

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR AND ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MARCH 8, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular and annual Council meeting was held on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Gallant, Campbell, Cahill, Pottier, and Curtis present also Ray Millman, Jean Kenny, Graphic, Eric McCarthy, Journal Cst. Moore, and Susan Wallace-Flynn, staff.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for approval of the agenda.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried for the approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting held February 8, 2010 and special council meeting held March 2, 2010.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Campbell asked for an update regarding the longer arms on the street lights across from the Baptist Church.

CORRESPONDENCE

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis and seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to ear mark funds for a new subdivision.

This will be located on property tax number 30791 owned by the town.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried that Phil Wood complete the work started to submit a one year Capital Investment Plan.

The by-law for honorarium was discussed and will be brought back to council.

BUILDING PERMITS/BUSINESS LICENSES

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve a subdivision plan for lots 09-1 to 09-4 owned by Edward McAlduff.

SAFETY POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

The motion made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to accept the Safety, Policy and Procedure Manual to be enforced by staff.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to write a letter of support for the Canadian Mental Health Association for a new expansion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Gallant reported for recreation. Councillor Gallant said she worked hard on the organization of events for the five days of Alberton Snowflake Fun Days Winter Carnival. Councillor Gallant attended every event and there was poor attendance on the first day. The Firemen's competition was very well done. Saturday's event was awesome and very well attended. Councillor Gallant talked to area residents who felt hosting the event on a weekend would be sufficient. She thanked David Campbell, goal tender and for setting up. It was a busy week but disappointing and Councillor Gallant stated it is time for a change, which came across loud and clear. Councillor Gallant plans to set up M & M Lucky Hooves to go to the Seniors Complex after the papers are signed for liability.

Councillor Pottier commended Councillor Gallant for organizing the winter carnival. Councillor Campbell also congratulated Councillor Gallant for a job well done.

Councillor Campbell reported for environment. A sewer problem on Church Street has been looked after.

Councillor Gillis was absent and the fire report was not available.

Councillor Curtis reported for police. The report was distributed to Council.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for the adoption of the police report.

In response to a request for an update on the robbery at the Centre Cst. Moore stated that it was still under investigation and they were looking for active leads.

Councillor Pottier had nothing to report for tourism and property.

Councillor Cahill reported for finance.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$76,437.95.

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| Balances were as follows: | Gas Tax | \$139,468.42 |
| | General | \$355,350.88 |
| | Sewer | \$ 22,042.00 |
| | Fire | \$ 2,342.61 |
| | Fire | \$ 5,276.33 |

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to adopt the 2009 consolidated financial statements.

YEARLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Gallant reported for recreation. The highlight for recreation during 2009 was the major work done at the ball field in preparation for the PEI 2009 Canada Games. Councillor Gallant stated that we were very pleased to host softball at the newly updated Veteran's Memorial Park.

Councillor Campbell reported for environment. Councillor Campbell reported that the sewer lines were flushed on several streets for preventative maintenance. The sewer rate increased in 2009 to \$160.00 per unit per year.

Councillor Gillis was absent but the fire report was circulated.

Councillor Curtis reported for police. Councillor Curtis reported that the fee for the contract for the services of the RCMP for 2009 was \$102,275.00. Fines for 2009 amounted to \$13,781.50.

Councillor Cahill reported for streets. Councillor Cahill reported that council was very pleased to get approval for a Building Canada grant in 2009 for street work. Sections of Lorne Street, North Street, Carrol Street and Poplar Street were paved and culverts were installed on Argyle Street, Poplar Street and North Street.

APPROVAL OF 2010 BUDGET

The motion by Councillor Cahill seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the budget for 2010 with revenue and expenditures of \$825,558.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve the audited consolidated financial statements with revenue in the amount of \$954,412.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$921,194.00 with excess revenue in the amount of \$109,759.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to set the tax rate for 2010 at .56 for non-commercial and \$1.05 for commercial.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried that the surplus from 2009 be allocated for a future town hall or development of a new subdivision.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to give the library, museum and curling club each a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve the budget for the recreation department in the sum of \$20,000.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve a salary increase for the two-full time staff in the amount of 5%, retroactive to January 1, 2010.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to amend the honorarium bylaw to \$4,000.00 per year for Mayor and \$2,500.00 per year for councillor.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to add to the town pin policy that it be automatic 20 pins free and the rest at cost to also include that any request for a provincial or national event being hosted in Alberton that a maximum of 100 pins be donated and any more be available at cost.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ray Millman said the letter from Mental Health was asking for sidewalks. Ray Millman was wondering about a sidewalk, in front of George MacNeill's apartments on Dufferin Street. He said that George has put a lot of money into the town.

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

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Councillor Shane Gillis arrived at the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to hire Nazmi from Coles Associates.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to adjourn the meeting.