

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COULNCIL MEETING
FEB 10, 2009 7:PM**

The regular council meeting was held Feb 10, 2009 at 7:pm with Mayor Morrell presiding and Councilors Gillis, Smith, Wilson, Curtis and Oliver present. Also Paul Cotton, Marvin Riley, Jean Kenny (West Prince Graphic), Eric McCarthy (Journal Pioneer), and RCMP officers Scott Goss and Melanie Dufour

Mayor Morrell welcomed everyone and congratulated Paul Cotton on his son being chosen to be the Easter Seals Ambassador.

Councilor Gillis made motion to approve agenda, seconded by Councilor Smith, motion carried.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve minutes from Dec 8, 2008 – Dec 16, 2008 – Jan 12, 2009 and Special meeting Jan 26,2009. Seconded by Councilor Wilson, motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Fix typo in Dec 8, 2009 (Cummus Marine to Cummins Marine)

Move Public Input to the bottom of minutes.

Insert the word Generator in motion made by Councilor Oliver, seconded by Councilor Jeffery, motion carried (apply for grant for 50% (for generator) up to \$10,000

Councilor Curtis abstained from the motion to pay taxes for Heritage Church (Jan 26, 2009 meeting).

Councilor Oliver asked if we had gotten a second post office key, Susan said she would take care of this. Councilor Oliver also asked if Barb has signing authority at the banks yet. Mayor Morrell stated this has been taken care of.

CORRESPONDANCE

Councilor Curtis questioned the wording in the letter received from Community and Cultural Affairs (*the Dept. of Transportation and Public Works will be undertaking an assessment of the implications to the Province*). Councilor Curtis wondered why it was not worded undertaking an assessment of the implications to the Town instead of the Province. Mayor Morrell stated that would be the next step.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve an ad in the Journal Pioneer for Winter Carnival Cost \$45. + GST, seconded by Councilor Smith, motion carried.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve ads for the Winter Carnival in the West Prince Graphic \$35.00 and the Penny Saver \$ 45.00 , seconded by Councilor Wilson, motion carried.

Councilor Wilson made a motion to give a donation of \$200.00 and Town of Alberton pins to Mystic Moves Synchronized Skating Team to assist with their trip to the Nationals, seconded by Councilor Curtis, motion carried. Councilor Oliver abstained.

Councilor Wilson made a motion to donate \$200 to the Easter Seals Telethon, seconded by Councilor Oliver, motion carried.

Mayor Morrell asked in any of the Councilors would like to take his place on the board of Federation of PEI Municipalities. He will give Councilors a couple of days to think it over, if there are no takers Mayor Morrell will approach Kensington to see if they had someone in mind to take his place.

Canada Youth Day Award was discussed, Councilor Oliver said if she had the info. She may be able to nominate someone.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to file the correspondence, seconded by Councilor Wilson, motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS

Councilor Oliver made a motion to approve a building permit for property tax no. 31062 to build a pole type steel barn at 353 Church St. Seconded by Councilor Gillis, motion carried.

FIRE REPORT

Councilor Smith reported for fire. Report was circulated.

POLICE REPORT

Councilor Wilson reported for police. Report was circulated, Constables Scott Goss and Melanie Dufour were available to answer questions. Councilor Gillis asked if RCMP can issue tickets to un-authorized people parking in handicap zone. Constable Goss stated they could if parking areas have visible signage.

Susan Wallace Flynn and Barb Broome reported on information gathered regarding Insurance for the Fire Hall. Both Marsh Insurance and Frayser & Hoyt stated they felt the increase on the building to \$743,272.00 from \$430,351.00 was reasonable. Staff has been asked to check out other insurance companies.

STREETS & ENVIRONMENT No Reports, however Susan stated Sewer bills will be going out soon.

RECREATION

Councilor Oliver reported on recreation, a report from the Katamivic group planning the Winter Carnival was circulated. Everyone is very impressed with the work they have done.

FINANCE

Councilor Wilson reported on Finance.

General CIBC	92,466.00
Credit Union Shares	34,160.76
Credit Union General	172,663.28
Credit Union Sewer	108,400.93
Credit Union Deposit Receipt	2,310.41
RBC line of credit	325,136.19

Councilor Wilson made a motion to pay bills in the amount of \$113,863.26, seconded by Councilor Oliver, motion carried.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to support the wind mill project for J C Arena by guaranteeing a loan up \$70,000.00.

Staff were asked to inquire about cost of new sign (possibly “Town of Alberton + Logo”) at Curling Club.

Mayor Morrell asked if Council would support renting a van for Katamivic to take to Moncton for a couple of days since this group is giving up there scheduled trip to be here for Winter Carnival. Council indicated they needed more information on dates, liability insurance and rental rates. Information is to be available by Saturday Feb 14, 2009

A motion was made by Councilor Wilson to issue the first ¾ ‘s honorariums to Mayor Morrell, seconded by Councilor Smith, motion carried. Councilor Oliver voted no.

A motion was made by Councilor Wilson, seconded by Councilor Oliver, motion carried to pay mileage to Councilor Gillis to pick up Cory Janes at the Airport on Thursday Feb 12, 2009 and to return Cory to the Airport on Sunday Feb 15. Also to pay for a meal for Councilor Gillis and Cory Janes. Councilor Gillis abstained.

A motion was made by Councilor Oliver, Seconded by Councilor Curtis, motion carried to send a letter to province regarding funds to build a new Manor in Alberton.

Staff were asked to get quotes for someone to do Spring cleaning at the Town Hall.

Councilor Wilson made a motion to increase Adrian Arsenaults pay to \$13.00 per hr. and to keep him on as long as Maintenance Dept. needs him. Seconded by Councilor Curtis, motion carried.

Staff were asked to gather information on available apartments in the area for Cory Janes.

Councilor Gillis stated he received a Thank You card from the Heart and Stroke Foundation for attending a hockey game in Summerside.

PUBLIC INPUT

Marvin Riley questioned why \$2000 was being spent to bring someone in from NFLD for an interview, could no one suitable be found on PEI? Also why it took so long to advertise the Rec director position.

Councilor Oliver stated that Cory Janes is a good candidate and it was her committees mandate to find the best person for the job, they felt Mr. Janes qualifications warranted a personal meeting. Mayor Morrell stated that \$2000 was allotted to cover expenses and may not all be used, also the position was not advertised sooner as there was no official letter of resignation from Mr. Ellsworth.

Mr. Riley asked who put the max 2 hr. parking signs up on Main St. and inquired as to how this will be enforced.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to go to a Committee of the Whole, seconded by Councilor Gillis, motion carried.

Councilor Oliver made a motion to return from Committee of the Whole, seconded by Councilor Gillis, motion carried.

Councilor Oliver left the meeting.

Councilor Wilson made a motion to extend Adrian Arsenault for the period required while Maintenance man in indisposed, at a rate of \$13.00 per hr, seconded by Councilor Curtis, motion carried.

Councilor Wilson made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Councilor Smith, motion carried.