

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

The regular council meeting was held September 10, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Murphy presiding and all Councillors present also Frances Ready, Cindy Chant, West Prince Graphic, Chris Millman, CAP Intern, and Susan Wallace-Flynn, staff.

Paulette Solomon, Chief Executive Officer, and also Sue Urquhart introduced the 2014 Celebration of PEI & National Importance through a presentation to Council. The program will provide funding to interested towns who wish to commemorate in some way the sesquicentennial of the 1864 Charlottetown Conference. Ms. Solomon emphasized the importance of inclusion across the province and made note that two Prince County individuals, Cletus Dunn and Nancy Wallace, are on committees helping to realize the goals of the group. There was also mention that a youth from each of the three counties would be chosen to sit on an advisory committee as well.

Following their presentation Ms. Solomon and Ms. Urquhart left the meeting.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held August 13, 2012 and special council meeting held August 14, 2012.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Campbell asked if any information had been received from RBC regarding the recommended length of the sewer loan. The recommendation given was a 20 year loan.

CORRESPONDENCE

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to make a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to the West Prince Storm under 14 Girls Premier Soccer Team.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to purchase an ad from the Journal Pioneer for a Salute to Volunteer Firefighters.

The cost of the ad is \$56.00 plus GST.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve a building permit application for PID number 844290-000 for the installation of a swimming pool with a 6 foot fence around its perimeter.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the building permit application from the Canadian Mental Health Association/PEI Division for an addition to the building consisting of 6 – 1 bedroom apartments, 2 offices and a board room.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried for the approval of the building permit application from G. E. MacNeill Construction for an 8 unit apartment, pending government approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Report

Councillor Gillis distributed the fire report. It is as follows:

1 – Electrical pole fire

1 – Tree blocking roadway

1 – False alarm

1 – Grass fire

1 – Field fire

11 – Medical calls

3 – Structure fires

2 – Flare ups

7 – Motor vehicle collisions

Total calls: 28

Environment Report

Councillor Campbell's report consisted of everyday maintenance and minor repairs.

Recreation Report

Councillor Gallant reported that the Active Start program had concluded on August 14th and was successful with an average of 30 kids, out of 50 registered, attending per night.

Councillor Gallant further reported that the Children's Backyard Program had also concluded and was also successful with all registered children attending weekly.

Squirts (under 12) and Pee Wee (under 14) girls' softball season ended the first week of September.

Soccer season has also ended. The under 8 and under 10 teams had problems regarding player attendance with only the minimum number of players attending games.

On August 18th a town trail run was held. The kid's run had no participants while the 5km run had 6 runners and the 10km had 5 runners.

The Terry Fox fun will be held September 16, 2012 at 2 p.m. at the Stone Station.

Police Report

Councillor Curtis circulated his report. He reported that RCMP visibility within the town has improved recently.

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

Councillor Campbell requested that Susan contact the RCMP in regards to a possible curfew being imposed on youth within the town.

Tourism & Property Report

Councillor Pottier reported that the Centennial Committee has met on 5 occasions to prepare for next year's Centennial Celebrations.

Finance & Streets Report

Councillor Cahill reported that he needs to speak with Korey regarding sidewalk installation on Dufferin Street.

There was further discussion on a sidewalk machine.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$14,082.09.

The account balances are as follows:

Gas tax - \$29,249.74

General - \$491,182.43

Sewer - \$32,307.04

Fire - \$17,690.62

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to get financing from RBC for the sewer line replacement project under the Gas Tax Community Fund Gas Sewer project in the amount of \$93,288.00 for 20 years and bridge financing if necessary until the government funds are received in the amount of \$279,305.00.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to purchase a new blower for the sidewalk machine.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to allow Councillor Gillis to speak with William Warren and the PEI Bait Fishers Group regarding the rules for fishing in the Town Pond.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried that Susan find a returning officer for the November 5th municipal election from a provided list of names.

Council requested that Susan try to find more information regarding getting the lift station generator ready (3 phase) and it will be put on hold.

It was also requested that Susan speak with Bernie from RBC to check on the different loan payment options for the fire truck using a 10 year, 15 year or 20 year repayment plan.

PUBLIC INPUT

NIL

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

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The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to support the Alberton Community Development Corporation in the amount of \$1,500.00 for operating expenses.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to write a letter to the Provincial Government supporting the PEI Medical Society which calls for provincial legislation concerning swimming pools and the requirement for fencing.

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