

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was held November 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Duggan, Pottier, Cahill, Gallant, Campbell and Dunn present also Frances Ready, Tom Murphy, Steve Dupuis, Cindy Chant – Graphic, and Susan Wallace-Flynn, staff. Mayor Murphy welcomed new Council members Blair Duggan and Natasha Dunn.

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

**The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held October 9, 2012.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Transportation West Inc. to request a resolution from the town to support their application for funding.

**The resolution was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to support the request from Transportation West, the local provider of public transportation in Western Prince Edward Island and the present ridership of the busses owned and operated by Transportation West Inc. is impacted by breakdowns and increased usage, that The Town of Alberton supports the efforts of Transportation West Inc. to secure services provided to the citizens of Western Prince Edward Island with the purchase of additional vehicle(s) with funding from the Canada – Prince Edward Island Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Revenues.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to apply for money for sewer replacement under the Communities Component Building Canada Fund.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to run an ad in the Journal Pioneer for a Christmas Greeting for \$46.20 plus GST.**

A letter of request was received from the Island Bandits fast pitch team for a donation for August 12-18, 2013. Council decided to put the request over until budget time.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to apply for a physical activity project support grant for equipment for the playground.**

**BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS**

A business license application was received from Katherine Curtis to open Alberton Florist located at 456 Main Street.

**The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried for the approval of a business license application for Alberton Florist at 456 Main Street.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve a survey plan showing Lot 12-1 being a consolidation of lands of G. E. MacNeill Contracting Ltd.**

Mayor Murphy updated council on a request that was received from Leonard O'Meara on July 7, 2012 for a subdivision application for PID # 31138 for 6-7 acres. His application stated that he would not know if it would be 4 or 5 lots until the land was cleared. The land is in the Y surrounded by the Rails to Trails.

Under Section 17 of our town bylaws under General Provisions for Subdividing Land, it outlines the steps for subdivision approval.

Mayor Murphy stated that before the town approves a subdivision, the plans are sent to the government. As parts of this process, copies of this application were sent to the Department of Environment, Properties Section, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Rails to Trails and Department of Environment for their comments and advice.

The email back from Sean Ledgerwood, Department of Environment, stated that he was having trouble figuring out where the actual subdivision of land is occurring. He asked if we had a site plan that shows this. He also asked how far the proposed road extension extends and does it cross the Rails to Trails and/or the stream on the site?

Mayor Murphy said that the email back from Sheila Cannon, Property Agent, Properties Section, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, stated that on June 20<sup>th</sup> of this year, at that time Mr. O'Meara stated that he was looking at doing one, maybe two lots on the portion of PID 31138 located inside the Y of the rail land. She said that she advised him that in order to proceed to seek any approval for access over the trail, they would require him to submit a preliminary survey plan or at the least a very detailed sketch on a map showing the proposed lots with measurements. Her email stated they have not received anything from Mr. O'Meara to date and have not given him any permission to cross the trail.

Mayor Murphy stated that in a nutshell, until Mr. O'Meara provides us with a preliminary subdivision plan, we cannot proceed.

Mayor Murphy gave first reading to the rezoning application to rezone PID # 31203-000 from residential (R1) to Multiple Family Residential (R3) an amendment to the Official Plan and Map from Residential to Multiple Family Residential.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve the Official Plan amendment for PID # 31203-000 located on Church Street from Residential (R1) to Multiple Family Residential (R3) designation.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to accept the first reading of the rezoning bylaw text amendment 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 Cahill, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$147,044.81.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Firemen's Honorarium**

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

Mayor Murphy reported that on November 14, 2012 an email was received from the fire chief with a request for an increase to \$1,000.00 per fire fighter for honorarium and a request for 32 cheques for November 15, 2012.

Mayor Murphy reported that in the budget approved for the fire department for this year the amount for honorarium was \$19,800.00, not \$30,500.00 and that last year the firefighters received \$500.00, the deputy \$600.00 and the chief \$800.00. Mayor Murphy said that in order to increase the honorarium, the department would have to have the request in much earlier and the budget would have to be redone.

Mayor Murphy said that Council will certainly consider their request if they submit it in time before the 2013 budget is approved.

Councillor Campbell said that three to four firemen are away and asked if they are entitled to their honorarium. Councillor Campbell said at least 3 have fulltime jobs at other places. He asked if they get full honorarium. Tom Murphy said it is necessary to attend sixty percent of fires, training and meetings.

Council agreed that the amount budgeted for is not a problem.

Councillor Cahill returned to the meeting.

**The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to purchase a full page ad for the North Cape Coastal Drive booklet at a cost of \$1,485.00 and that the design we have already will be used with a picture of the new hall on the cover.**

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

**The resolution was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to get a 15 year loan locked for 10 years from RBC in the amount of \$326,684.88 for the fire truck.**

Tom Murphy said he wasn't sure of the delivery date of the new truck.

Councillor Cahill returned to the meeting.

There was a request for a street light in front of the Medicine Shoppe.

**The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to install the street light in front of the Medicine Shoppe if the street light policy requirements are met.**

Mayor Murphy stated that the tractor was leased for the last couple of years and suggested that we should consider purchasing a used tractor.

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for Council and a guest to go to the Albert & Crown Pub & Eatery for a Christmas meal.**

A request was received for Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena Inc. for a letter of support.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to approve a letter of support for the Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena Inc. to apply to the Island Community Fund for a grant for energy efficient lighting, an ice conditioning machine and a sound system.**

Geoffrey Irving arrived at the meeting.

A letter of request was received from Alberton Business Association for a donation for Christmas Shopping Fest.

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to donate \$300.00 for the Alberton Business Association Christmas Shopping Fest.**

A request was received from the West Prince Graphic for an ad for the Shopping Festival for \$46.20 plus GST.

**The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to run an ad in the Graphic for the Shopping Festival for \$46.20 plus GST.**

Councillors Pottier, Duggan, Gallant, Campbell and Dunn voted yes and Councillor Cahill voted no.

Council requested that the dates of the festival be put in the ad.

## **Public Input**

Steve Dupuis said he was thinking of what would bring people into the downtown core and felt a pond hockey tournament with younger kids and adults as well would be an idea. He said he was looking at January 11-13th or 18-20<sup>th</sup> spearheaded by a hockey committee or Alberton Business Association. He said he wanted a general agreement to use the pond for that event.

Tom Murphy mentioned that is where the town puts the snow and to keep that in mind.

Councillor Pottier asked about liability insurance. Councillor Duggan asked if the West Point group were okay and Geoffrey Irving said that they agreed they would not come within 2 weeks of their event, so they had no problem with it.

Council agreed that it was a good idea and said it was okay to use the pond.

Tom Murphy asked who the committee chair was for the fire department. Mayor Murphy stated that he has not appointed the committees yet.

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

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

**The motion was made by Councillor Gallant to rescind the motion made at the May 28, 2012 meeting that based on the fire department's recommendation to buy the fire truck from Crimson.**

The motion was not seconded.

Councillor Cahill returned to the meeting. Mayor Murphy left the meeting and asked Councillor Gallant to chair the meeting.

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

Council discussed the Up West Carnival's request for funding and decided more information was required.

Councillor Duggan returned to the meeting.

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