

**APPROVED MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JUNE 9, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was held Monday, June 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Oliver presiding and Councillors Wilson, Curtis, Jeffery, Gillis, Smith present also Paul Cotton, Ray Millman, Doug Lyon, Cst. Moore, Cst. MacFarlane, Jean Kenny – Graphic and Susan Wallace-Flynn.

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried that the agenda be approved with the addition of part time administrative assistant and develop a personnel committee.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried for the approval of the minutes of the council meeting held May 12, 2008.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to approve the minutes from the special Council meeting held May 26, 2008 with the addition of the following statement from Councillor Wilson and instructed by council to be incorporated into the minutes

- 1. Mayor was questioned on showing increasing negativity to councillors, mayor denied this**
- 2. Mayor was asked why Roberts Rules of Order applied to us (council) but not him. Roberts Rules states the chair of a meeting is to be non-biased non-partial. Mayor stated he would continue to show his bias to try to get council to do what he wants.**
- 3. Council is no longer allowed to contact staff for any problems after hours.**

Councillors Wilson, Jeffery, Gillis and Smith voted yes and Councillor Curtis voted no.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from Katimavik to secure placements for volunteers in the town in September. Council agreed to apply for workers.

A letter was received from Community and Cultural Affairs stating that the property tax installments will be paid on a monthly basis.

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

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to grant a minor variance to allow a building permit from 6 units to 8 units for property tax number 19356.

Councillor Wilson suggested that we make a bylaw to put a levy or a fine because this is the second time a contractor has miscounted the number of units.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to allow an addition 30 feet X 14 feet to a mini home at property tax number 150065-000.

A building permit application to build a church at property tax number 438978-000 will require more information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Gillis reported for environment.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried that we continue the process with IRAC for the rate increase for sewer.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried that we put notice of the approximate sewer increase in with the July sewer bills.

The increase will take place in 2009 to approximately \$160.00 and to approximately \$190.00 in 2010 pending approval from IRAC.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried that we go with the contractor that Delcom recommends on the sewer infrastructure project.

Councillor Jeffery reported for police. The report was circulated. Cst. MacFarlane reported that he had participated the mock crash at Westisle along with the fire department and paramedics. He introduced himself and explained that Alberton is his first posting, he will be here for 3-5 years and has previously lived in Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Councillor Wilson reported for streets. Councillor Wilson reported that the maintenance man has done road maintenance down the French Lane. Councillor Wilson has requested that the government be contacted to grade Dufferin, Lorne, Argyle and Reid Streets. Councillor Wilson reported that the Children Drive Slow signs have arrived and that Acadia be contacted to repair the sidewalk by the pond.

Councillor Wilson opened for paving –

1. Preston Murphy Trucking - \$16,650.00 plus GST
2. Curran & Briggs - \$15,700.00 plus GST
3. HI Construction Ltd. - \$14,550.00 plus GST.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to award HI Construction Ltd. the tender to sweep, tack and pave 555 feet on O'Brien Drive.

Councillor Curtis reported for recreation. The report was circulated.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to adopt the recreation report and pay bills in the amount of \$1,129.74.

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

General Account 162,724.71

Sewer Account 5,546.62

GIC - 2,283.00

GIC - 16,561.39

Bank of Montreal Line of Credit - (202,000.00).

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$13,400.34.

NEW BUSINESS

Council decided a letter will be send to Premier Ghiz, Minister Currie, Minister MacKinley and Pat Murphy regarding Maplewood Manor. The letter will outline the benefits of building the new manor in town including close proximity to the services of the ambulance and fire department, sewer system and land available to build.

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to allow the Lions Club to operate tolls the later part of June or early July.

An ad will be run for the Myles Getson Memorial of the Year Volunteer with a deadline of the end of June.

Council discussed the possibility of consolidating several existing floating loans with several financial institutions into a loan for sewer and a loan for general with Royal Bank of Canada (RBC).

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried for the finance committee to do the most cost effective change to the existing loans and go with RBC.

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to allow a salary increase of 3% for the staff retroactive to the annual meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to increase the honorarium for Council and Mayor by 12½% as budgeted.

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Wilson to allow grants to the Curling Club for \$2,250.00 AADC for \$2,500.00 and the library and museum in the amount of \$2,250.00.

The motion was not voted on.

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to allow grants to the Curling Club as budgeted for \$2,250.00 and AADC for \$2,750.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to allow the grant to the library as budgeted for \$2,250.00.

Councillors Jeffery, Smith and Wilson voted yes and Councillors Curtis and Gillis abstained.

The motion was made by councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to allow the grant to Alberton Museum as budgeted for \$2,250.00.

Councillors Jeffery, Smith, Wilson and Gillis voted yes and Councillor Curtis abstained.

Deputy Mayor Oliver asked for volunteers to sit on a Personnel Committee. Councillors Wilson, Jeffery and Deputy Mayor Oliver volunteered and the Mayor sits on all committees.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to run an ad for administrative assistant with the personnel committee to look after the ad, screen candidates and do the hiring process.

PUBLIC INPUT

Doug Lyon asked if any thought was given on what will happen to his road. Councillor Wilson said he is not sure what will happen this year, as other streets need to be done.

Doug Lyon asked if they would consider paving half his street and asked if when his building permit was approved any consideration was given to paving the street.

Ray Millman asked if there was any money for sidewalks on Dufferin Street in front of George MacNeill's apartments. He asked if the roads they have recoated are really in that bad of shape and said the policy should be changed. Ray Millman said they have paved four or five times on Prince William Street and yet there are some dirt roads that people want to build on. Ray Millman said someone sitting on council has promised Doug pavement and he was guaranteed it would be paved. He said if Doug wants it paved he should sit on council.

Doug Lyon said there was a disagreement with words and Alan Curtis phrased it different than the way he took it. He said he must have misunderstood Alan Curtis's word that the

street would be upgraded one year and paved the next. Doug Lyon asked if he should keep sending letters or is he still in their thoughts.

Paul Cotton said they do not have to go with government specifications. Doug Lyon said someone at the end of Lorne Street got pavement and it couldn't be more than ten feet.

Jean Kenny asked what it would cost to pave. Councillor Curtis said possibly \$40,000.00. Councillor Wilson said it would cost \$40-50,000.00.

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