

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD JUNE 10, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held June 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and all Councillors present also, Alan Curtis, Tom Murphy, Shane and Kelly Gillis, Allan Graham, Jim Smith, Frances Ready, Kyla Joy Fraser with her two children, Daniel Drouin, Eric McCarthy - Journal Pioneer, Cindy Chant - West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

Mayor Murphy asked for a declaration of conflict of interest and Councillor Duggan declared on approval of private driveway and the patching tenders.

The FCC AgriSpirit fund was removed from the agenda and replaced with Community Fund Gas Tax and the name for the private driveway was also removed.

Councillor Dunn requested a report from the Health Care Coalition committee since there was none since February and that there was correspondence missing from the boxes and she circulated it. The letter was from Save Western Hospital ER Committee.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried for the approval of the agenda with the amendments.**

**The motion was by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried for the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held May 13, 2013 and special council meeting held May 29, 2013.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Duggan said there was motion for a student from Career Development and the contract fell through and there was a special council meeting and an amended motion to enter a contract with the Community of O'Leary to hire an employee for 16 hours per week. Councillor Duggan asked why the contract was not signed in a timely manner. Mayor Murphy explained that council had requested that changes be made to the contract because council had not been happy with it and the amended contract had to go back to council for approval before he could sign it. Mayor Murphy said that O'Leary had pulled the contract. Councillor Campbell asked if the Mayor and administrator can find out why it was pulled.

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to find out why the contract was pulled.**

Councillor Pottier asked if there had been any discussion on the safety of the crosswalk that was requested by Dufferin and Church Streets. Mayor Murphy said it was a government street and their decision.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Alberton Historical Foundation stating that they were in agreement with the terms of the proposed lease for the Stone Station.

**The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to sign the lease with Alberton Historical Preservation Foundation.**

A letter was received regarding a tobacco free policy for town properties. Cst. McGrath arrived at the meeting.

## **BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS**

Nil

A request was received from the West Prince Graphic for an ad for Canada Day for \$63.00 plus HST.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Fire Report**

Councillor Pottier read the fire report. There were 8 calls which included 6 medical calls, 1 motor vehicle collision and 1 commercial fire alarm.

### **Recreation Report**

Councillor Duggan reported that he wants Korey to attach hangers on the poles on the east side of Main Street. He also said the plants need to be picked up at Home Hardware. Councillor Duggan reported that he has not heard from the town staff and hoped that the playground tenders will go out soon. The report from Western Region Sport and Recreation stated that May was a very busy organizational month with a lot of time and effort spent on the minor summer sports of softball and soccer. The final number for registration is up to 125 children and the town of Alberton will be represented in Mites, Squirts and Bantam divisions for softball and in Under 13, Under 10, Under 8 and Under 6 for soccer. The Active Start program will also be facilitated as a minor soccer program. Coaches and managers have been recruited for most teams and all softball teams have started practicing. An advisory committee consisting of Scott Gamble, Karla Fraser, Sonia Wallace and Lisa Leard has been formed for advisory purposes during the summer of 2013 and to assist in forming a formal committee around softball and soccer in the Town of Alberton. Terry Stone has been successfully leading a go! Seniors program at the Alberton Seniors Housing Complex with attendance of approximately 20 participants. The After School Ball Hockey league for Alberton Elementary students is still very strong with upwards of 40 participants from K-6. Feedback from parents and participants has been fantastic. The ball hockey program for teens was cancelled after two weeks of only 1 participant. The adult ball hockey program has been attended by 10-15 adults. The Learn to Run 5K, 10K and Nordic

Walking are still going strong and will be wrapping up the end of June with a finale at Mill River Rodd. Spencer Myers' Peewee AAA baseball team will be housed at Veteran's Memorial Field.

Mayor Murphy clarified that the duties of the Under 16 were still on the amended contract with the Community of O'Leary and that is why he could not sign it. A letter was received from 2013 PEI U14 Girls Fast Pitch team with a request for sponsorship.

Councillor Duggan reported that he was very disappointed motions were not acted on in a timely manner and he respectively removed himself as chair of recreation but would stay on with parks, public property and tourism. Mayor Murphy accepted his resignation for recreation.

**The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to pay from Alberton office rental from G.E.MacNeill one monthly rental to Spencer Myers baseball team.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to purchase sports equipment, insurance etc in the amount of \$4,585.00.**

### **Streets Report**

Councillor Gallant reported for streets. Councillor Duggan left the room due to a conflict of interest.

Councillor Gallant reported that the Dufferin Street sidewalk is near completion and the Church Street sidewalk project is going smoothly.

Two tender were received for street resurfacing and patching – Preston Murphy Trucking - \$32,136.60 and Curran and Briggs Ltd. - \$ 24,780.00.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to award Curran and Briggs the full contract for \$24,780.00 for patching and resurfacing.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, Seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to put out to tender to resurface College Street.**

Councillor Duggan returned to the meeting.

Mayor said the government is installing the sidewalk on Church Street and the town will pay the government.

### **Police Report**

Councillor Campbell reported for police and he welcomed Mr. Gillis and Mr. Curtis to the council meeting. Councillor Campbell asked Cst. McGrath to read the police report including 21 calls for service.

Pam Richards and Eileen Kinch arrived at the meeting.

Coucillor Pottier asked for more police presence in town said when the flaggers are gone the speeders start and also dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles.

### **Sewer Utility and Environment Report**

Councillor Dunn reported that the sewer project on Main Street has been approved.

