

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MARCH 9, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held March 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Morrell presiding and Councillors Wilson, Curtis, Oliver and Jeffery present also Ray Millman, Kenny Ramsay, Alex Ramsay, Jean Kenny – Graphic and Eric McCarthy – Journal and Susan Wallace-Flynn.

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to approve the agenda.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held February 10, 2009 and special council meeting held March 5, 2009.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The extra post office keys have been made.

CORRESPONDENCE

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried that we gather information on the C-10 colour copier from Konica Minolta with copies 1.92 cents per page and if there are no hidden costs we go with the unit.

PIB insurance will be contacted for a quote on the building and contents of the fire hall.

A letter was received from Suzanne Newman property agent with Transportation and Public Works regarding College Street, Alberton request from John A. McInnis to place shell fish gear in the Kildare River.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried that we do not have an objection to place oyster gear off the end of College Street.

The motion was made by Councillor Jeffery, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to file the correspondence.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to approve a business license for Gerald O’Meara to sell used furniture at the building on the corner of Church and Dufferin Streets.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to approve subdivision 19455, 19313, and 19323 to be consolidated to 1 lot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Wilson reported on behalf of the RCMP. The RCMP Report was distributed.

Fire Councillor Smith was absent. The fire report was circulated.

Councillor Jeffery had nothing to report for Environment.

Councillor Oliver reported for Recreation. The Katimavik had organized activities during March Break. Cory James, new recreation director will be here the first part of April.

APPROVAL OF 2008 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Wilson and carried to pay \$1,061.23 for Recreation bills.

CIBC General Account	46,322.36
Credit Union Shares	34,160.76
Credit Union General	213,572.60
Credit Union Sewer	83,726.13
Credit Union Deposit Receipt	2,310.41

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Oliver and carried to pay bills totaling \$25,084.40

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Oliver to open meetings with the Lords Prayer. Councillor Wilson – yes, Councillor Oliver – no, Councillor Jeffery – no, and Councillor Curtis – abstained. The motion was defeated.

Councillor Wilson stated that it was still done at Provincial level on PEI behind closed doors while New Brunswick does this openly. Since the Province refused the request for Hindu Prayer and recited 2 Christian prayers, Councillor Curtis asked which versions. Councillor Wilson had to leave the meeting to check on his children. The meeting was adjourned for a 10 minute recess.

YEARLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Jeffery gave report for Environment. He reported that there will be an increase in sewer rates and a continuation with the infrastructure process.

Acting Fire Chief, Kenny Ramsay gave the Fire report in the absence of Councillor Smith. The yearly report was circulated. The report showed we are down 40 calls from

last year. Council discussed looking to purchase the Jaws of Life. This will be a go if government funding is available.

The RCMP yearly report was not available.

The recreation report was given by Councillor Oliver. During 2008 Jeff Ellsworth gave his resignation. We will be looking for new activities with a new recreation director in 2009. Thanks was given to Jeff for all the years of service.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to supply pizza for the Katimavik Team for their last week here.

MOTIONS FOR 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to approve the audited financial statements for the general account with revenue \$610,867.00 and expenditures of \$539,087.00 with excess revenue of \$71,780.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery to approve the audited financial statements for the sewer account with revenue of \$82,434.00 and expenditures of \$131,120.00 with excess expenditures in the amount of \$48,686.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to approve the budget for 2009 with revenue and expenditures of \$694,414.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to set the tax rate for 2009 at \$0.66 for non-commercial and \$1.05 for commercial.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to advance to Alberton Recreation Association \$4,000.00 from the 2009 recreation grant.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ray Millman asked if at the next meeting the money will be distributed for the budget. He also requested that a street light be placed in the park near the stone station.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to return to the committee of the whole.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to forward a request to Phil Wood to consider options.

The motion was made by Councillor Oliver, seconded by Councillor Jeffery and carried to accept a letter of resignation from Barb Broome.

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