillor Jeffery from the board of Alberton and Area Development Corporation at their request.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to adjourn the meeting.

