

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MAY 14, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Curtis, Gallant, and Gillis present also an RCMP Constable, Frances Ready, Tom Murphy, Kenny Ramsay, Eric McCarthy - Journal, and Jim Brown - Graphic.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held April 10, 2012 and special council meeting held April 27, 2012.

BUSINESS ARISING FOR THE MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Gallant left the meeting due to a conflict of interest regarding the next item.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to donate \$500.00 to the Miss Alberton Pageant.

Councillor Gallant returned to the meeting.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve the plan showing Lot 8 property of Corey Gaudet and Michelle Gaudet and Parcel "A" property of Stewart Farms Ltd. To be appended to PID number 447441.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fire Report

Councillor Gillis reported that the department responded to 11 calls including 1 structure fire, 2 grass fires, 3 Mutual Aid and 5 medical assistance.

The fire department also reported that they are in the final stages of design and pricing for a new pumper truck and two members of the department will be flying to South Dakota on May 16th to tour the Spartan fire truck manufacturing plant. The department is also in the process of getting

quotes from two other fire truck manufacturing companies.

Police Report

Councillor Curtis reported that the policing hours were higher this month.

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

Councillor Pottier said that a lot of fishing trucks are driving fast through town and asked for extra patrols.

Recreation Report

Councillor Gallant reported that she attended a meeting on April 25th at Holland College spear headed by Jeff Ellsworth to form a new Western Eagles Ball Club. Councillor Gallant also reported that she attended a meeting of April 26th at the Rodd Mill River Resort to discuss the idea of a West Prince Festival with a few events held in each community and a big festival at the Rodd. Councillor Gallant reported that the soccer and ball registration meeting was held on May 1st, but we are offering soccer only, since after that the Western Eagles Ball Club was formed. The "Under 6" age group has upwards to 20 kids and GO PEI is working with us and Jason Milligan is coaching. Councillor Gallant said last year we applied for a grant for Her Majesty's 60th reign as Queen. There will be a Garden Party on May 21st from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. with refreshments and entertainment.

Tourism and Property Report

Councillor Pottier reported that the flag contest ad was advertised in the Journal on April 14th and in the Graphic on April 18th and an email was sent to all schools in the area. Councillor Pottier said that she contacted the Department of Heritage regarding anniversary funding and the town can apply before the September 30th deadline. Councillor Pottier reported that this is an opportunity for the flag to be flown on the May 6, 2013 anniversary.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to explore with local community groups what can be arranged for the 100th anniversary and to apply for funding with Canadian Heritage.

Finance and Streets Report

Councillor Cahill reported that the tender closing for the subdivision extension will be May 18th.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$69,772.55.

The balances were as follows –

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| Gas Tax Account | \$23,369.71 |
| General Account | \$437,459.13 |
| Sewer Account | \$15,867.41 |
| Fire Account | \$17,690.62 |

New Business

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to apply for the Community Fund Gas Tax program for sidewalks and the town portion of funding will come from the street budget.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to hire Genivar for the Community Fund Gas Tax project for sewer that was just approved.

Council decided to put applying for any additional funding for sewer from Gas Tax Community Fund on hold due to just getting approved for the sewer project applied for last year.

Council agreed to ask the maintenance man to clean up the skateboard park and to make arrangements to sell the pipe and materials. The maintenance man will also be asked to fix the fence around the ball field.

PUBLIC INPUT

Sharon Gallant, Chair of Alberton Community Development Corporation Ltd. arrived at the meeting and said she had submitted a letter asking for \$2,500.00 for operating expenses. She reported that the board is in the process of acquiring Camp Kildare from the provincial government and has plans to tear it down and to build a new building.

Councillor Pottier said she had a resident ask if it was necessary to keep the lights surrounding the town hall on all night or if motion activated lights would work.

Councillor Pottier was also asked if there was money for beautification of the town and for hanging baskets.

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 Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to return from a committee of the whole.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to offer Korey Dunn full-time employment, \$1.00 per hour raise, Medavie Blue Cross cost shared 50-50 and an RRSP cost shared 5% each.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to rescind the motion made at the meeting held March 12, 2012 to hire MRSP to update the Simply Accounting software.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to apply to Agrispirit for \$25,000.00 for playground equipment and for the town to contribute 10%.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried to proceed with the recommendation from Genivar for the contractor for the gas tax subdivision project.

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