

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 10, 2007 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was held December 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Morrell presiding and Councillors Smith, Gillis, Oliver, Curtis and Wilson present also Cst. Moore, Paul Cotton, Jean Kenny- Graphic and Susan Wallace-Flynn.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The motion was made by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Gillis and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of committee of the whole.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to approve the minutes of the last regular council meeting held November 12, 2007 and special council meetings held November 19th, 26th and 27, 2007.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

In the November 26, 2007 minutes it should state Councillor Gillis instead of Morrell present.

Council selected the wording for the Christmas greeting ad they preferred from three samples from the Journal.

CORRESPONDENCE

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to advertise the size stated in the letter of request from the West Prince Graphic for \$44.10.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to approve a building permit application for an apartment building located on Poplar Street pending the signature of the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs on the zoning and subdivision control bylaw amendment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The motion was made by Councilor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to adopt the recreation report and pay the bills in the amount of \$2,334.06 pending approval by Mayor Morrell and Councillor Curtis, recreation chairperson.

It was noted that the balloon drop went over well but suggested that there should be a separate one for children next year.

Councillor Jeffery was absent due to sickness but the police report was circulated.

Councillor Smith reported for fire. The report was circulated. Fire Chief, Paul Cotton informed Council that the fire department purchased an air compressor that gives full capacity for the air system and it was a donation from the departments own fund raising. Mayor Morrell thanked Paul Cotton and the fire department for raising the funds to buy the breathing air compressor.

Councillor Gillis reported that everything was quiet for environment.

Councillor Wilson reported for streets. He had just received a request for a yield or caution sign at the intersection of Poplar and Main Streets and the Department of Transportation will be contacted.

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

General Account	238,506.88
Sewer Account	83,037.38
Sewer T-Bill	539.24
Sinking Fund T-Bill	21,889.59.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Gillis and carried to pay the bills in the amount of \$210,189.91.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit tenders were received from Arsenault & McSweeney and Grant Thornton.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councilor Curtis and carried that Councillor Oliver and Susan make the decision for auditor.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to give Kevin Gillis \$100.00 for Christmas for maintaining the website. Councillors Smith, Oliver, Curtis and Wilson voted yes and Councillor Gillis abstained because Kevin is his cousin.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to give the staff a Christmas bonus of \$250.00 and prorate the two maintenance workers according to time worked.

Council decided to serve cheese trays at the levee and to invite Pat Murphy MLA and Tignish and O'Leary councils.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jean Kenny asked what the youth center was about.

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

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