

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

The regular council meeting was held on September 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Morrell presiding and Councillors Curtis, Gillis, Wilson and Smith present. Also in attendance were Ray Millman, Jean Kenny (Graphic), Eric McCarthy (Journal Pioneer), Doug Lyons, Marvin Riley and staff member Jennifer Perry.

Mayor Perry Morrell spoke on behalf of Council, sending sympathies to Councillor Oliver and her family.

Changes in the agenda were as follows: Added was Honorariums as #9, making #10 Public Input.

The motion was made by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to approve the agenda.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to approve the minutes from August 10 Regular Council meeting and September 8 Special Council meeting.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to place a \$50 advertisement in the Community Calendar.

The motion was made by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to place advertisement in the Journal Pioneer for Volunteer Firefighters week at \$51 + GST.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to provide a letter of support to Transportation West Incorporated.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Smith to go with sponsorship advertisement in program of \$250 + GST to be 1 of 3 sponsors at Maritime Idol. Discussion; Councillor Curtis stated that it was not specific enough for what the money will be used for and wanted to know first. Vote was held as follows: Yes – Councillor Smith. No – Councillors Wilson, Gillis and Curtis. Motion was denied.

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

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to approve business license for French Café at 441 Church Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police report was given by Councillor Wilson and further detail regarding the calls for service was given by RCMP Officer Jeff MacFarlane.

Fire report was given by Councillor Smith.

The motion was made by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to have underground water tanks be filled in by Town maintenance.

Councillor Gillis was sure that a previous Council made a motion to fill in the ones that were most dangerous at the time.

The motion was made by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to increase the firemans Life and Disability Insurance from \$100,000 to \$200,000 at an additional cost of \$830/year. Wilson abstained due to conflict of interest.

The motion was made by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried that Kenny Ramsay will replace Paul Cotton as Fire Chief and interim Deputy Chief will be Wayne Shea.

Recreation report was given by Councillor Gillis on behalf of Councillor Oliver.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to send recreation director to 2009 RNB Fall Conference and pay mileage and registration fee.

Financial report was given by Councillor Wilson.

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| Gas Tax | \$86,497.26 |
| General Account | 291,783.90 |
| Sewer Account | 35,491.74 |
| Fire 00021 | 2,333.32 |
| Fire 00025 | 5,239.55 |

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to pay bills totaling \$140,468.33.

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to release the rest of the remaining budget for recreation department for the rest of the year so that programs can be run.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to rehire returning Officer Erma Weeks and Poll Clerk Vicky Duggan for election.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried for the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan to be accepted as the Towns long term Sustainability Plan.

Council was advised that the engineer recommended that Argyle remain as part of the tender as it will be getting paved under the Gas Tax Fund. Councillor Gillis recommended that it (storm sewer) go under the Gas Tax Fund as well.

Councillor Wilson asked how much of a deficit will be to come? Mayor Morrell said \$50,000.

The meeting was adjourned for a 5-minute break to think about the motion regarding choice of tender.

The meeting was called back to order.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to award contract to Acadia Construction with exclusion of Argyle Street.

Councillor Curtis asked how much is left from streets budget. Mayor Morrell advised the patching minus the budget and minus a bit for maintenance salary. Also that the budget is \$217,669.00. Councillor Curtis asked what we intended to reserve last year, can it be used to top it up (the budget). Mayor Morrell advised that Argyle will be done with the Gas Tax money.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to hire Delcom for Argyle Street project.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried to put out a tender for fire hall for a one year contract for snow removal.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to refer the 5 acres designation on to Phil Wood.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried for Council to award last section of honorarium to Mayor to November 15th.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried for Council to receive the full honorarium for the year of 2009.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ray Millman asked why we couldn't move the pole from his place back by the playground area? He was advised that Maritime Electric would not touch the pole, as it is privately owned. Council stated that they appreciated the offer by Mr. Millman.

Jean Kenny representing the West Prince Graphic asked for clarification on the Honorariums motion. Mayor Perry Morrell stated that the motion was for Council to be paid the full amount as the term ends prematurely this year on November 15 instead of December 31 as it had been in previous years. Eric McCarthy representing the Journal Pioneer asked about council that had not been there the full term. Mayor Morrell said that there is nothing stated.

The motion was made by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to go to committee of the whole.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to come out of the committee of the whole.

The motion was made by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried for Council to give each member of the Alberton Fire Department a special donation of \$100 as planned in the budget for 2009. Abstained – Councillor Wilson due to conflict of interest.

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