

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD JANUARY 9, 2012**

The regular council meeting was held Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Pottier, Curtis, Gallant, Campbell and Gillis present also Frances Ready, Cst. Jeff MacFarlane, Cindy Chant, West Prince Graphic, Eric McCarthy, Journal and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Campbell 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 of the regular council meeting held December 12, 2011 and special council meeting held December 13, 2011.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Curtis asked if the exhibition barn was connected to the sewer line and it has been connected.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from our insurance company advising that the town not perform snow clearing for property not owned by the town and used for commercial purposes.

Councillor Cahill arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Murphy gave first reading to the by-law amendment to adopt the new Province-Wide Minimum Development Standards Regulations.

The resolution was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to accept the 1st reading of the amendment to adopt the new Province-Wide Minimum Development Standards Regulations.

Mayor Murphy read the amendment to the Official Plan to rezone PID numbers 19364-000 and 914414-000 from Residential (R1) to Commercial (C1).

The resolution was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gillis and carried that the Official Plan amendment OPA-3-2011 be formally adopted.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Gillis, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried for the approval of the survey plan showing Lot 11-1 being a subdivision of Property of Senior Citizens Housing Corporation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Report

Councillor Curtis reported that the hours are up to 177 from 140 last month. Councillor Curtis asked Cst. MacFarlane to explain the calls. Council expressed concern about the 4 wheelers on Prince William Street and the complaint from the previous evening. Cst. MacFarlane encouraged the residents to call in with complaints.

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

Tourism & Property Report

Councillor Pottier commended Sean for the work on the tourism brochure and she said Naomi did a great job of the design. Councillor Pottier said she is planning a series of brochures including the street map and Interested in Living in Alberton. She also said that the Stone Station is empty and a decision needs to be made regarding it. Councillor Pottier said she is also working on a town flag project.

Fire Report

Councillor Gillis reported for fire. The calls included 7 medical 1st responders, 1 Mutual Aid to O'Leary, 1 motor vehicle accident and 1 flue fire.

Environment Report

Counillor Campbell reported that he and Korey were present during the sewer hookup of the exhibition barn.

Recreation Report

Councillor Gallant reported for recreation. Councillor Gallant reported that Sean finished on December 28th. The house decorating results were 1st prize - Warwick and Wilma Payne, 2nd - prize Mitchell Perry and Coralee Gavin and 3rd prize - Hilary and Lennie Skerry.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to pay \$125.00 for ice rental and have a free skate on January 22nd for an hour.

Finance & Streets Report

Councillor Cahill reported no complaints for streets.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$45,410.82.

The balances were as follows –

Gas Tax	\$50,591.32
General-	\$350,215.02

Sewer- \$8,011.85
Fire- \$16,049.13
Fire- \$7,241.57

NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed a fee to rent the council room and decided to contact our insurance company first.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to order two rectangle tables for council.

PUBLIC INPUT

Nil

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

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

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to get the mural painted by Janelle Irving repaired.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to start a contest to design a flag and select a jury to judge the submissions with the intention to have a town flag by the end of the year.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to proceed with a sign from Blain Buchanan for the new town hall.

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