

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD DECEMBER 10, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was held Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Gallant, Campbell, Dunn, Pottier, and Duggan present also Kenny Ramsay, Tom Murphy, Leonard O'Meara, Cst. Michels, Eric McCarthy – Journal Pioneer, Cindy Chant – West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held November 19, 2012.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Duggan asked if the street light in front of the Medicine Shoppe met the criteria to be installed. It did not meet the requirements in the policy. Councillor Cahill arrived at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the West Prince Graphic to purchase a Christmas greeting ad at a cost of \$63.00 plus GST.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to purchase a Christmas greeting ad from the West Prince Graphic for \$63.00 plus GST. Councillors Pottier, Duggan, Gallant, Campbell and Dunn voted yes and Councillor Cahill voted no.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn to buy a Christmas Greeting ad from the Penny Saver for \$75.00.

The motion was not seconded.

A letter was received regarding registration for the FPEIM semi-annual meeting in North Rustico on January 12, 2013. Anyone interested in attending should let Susan know.

A letter was received from the Alberton Rural Fire District committee to request to meet with all partners regarding the Alberton Fire Department and their budget.

Councillor Pottier left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

A letter was received from ERC Concepts with a request to waive the municipal portion of their property taxes. It will be considered at budget time.

Councillor Pottier returned to the meeting.

A letter was also received from Western Community Curling Club with a request for a donation and this will also be considered at budget time.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

Nil

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$493,603.64.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Murphy gave second reading to the rezoning application to rezone PID # 31203-000 located on Church Street from the current rezoning of Residential (R1) to Multiple Family Residential (R3).

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to accept the second reading of the rezoning bylaw text amendment #6-2012 and Official Plan and map amendment for PID # 31203-000 located on Church Street from Residential (R1) to Multiple Family Residential (R3).

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve the second reading of the rezoning bylaw text amendment #6-2012 and Official Plan and map amendment for PID # 31203-000 located on Church Street from Residential (R1) to Multiple Family Residential (R3).

The resolution was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to formally adopt the rezoning bylaw text amendment #6-2012 and Official Plan and map amendment for PID # 31203-000 located on Church Street from Residential (R1) to Multiple Family Residential (R3).

Councillor Cahill left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Mayor Murphy stated that the limit for the fire department expenditures will be looked at in more detail at the budget meeting. Kenny Ramsay, fire chief said the limit is now \$5,000.00 before council approval is needed. Councillor Dunn asked the fire chief if there was a budget for meal allowances and hotels. Kenny Ramsay said the cost for meal allowances and hotels is paid through the Alberton Firefighters Club account.

Councillor Cahill returned to the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to give Kevin Gillis \$350.00 for a Christmas gift for maintaining the website.

Susan Wallace-Flynn left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve staff Christmas bonuses in the amount of \$250.00 for Korey Dunn and \$350.00 for Susan Wallace-Flynn.

Susan Wallace-Flynn returned to the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to host a New Year's Levee this year.

Councillor Campbell left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Mayor Murphy said that prices were obtained by the maintenance man for an air compressor including Home Hardware 6.5 HP - \$749.00, Select Auto 5 HP - \$1,599.00 and 3 HP \$899.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to purchase an air compressor from Home Hardware for \$749.00.

Councillor Campbell returned to the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to earn mark money not spent from the 2012 street budget for the purchase of a tractor.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to tender for a tractor.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to tender for an engineer for Dufferin Street sidewalk installation.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to earmark \$35,242.00 from the 2012 street budget for the town share of the Dufferin Street sidewalk installation.

The resolution was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to get Genivar to complete the drawing and application to replace a section of sewer line on Main Street and to apply for the Communities Component Building Canada Fund and to borrow the money to pay one third of the cost of the work if the project is approved.

The RCMP Report was read by Cst. Michels. The RCMP responded to 14 calls and spent 183 hours policing the town. Councillor Pottier noted that hours in September were 207, 173 in October and 183 in November and asked if there was a reason for the decrease in hours. Cst. Michels noted there have been staff illnesses and a shortage of manpower. Councillor Pottier stated that vehicles are still travelling quickly to and from Kildare.

Cst. Michels left the meeting.

Fire Chief, Kenny Ramsay gave the fire report with a total of 36 calls.

Leonard O'Meara said he is trying to get into his property and has been paying the taxes and trying to get into it. He said he called Charlottetown and was told he has to have a letter from the town before he spends \$6000.00-7000.00. He said he has done 40-45 subdivisions.

Mayor Murphy read a section of an email from a Property Agent, Properties Section Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal that stated that if the town or Mr. O'Meara wants to determine the status of Pope Street a formal request should be submitted to their department and the time frame for receiving a determination on a road status can take months. The email also said that Mr. O'Meara could hire a legal firm to do the required research on the section of Pope Street adjacent to the trail, to see if it was reserved for street extension or if it had been conveyed back to adjacent owners.

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