

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MAY 12, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held May 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Morrell presiding and Councillors Wilson, Curtis, Oliver, Smith and Jeffery present also Paul Cotton, Ray Millman, Cst. Kalkman, Jean Kenny – Graphic, Jennifer Kilfoil, Anthony Loring and Susan Wallace-Flynn.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of AADC letter.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried for the approval of the minutes of the public meeting held April 14, 2008, regular council meeting held April 14, 2008 and special council meetings held April 16, 2008 and April 28, 2008.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

CORRESPONDENCE

A response was received from Doug Currie, Minister of Health regarding the replacement of Maplewood Manor.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to send a letter referencing the section in his response letter “look forward to working with council” to the Minister of Health.

A request from the Alberton Historical Preservation Foundation Inc. for a small grant to assist with the Alberton Museum’s Heritage Centre, former Presbyterian Church, was put on hold until the budget is looked at. Councillor Curtis abstained from the discussion.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to file the correspondence.

BUILDING PERMITS AND/OR BUSINESS LICENSES

A building permit application was received to install a fourth ice surface at 526 Main Street. The applicant contacted the neighbour in the residential zone to see if she would be in support of a minor variance for the buffer to be less than fifteen feet between the residential and commercial zones.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to approve a building permit application with a minor variance for Western Community Curling Club.

Councillor Jeffery, Smith, Wilson and Oliver voted yes and Councillor Curtis voted no.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to approve the survey plan from lands of the trustees of Alberton and O’Leary Congregation of the Jehovah Witnesses.

Mayor Morrell said there had been a request for permission to develop a lot at the end of College Street but he was not sure if the couple was still interested or not because they had given a deadline of last Friday afternoon for approval or they were not interested. Mayor Morrell said he had talked to the land developer and asked him to sign into a subdivision agreement but nothing has been done yet. Mayor Morrell asked Paul Cotton if that section of College Street was wide enough for snow removal and Paul said it was too narrow to go any further than they do now. Councillor Curtis asked about the sewer system and it does not go that far on College Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Jeffery reported for police and the report was distributed. He reported that we had a meeting with Staff Sgt. Jay last month.

Councillor Smith reported for fire and the report was distributed.

Councillor Gillis is working and the environment report was not available.

Councillor Wilson reported for streets. He reported that the maintenance man would rent a roller and fix the potholes when the asphalt plant opens.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to tender for topcoat on O’Brien Drive from Floyd Handrahan’s corner to the corner by Robert Carruthers.

Councillor Wilson reported that he ordered six Children Present signs at \$55.00 each that were approved last year.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to approach the government to grade Lorne Street, gravel Argyle Street and repair the rink parking.

Councillor Curtis reported for recreation and the report was circulated. Councillor Curtis asked for council’s view on banning smoking from outdoor recreation facilities. Council agreed to have Frank Morrison make a presentation on the topic.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to move the adoption of the recreation report and payment of the recreation bills in the amount of \$1,894.64.

Councillor Oliver reported for finance. The balances were as follows –
General Account 37,322.47
Sewer Account 9,571.90
GIC 2,283.00
Sinking Fund T-Bill 16,529.12.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to approve bills in the amount of \$8,901.23.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to donate \$20.00 for the Lion's Club Cavalcade for Diabetes.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried for Mayor Morrell to receive the fourth quarter of his honorarium.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to accept the proposal from RBC Royal Bank as presented for a loan for the Town of Alberton Sewer Account up to \$200,000.00 and bridge financing of \$400,000.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to reduce the business license fee from \$10.00 to \$5.00 per year.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ray Millman asked who pays the business license fee. He asked if the library and museum paid. Ray Millman said that last year the town gave the businesses money for the balloon drop and that would have paid some of that. Mayor Morrell said that the library and museum did not pay a business license fee.

Anthony Loring from Halifax and Jillian Killfoil said they were with Katimavik and were thinking about bringing Katimavik to Alberton in September for nine months until the end of June. They explained they would rent a house and have eleven volunteers with a rotation every three months for a total of thirty-three participants. They said they would need the support of council to come into a community. Mayor Morrell said he was eager to see them come. Anthony Loring explained the volunteers will work thirty-five hours and do committee work at home. He explained that the volunteers cannot take work away from the local labour force and they are recruiting for participants 17-21 years of age.

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

Councillor Gillis arrived at the meeting at 9:20 p.m.
Councillor Oliver left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried that Mayor Morrell, Councillor Oliver and Susan consult CIBC for rates and compare the Credit Union and CIBC and go with the most cost effective way for the general and sewer accounts.

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to give AADC their grant as soon as possible.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.