

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR AND ANNUAL
COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular and annual council meeting was held Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and all councillors present also Chris LeClair, Frances Ready, Allan Graham, RCMP Constable, Eric McCarthy – Journal Pioneer, Cindy Chant – West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

Mayor Murphy asked for a declaration by councillors of a conflict of interest.

Councillor Dunn asked for Robert's Rules of Order to be added to the agenda.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for the approval of the agenda with the addition of Robert's Rules of Order.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried for the approval of the audited 2012 consolidated financial statements.

Yearly Committee Reports

Sewer Report

Councillor Dunn reported that all sewer lines were flushed twice during 2012 for preventative maintenance. The sewer rate increased on July 1, 2012 to 200.00 per unit per year.

Police Report

Councillor Campbell reported that the fee for the contract for the services of the RCMP for 2012 was \$105,781.00. Fines for 2012 amounted to \$11,430.00.

Street Report

Councillor Gallant reported that during 2012 patching was done on the streets. Our new subdivision street, Emma Drive was extended.

Fire Report

Councillor Pottier reported that 2012 had been the busiest year on record for the Alberton Fire Department with 167 calls. The breakdown included 15 structure fires, 9 flu fires, 20 MVC's, 6 grass fires, 7 Mutual Aid, 78 Medical, 1 brush fire, 3 Fire Alarms, 3 electrical fires, 2 false alarms, 5 flare ups, 1 tire fire, 1 missing person, 1 gas leak, 1 vehicle fire, 3 garbage fires, 2 hay bale fires, 1 fuel spill, 1 tree across road, 2 smoke in building and 5 Halloween night calls.

Parks, Recreation & Tourism Report

Councillor Duggan reported that he attended Municipal training March 2, 2013. He said the Centennial Committee is waiting replies from all levels of the government. He said normal minor hockey programs will be wrapping up shortly for the year. He said we have a request from the chairman of the Under 16 National Softball Championship to have a representative from Alberton on the Planning Committee. Councillor Duggan said that unfortunately the possibility of a recreation director being hired is very slim at this point due to the budget.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to ask Susan to submit an application to the Department of Tourism for funding assistance towards our Centennial celebrations.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to allocate a maximum of \$1,500.00 to go towards street beautification in the form of hanging baskets on light poles, and 4-6 large moveable planters with trees and shrubs.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the budget for 2013 with revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$776,440.00 for the general account and revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$143,172.00 for the sewer account. Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Gallant and Campbell voted yes and Councillors Duggan and Dunn voted no.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to set the tax rate for 2013 at .56 for non-commercial and \$1.05 for commercial.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve a salary increase for the fulltime staff in the amount of 2%.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to enter into a service contract with Western Region Sport and Recreation for an employee two days per week at a cost of \$10,000.00 per year. The programs they deliver include Go PEI & Active Start. Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Gallant and Campbell voted yes, Councillor Dunn voted no and Councillor Duggan abstained.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to increase the Mayor's honorarium by \$1,000.00 per year effective January 1, 2013.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held February 11, 2013 and special council meetings held February 14, 2013 and March 4, 2013.

Councillor Campbell asked if there was any information back from Mr. O'Meara regarding Pope Street. Mayor Murphy stated that Mr. O'Meara called and said he is not going to put in the street extension and did not give his daughter permission to give the letter to council last month.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to run an ad in the West Prince Graphic for the Curling Championship. Councillors Pottier, Duggan, Dunn, Campbell and Gallant voted yes and Councillor Cahill voted no.

A letter was received from Konica Minolta that we could get a new photocopier on a 5 year lease for \$95.00 per month compared to the current price of \$98.50 per month.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to upgrade the photocopier and ask if the collate feature is available at no extra cost.

A letter was received from the PEI Bait Fishers regarding fishing at the town pond and Children's Day will be June 30th and Family Day on July 1st and also a request for a donation.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the business license for Clohossey Farms to sell vegetables and produce from July to October at the town parking lot.

Tom Murphy arrived at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Report

Councillor Campbell reported for police. The members responded to 17 calls for service and spent 179 hours policing the town.

Councillor Campbell, Corporal John McBride, and Constable LeFurgey went for a walk around town. Councillor Campbell said there was concern with parking on Main Street overnight. He also requested the RCMP give owners of vehicles parked overnight warnings and if it continues then charge them.

Councillor Pottier asked why the hours are down from the previous month. The Constable stated they were still above the contracted amount but were short staffed due to sickness.

Environment Report

Councillor Dunn reported that she attended a meeting at Holland College and Kids West open house.

Streets and Sidewalks Report

Councillor Gallant reported that spring is in the air and there are no issues with streets.

Recreation Report

Councillor Duggan reported that the street light has been installed in front of the Medicine Shoppe. Councillor Campbell said the other street light is not needed in front of O'Meara's and did not meet policy requirements.

Fire Report

Councillor Pottier reported 10 medical calls and 1 propane smell. The firefighters logged 416 hours training so far this year and the Scott air packs were tested.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$90,834.23.

The balances were as follows-

Gas Tax -	808.52
General -	524,022.23
Sewer -	55,446.62
Fire -	26,607.32.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to give the Curling Club 100 pins for National Stick Curling.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to apply to the Island Community Fund for funding for the playground.

A special council meeting will be held Friday, March 15th at 10:30 a.m. to award the sidewalk tender.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to run an ad to tender the 1956 truck for the highest price.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to sign the RCMP contract for twenty years.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to apply for summer students and EDA workers.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to submit David Campbell and Natasha Dunn's names for the F.P.E.I.M. board.

Councillor Dunn will decide if she wants to let her name run.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to establish a Liaison committee on Health Care Issues in West Prince. This committee to be made up of the Mayor, Councillor Pottier and if they wish to participate, the Chairs of Tignish and O'Leary Community councils or their designate.

Councillor Pottier reported that they met with the community hospital group at their invitation.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to accept the updated EMO plan.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to follow Robert's Rules of Order and provide copies to all Council. Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Duggan, Gallant and Dunn voted yes and Councillor Campbell voted no.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to donate 45 pin for National Legion Curling.

PUBLIC INPUT

Tom Murphy asked for an explanation of the motel bills. He also asked who applied for summer students for the fire department. Mayor Murphy told him the fire department applies.

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