

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 12, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and all councillors present also Frances Ready, Scott Gamble and staff - Susan Wallace-Flynn.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried for the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held November 14, 2011 and special council meetings held November 25, 2011 and December 2, 2011.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to include Natasha O'Halloran and guest for the Christmas meal.

CORRESPONDENCE

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to purchase a Christmas greeting ad from the West Prince Graphic for \$56.70 plus GST.

Council requested that the ad be changed to have Merry Christmas in bigger letters and "the time to say thanks" removed from the ad.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to run a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year ad in the Journal for \$57.33 plus GST.

BUSINESS LICENSES & OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve a business license application for 152 Poplar Street for a Pharmacy.

An application was received from Prince County Exhibition to hook to the town sewer system for a washroom in the barn.

An RCMP Constable arrived at the meeting.

Scott Gamble said Leonard O'Meara would install the line for free and that Leonard has cleared it with O'Meara's Heavy Equipment Ltd. regarding his agreement.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried that Prince County exhibition hook to the town sewer, by the contractor of their choice and notify the town maintenance person and Councillor Campbell when it will be done so they can be there.

Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Curtis, Gallant and Gillis voted yes and Councillor Campbell voted no.

Council also requested a letter from Prince County Exhibition that they would not hook up the floor drains or the tank into the town sewer system.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to approve the subdivision plan for the Town of Alberton Lots 11-1, 11-2, 11-3, and 11-4.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVIRONMENT

Councillor Campbell reported that the sewer lines are all flushed, thanks to Kenny Ramsay and Korey Dunn. He said next year the lines would be flushed in the spring and fall.

FIRE

Councillor Gillis reported the fire department had 9 calls. He also reported that Kenny Ramsay has stepped down as fire chief and David Cahill is the acting chief.

RECREATION

Councillor Gallant reported that the after school program finished November 30th also that the Shopping festival weekend events went well. She reported that Sean had tried to organize a parade but was not successful and there were not enough registered to have a 4 X 4 hockey tournament. Sean is also working on a town brochure.

TOURISM & PROPERTY

Councillor Pottier reported that she is working with Sean on the brochure and the layout should be ready before Christmas.

FINANCE & STREETS

Councillor Cahill reported that the snow removal equipment is ready to go.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$246,389.17.

The balances were as follows-

Gas Tax - 9,662.55

General Account - 438,384.88

Sewer Account - 16,271.54

Fire Deposit - 16,049.13

Fire Deposit - 7,235.42

POLICE

The report was circulated. Council requested more clarification on the police report regarding the child pornography and the hours.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Gillis left the room due to a possible conflict of interest.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to send Kevin Gillis \$250.00 for a thank-you for maintaining our web site.

Councillors Gallant, Campbell, Cahill, Pottier and Curtis voted yes.

Mayor Murphy gave first reading to the bylaw to rezone property tax numbers 19414-000 and 19364-000 located at Church Street from Residential (R1) to Commercial (C1) and an amendment to the Official Plan map from residential to commercial.

The resolution was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to accept the first reading of the rezoning bylaw amendment and official plan map amendment.

The resolution was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to approve the rezoning bylaw and official plan map amendment.

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

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to give the administrator a \$300.00 Christmas bonus and the maintenance man \$100.00.

Mayor Murphy left the meeting and Deputy Mayor Gallant sat in the Mayor's chair.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to hire Century 21 to look after the real estate needs in the new subdivision.

Mayor Murphy returned to the meeting.

Councillor Cahill was asked to deal with the real estate company.

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