

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD APRIL 14, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Morrell presiding and all Councillors present also Ray Millman, Paul Cotton, Doug Lyon, Cst. Stevenson, Eric McCarthy – Journal and Susan Wallace-Flynn.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2008 council meeting.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Gillis asked if Rails to Trails got back to us and there has not been a response to date.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to purchase a 3” X 3” ad from the Journal Pioneer for Volunteer Week.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to donate 100 town pins to the Canadian Council of the Blind.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to cover the mileage and registration for anyone to attend the annual Federation meeting on April 28, 2008 in Summerside.**

A letter was received from HMCS Charlottetown and it will be referred to the recreation department.

Jean Kenny arrived at the meeting. Council discussed purchasing a card corner sized ad in Island Living magazine but deferred it for now.

Mayor Morrell said there would be a public meeting with the RCMP on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He said the government is having a study done on duplication of services in the hospitals and he asked council if they would send a letter to the government stating that the town is tired of the hospital being up in the air and have been down this road three times and ask that it be left status quo. Council did not agree to send the letter.

**BUILDING PERMITS AND/OR BUSINESS LICENSES**

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to approve the easement over lands of Western Hospital Corporation.**

A building permit was received from Sidewalk Grill to make the store smaller and add space to the restaurant.

**The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to allow Sidewalk Grill to make their internal renovations.**

A request was received to extend Argyle Street and our engineer will be consulted.

Mayor Morrell gave first reading to the amendment of the subdivision and control bylaw to rezone Parcel 30916-000 from residential to general commercial and to amend the official zoning map.

**The resolution was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to accept the first reading of the zoning and subdivision bylaw amendment for property tax number 30916-000 from residential (R1) to general commercial (C1).**

Councillor Curtis expressed concern that the disruption would be for four months and not four weeks and he also said Mr. Jendrick's statement about parking was not correct. He said we have to take into the letters into consideration. Councillor Oliver said it would still be H & R Block after the change. Council decided these concerns could be addressed by putting conditions on the building permit.

**The resolution was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to accept the first reading of the amendment for property tax number 30916-000 from residential (R1) to general commercial (C1) on the Official Plan Map.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councillor Wilson reported for streets. He said following the spring break up we would look at repairs. He said there is an ongoing problem at the corner of Argyle and Albion Streets with cars going too fast.

**The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to make the corner of Argyle and Albion Streets a two way stop and possibly later look at widening it.**

Councillor Wilson excused himself from the meeting to go to work.

Councillor Jeffery reported for police. The report was circulated. Cst. Stevenson said there have been charges laid regarding thefts in the community. Someone that was stealing from vehicles was also charged. Councillor Jeffery also mentioned the public meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup> in response to concerns from the last council meeting.

Councillor Smith reported for fire. The report was circulated.

Councillor Gillis reported for environment.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to apply for funding for infrastructure for a loan up to \$200,000.00 with bridge financing up to \$400,000.00.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried that as soon as we secure funding we hire Delcom to engineer the 2007 sewer project.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to start the application for a sewer rate increase to IRAC and hire an accountant if needed.**

Councillor Curtis reported for recreation. The recreation report was circulated. Councillor Curtis reported that Alberton Days and Aquatic Days would be held on the same weekend to make one big festival.

**The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried for the adoption of the recreation report and to pay recreation bills in the amount of \$969.56.**

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

General Account	64,446.49
Sewer Account	6,461.72
GIC	2,283.00
Sinking Fund T-Bill	16,493.72

Financial statements were circulated for the general and sewer accounts.

**The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$109,091.80.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A request received from Transportation West to cost share the sign with Tignish and O'Leary was turned down and council will stay with the motion made at the last council meeting.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried that Mayor Morrell be paid his honorarium for the third quarter.**

A request was received from the fire department to ask the province to give interest free loans for mortgages and on major purchases.

**The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to send the proposal from the fire department to the Federation of PEI Municipalities so they can take action and lobby the government.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to send letters to Premier Ghiz, Carolyn Bertram, Wes Sheridan and Pat Murphy for support for the proposal from the fire department.**

Mayor Morrell suggested that the space between the curb and sidewalk or curb on Main Street and Church Street be tilled for any property owners interested in planting flowers. The property owner would purchase the flowers and look after the flowerbeds.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Doug Lyon said he was here to see how he could get Lorne Street moved up on the priority list for pavement or millings. He said he has to go 2 km an hour to get to his house but the bus does go down there. He said he was pleased to see there was a surplus last year and he said he does not know where he is on the priority list. Doug Lyon asked if a repair was more important than new paving.

Ray Millman said it was nice to see Fenton at the council meeting.

Paul Cotton said talking about Shane getting more sewer work he wouldn't blame Acadia but Delcom and if they are cutting down a road to put in sewer pipe the whole road should be paved. He said a lot of this is what you put in the contract.

Doug Lyon said that the policing report has 181 hours and he asked if it was patrol time. He asked if we ever get any indication how much is patrol time and how much is time spent in the office.

Paul Cotton said if they come out after midnight it is time and a half and they would get at least five hours.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.