

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR AND ANNUAL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 12, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular and annual Council meeting was held Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Curtis, Campbell, and Gillis present also Frances Ready, Cindy Chant - West Prince Graphic, Eric McCarthy - Journal, and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for the addition of committee of the whole to the agenda.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried for the approval of the 2011 consolidated financial statements.

YEARLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Report

Councillor Gallant was absent and the recreation report was not available.

Fire Report

Councillor Gillis reported for fire. The fire department responded to 152 calls during 2011 with only one structure fire, an 8-foot X 10-foot barn.

Environment Report

Councillor Campbell reported for environment. Councillor Campbell reported a new sewer line was installed into the new subdivision. There were also new hook-ups into apartments, Holland College, the new manor and minor repairs and flushing to the sewer system.

Police Report

Councillor Curtis reported that the annual police report was not available.

Tourism and Property Report

Councillor Pottier reported for tourism and property. Councillor Pottier reported that the town is exploring options for the centennial of its incorporation in 2013, including a plan to design and adopt a town flag to be flown on New Year's Day 2013. A half page ad was placed in the 2012 North Cape Coastal Drive Touring Guide. Councillor Pottier also reported an eight page tourism brochure was designed and the rest of the brochures were redesigned to match. In 2011 three 10-foot trees were planted on Main Street.

Mayors Report

Mayor Murphy reported that during 2011 the town purchased the Leavitt Property at a tax sale. The new town hall and maintenance building were constructed by G.E. MacNeill Construction and this became a reality at an affordable cost due to a land swap. The Gas Tax fund was used to start the construction of the new sewer and street which is now Emma Drive and we have three lots for sale. Mayor Murphy said he was also pleased with the construction and completion of the new Holland College, Maplewood Manor, Home Hardware, The Medicine Shoppe and G.E. MacNeill Construction project. He said major renovations were also made and a new pub, the Albert & Crown Pub & Eatery was opened also Main Street Medical Centre walk in clinic is now open. He reported Prince County Exhibition constructed a new barn and added a museum to the dining hall. Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena saw the completion of a new windmill.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to approve the Alberton Sewage Collection and Treatment Corporation budget with revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$134,000.00 for 2012.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to approve the Town of Alberton Operations budget with revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$743,692.00 for 2012.

Councillor Cahill reported that the non-commercial and commercial tax rate will remain the same for 2012.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to set the tax rate for 2012 at .56 for non-commercial and \$1.05 for commercial.

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

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to give EDA and casual staff an increase to \$11.55 per hour plus vacation pay.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to give the library, museum and Curling Club a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 each.

Councillors Cahill, Pottier and Campbell voted yes and Councillors Gillis and Curtis abstained due to a conflict of interest.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Campbell and carried to exempt the municipal portion of the library taxes as long as they are a library.

Councillors Cahill, Pottier and Campbell voted yes and Councillors Gillis and Curtis abstained due to a conflict of interest.

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 13, 2012.

BUSINESS ARISING FOR THE MINUTES

Councillor Gillis asked if the ton truck sold and it has been sold.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter will be looked into further concerning the Gas Tax Community funding.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

A letter was received from Randy Jeffery PID number 920892-000 on Albion Street to request rezoning to R3 for apartments.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to start the rezoning process for PID number 920892-000 to Multiple Family Residential Zone (R3) for apartments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Report

Councillor Curtis reported that the police report was not available.

Tourism & Property Report

Councillor Pottier reported that the new North Cape Coastal Drive brochure has been printed.

Fire Report

Councillor Gillis reported for fire. There were 34 calls from January 1st until March 12th which included 2 structure fires, 3 motor vehicle collisions, 4 flue fires, 4 Mutual Aid, 2 fire alarms, 1 electrical pole fire, 1 stove top fire and 17 medical calls.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to accept Kenny Ramsay as Fire Chief and Tom Murphy as Deputy Chief.

Environment Report

Councillor Campbell reported that day-to-day maintenance is being done.

Finance & Streets Report

Councillor Cahill reported that we will look into getting cold patch for street patching.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$25,320.69.

The balances were as follows –

Gas Tax Account	\$24,986.68
General Account	\$379,130.29
Sewer Account	\$33,036.77
Fire Account	\$17,608.32

NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed the Town of Alberton Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw in light of the 5 year review required by the government and the fact that amendments have been dealt with as needed. At a Planning Board meeting held on February 13, 2012 a motion was made to recommend that council reconfirm the bylaws.

The resolution was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to reconfirm the Town of Alberton Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw as required in light of the five year review and that the amendments have been dealt with as needed.

Prices were obtained from Tignish Co-op Home Hardware and Town 'n Country Carpet One for blinds for the town hall.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to buy blinds from Tignish Co-op Home Hardware not including the inside windows.

PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

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

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to use the Gas tax for 2012 to extend Emma Drive sewer and street.

Council reviewed a draft copy of the tourism brochure.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to accept the final edition of the brochure, without any other changes. Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Curtis and Campbell voted yes and Councillor Gillis voted no.

Council discussed the 94 medical calls and 16 motor vehicle collisions reported in the 2011 fire report.

Council discussed Heidi Mallett and her accomplishments at the Special Olympics and decided to present her with a plaque, date to be determined when the plaque is ready.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to hire MRSB to update the Simply Accounting software.

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