

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR AND ANNUAL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2011 AT 7:10 P.M.**

The regular and annual Council meeting was held Monday, March 14, 2011 at 7:10 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Pottier, Curtis, Gallant, Campbell, and Gillis present also Marvin Riley, Frances Ready, Ray Millman, Cst. Russell, Cindy Chant, West Prince Graphic, Eric McCarthy, Journal, and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

There was a presentation from the Heritage Cap program. Lyndsay Corrigan, coordinator, said they have about 3,000 photos from the museum and have digitized about 1,200 – 1,300 to date. They have also organized piles of negatives and CDs. Alan Clark said the most important part is interviewing the old folks in town; they have 30 names and only 4-5 done so far. Felicia Gallant said another important part of the project is documenting houses and there is no documentation after 1974. Lyndsay Corrigan said they are brainstorming for the anniversary of Alberton and ideas include a hockey puck supper and turning back time themed parade.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for the approval of the agenda with the addition of committee of the whole.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to approve the 2010 audited consolidated financial statements for the general and sewer accounts with revenue in the amount of \$880,337.00 and expenditures in the amount of \$696,599.00.

YEARLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Gallant reported for recreation. The highlights of 2010 included - January 1st Levee, MM Lucky Hooves at the seniors, Go PEI trail walks, summer soccer and ball programs, Terry fox run and Christmas decorating contest.

Councillor Gillis reported for fire. The fire department responded to 154 total calls for 2010 with 60 calls in town and 94 out of town.

Councillor Curtis reported for police. In 2010 the RCMP logged over 2000 hours and answered over 140 calls for service related to the town. Councillor Curtis reported the four-wheeler problem is still an on-going issue.

Councillor Pottier reported for tourism and property. Councillor Pottier reported that during 2010 the town became a member of the Western PEI Tourism Association. The town also placed an advertisement in the 2011 North Cape Coastal Drive Touring Guide.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the budget for 2011 with revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$999,477.00 for general account and revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$130,000.00 for the sewer account.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to set the tax rate for 2011 at .56 for non-commercial and \$1.05 for commercial.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried that the surplus be allocated for the purchase of the Leavitt land and a future community complex and maintenance building.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve a salary increase for the two fulltime staff in the amount of 3%.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to amend the honorarium bylaw to increase the honorarium to \$5,000.00 per year for the Mayor and \$3,5000.00 per year for councillor.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried for the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held February 14, 2011 and special council meetings held February 24, 2011 and March 7, 2011.

BUSINESS ARISING FOR THE MINUTES

NIL

CORRESPONDENCE

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to cover expenses for anybody wanting to attend the annual Federation meeting in Montague.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve a future discussion for a youth center in Alberton.

Councillor Pottier reported that La Petite France won an award called 2011 Tourism Services Business, from Acadia Entrepreneurs.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to send a letter to Hubert and Michelle and Lihrmann congratulating them on their award.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

NIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councillor Curtis reported for police. Mayor Murphy asked Constable Russell to read the police report.

Councillor Gillis reported that the fire report was not available.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$118,183.25.

Balances-

Gas Tax	\$115,754.84
General	\$258,415.48
Sewer	\$16,391.32
Fire	\$15,889.84
Fire	\$5,329.36

Councillor Pottier had nothing to report for tourism and property.

Councillor Gallant reported for recreation. Councillor Gallant said we are waiting for approval for an intern from Skills PEI.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to accept the 1st reading of the honorarium by-law to increase the honorarium to \$5,000.00 per year for Mayor and \$3,500.00 per year for Councillor.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ray Millman asked we if were going to drop the RCMP and hire our own police. He asked if government would still pay some of the cost.

John Ellsworth & Ritchie Profit arrived at the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Eric McCarthy asked if the R.C.M.P. cost was a concern. Mayor Murphy said the cost was a concern and we are the only municipality in West Prince to pay to have the streets cleaned and maintained.

Ray Millman said he could save the town money by stop paying for snow removal for the businesses.

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

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

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to buy a platinum sponsor for the Which Price is Right Show from Alberton Fire Department for \$1,200.00.

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