

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 14, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was held on December 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Gallant, Campbell, Cahill, Gillis, Curtis, and Pottier present also Ray Millman, Jean Kenny - West Prince Graphic, Eric McCarthy – Journal an RCMP member and Susan Wallace-Flynn - staff.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve the agenda.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve the minutes from the last regular council meeting held November 16, 2009.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Gillis asked if the ad was run yet for administrative assistant. Mayor Murphy said we have free help right now through Career Bridges and Community Access Program and would run the ad after the programs have ended.

Councillor Curtis asked if there was any progress on the light being put in the playground. Mayor Murphy stated that it will be installed in the near future.

CORRESPONDENCE

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to apply to the Labour Market Development for a 6 month post secondary graduate for a Community Internship Program.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to go after Holland College to have a new facility built in Alberton.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to support Transportation West Inc. with a donation in the sum of \$300.00 for signage.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to hire BFM Chartered Accountants for 2010 and 2011 as indicated in their letter.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to approve the purchase of a Christmas greeting ad from West Prince Graphic in the amount of \$45.00 plus GST.

A letter was received from the Alberton Baptist Church for a street light. The policy is 300 ft – 325 ft and the distance is 287 ft between the poles. The province will be contacted to request slow moving traffic signs to be installed from both directions.

A letter was received from Kevin Gillis to update Council on the town website that he maintains. A letter of thanks will be sent to Kevin Gillis for maintaining the website.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to give Kevin Gillis \$200.00 for maintaining the website.

Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Curtis, Gallant, and Campbell voted yes and Councillor Gillis abstained due to being related to Kevin Gillis.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to pay \$50.00 registration and mileage for anyone wanting to attend the semi-annual FPEIM meeting on January 9, 2010 in Summerside.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to approve a building permit for 2 Powers Lane for a storage building.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve a building permit for 142 Dufferin Street for a storage building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Cahill had nothing to report for streets except minor snowfall.

Councillor Cahill reported for finance and the balances were as follows:

Gas Tax	\$87,131.92
General	\$307,620.38
Sewer	\$12,548.67
Fire	\$2,342.61
Fire	\$5,263.35

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the payment of bills totaling \$33,545.58.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried that effective November 16, 2009 Mayor Micheal Murphy replaced Mayor Perry Morrell as Mayor of Alberton and Mayor Murphy and the administrator will be signing officers for the RBC accounts.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried that Perry Morrell and Jennifer Perry be removed as signing officers and

Mayor Micheal Murphy and administrator Susan Wallace-Flynn have signing authority for the Credit Union accounts.

Councillor Pottier reported that the tourism and property committee met on December 9th. At 7:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

The recent improvements to buildings on Main Street and how good the street looks.

Work done by volunteers on flowerbeds within the town, which contributes to the overall good appearance of the community.

Councillor Pottier said she plans to arrange a meeting with the local tourism associations and hopes to continue to meet with the committee on a monthly basis.

The police report was presented by Councillor Curtis. He then asked the RCMP Officer to report. Councillor Curtis moved the adoption of the police report.

Councillor Gillis reported for fire and the report was distributed. Councillor Gillis asked why the fire department pays for snow removal when the parking lots that are town and privately owned are paid for by the town.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to buy any new member of the fire department a dress shirt.

Councillors Gillis, Curtis, Pottier, and Gallant voted yes, Councillor Campbell voted no and Councillor Cahill abstained because he is a firemen.

The environment report was presented by Councillor Campbell. He stated that maintenance was done to a sewer line on Church Street and sewer lines on a section of Elder Street were cleaned. The sewer rates will increase from \$160.00 to \$190.00 per unit which was previously approved by IRAC. Letters were sent to 10 overdue sewer customers giving them 48 hours to pay their bills.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to accept the adoption of the environment report.

Councillor Gallant reported for recreation.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to pay the recreation bills in the amount totaling \$967.16.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve the recreation budget of \$700.00 for December/January for new program equipment.

Councillor Gallant met numerous times with the recreation director and a Children's Parade is planned for December 19th. Flyers were sent out in the mail and at the Elementary School. There is also going to be a house decorating contest held on December 23rd.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to have a New Year's Levee from 2-3 pm.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to approve a budget of \$200.00 for the New Year's levee from the recreation account.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to purchase an ad from the West Prince Graphic for the New Year's Levee in the amount of \$50.40 plus GST.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jean Kenny asked about the sewer rate increase.

Eric McCarthy asked if the sewer cut-off will be before Christmas.

Eric McCarthy also asked why the letter from Transportation West was dated June and why the delay in the response.

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

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

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