**The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to hire Genivar to put out the tender and oversee the Main Street sewer project.**

### **Finance Report**

Councillor Cahill reported for finance.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$60,644.16.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to give a donation to the library, museum, and curling club in the amount of \$2,000.00 each and a letter will be sent to advise the groups there may be further cuts next year.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to give \$500.00 to the Miss Alberton pageant.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to donate \$600.00 to the PEI Bait Fishers Group for trout for the town pond.**

Mayor Murphy asked Councillor Dunn to leave the room due to a conflict of interest for the next item.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to pay \$6,000.00 to Western Hospital Foundation Inc for equipment for Western Hospital to be looked at again next year.**

Councillor Dunn returned to the meeting.

A letter was received from The Department of Infrastructure Renewal regarding the Provincial Infrastructure Fund (PIF) which is open for applications until July 30, 2013. Susan will check to see if the arena parking lot would be an eligible project. Projects will be identified for the next council meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A request was received to buy a town flag.

**The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to sell at cost town flags up until a limit of 5 left and stop selling them.**

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

Mayor Murphy left the room due to a conflict of interest regarding the next item on the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Gallant resumed the chair.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill to accept and approve the second reading for the by-law amendment for the Mayor's honorarium increase.**

The motion was not seconded.

Mayor Murphy returned to the meeting.

Councillor Dunn distributed an email she received from Stephen Mutch, Senior Municipal Financial Officer that stated that as a councillor, while you cannot by yourself approve or initiate additional unbudgeted spending in certain areas; you can make a motion and if passed by Council at a public meeting, this spending would be authorized. His letter also stated that while this spending can be approved, Council should look at the overall financial picture of the Town in its decision.

**The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to have more detailed budgeted and actual amounts so they can make decisions for the residents of the town and if slippages in one area move from one area to another. Councillors Dunn, Duggan and Pottier voted yes and Councillors Campbell, Gallant and Cahill voted no. Mayor Murphy broke the tie by voting in favor of the motion.**

Information was received that the Community Fund Gas Tax fund deadline is the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in July.

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to apply for a new pump for the lift station under the gas tax fund.**

### **Public Input**

Shane Gillis requested that a section on Elizabeth Drive be looked at for sewer work.

**The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to keep Elizabeth Drive in mind when applying for sewer work.**

**The motion by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to apply for gas tax funds for sewer upgrades where needed.**

Alan Curtis thanked Councillor Campbell for the welcome. He said he looked at the budget from Kensington on line and there is a lot more details and it is a good starting point for accountability to the public.

Allan Graham said that council should look at straightening out boundaries around town. He said the right hand side is Huntley and the left hand side is Alberton. He said if council does not do it the province will do it for us.

Kelly Gillis asked Councillor Cahill if they will be given an explanation why the grants will be cut. Mayor Murphy explained that she has to address the Chair and not the councillor directly.

Kelly Gillis asked if the new sidewalks on Dufferin Street had proper grading for wheel chairs.

Mayor Murphy said it was looked after by an engineer and was accessible. Councillor Dunn thanked Korey for feathering the sidewalk by the pharmacy.

Daniel Drouin said he got his cheque back today for his daughter's ball registration due to a lack of registration. He said he got on social media and got 12 girls that will play. He said he got the names of the girls and parents and contacted Go PEI, both Allison and Terry and was told sorry there was no time for that. Mayor Murphy asked why the team did not register at the time, as registration was over. He also expressed concern that the contract was pulled with the Community of O'Leary. Mayor Murphy said the students will be starting shortly. Daniel Drouin asked who was going to be in charge of the summer students. Mayor Murphy said we had very positive numbers with Go PEI. Pam Richards said that Go PEI is doing an excellent job but 10 hours a week is not enough.

Lorna Doyle DesRoches said for the last three years living on Princess Street the issue of farming has been going on. Eileen Kinch said she was here for the same reason. Lorna Doyle-DesRoches explained that the farmers are using natural compost that consists of lobster bodies and whole lobsters (green and red) that are being stock piled. She said she has been in touch with the Department of Environment and was told they are not breaking any rules or laws. She said the Department of Environment asked them to turn the compost in and they did and she was back there today with Pat Murphy and a new pile was started. She said her house and property are infested with flies. She said that the Department of Health was also up and they said that there was a serious health concern with the flies and they contacted CFIA. She said that they were not turning the product in properly and there was spillage on the road. Mayor Murphy said there was the Farm Practice Review Board and the contact was Danny Doyle. Lorna Doyle DesRoches said she already contacted them. She said that Brian Matheson with the Dept. of Agriculture contacted the owner and the farmer agreed to turn it under and would not stock pile again and now there is another pile started. Eileen Kinch said she lives next door to a neighbor whom operates a day care and she the outside of her house is infested with flies. Lorna Doyle-DesRoches said that this is an infestation of flies and she is asking if the town of Alberton can make a rule that you cannot naturally compost in town. Lorna Doyle-DesRoches circulated pictures of the compost piles and said they did not decide to live in town and pay these taxes to put up with this and she said it is not healthy and is snow balling and if they want to farm okay but turn it under. Eileen Kinch said the farmers said the flies would go away when it rains. Lorna Doyle-DesRoches said that last Wednesday the Department of Environment were up again and they are not getting reprimanded and if they got \$1,000.00 fine they might get it. Eileen Kinch said they are getting bolder. Lorna Doyle-DesRoches said they contacted a fish supplier and they are not supplying them. Lorna Doyle-DesRoches applauded Susan for helping her and said she did everything she could to help her out for the past two years and now she is begging the council to help.

Mayor Murphy said we would consult the province and a letter will be sent to the farmer with a petition. Lorna Doyle-DesRoches and Eileen Kinch said they would get a petition signed.

Pam Richards said Go PEI is doing an excellent job but felt a recreation director was needed for seniors and everything. Mayor Murphy said the budget was set for this year and it did not include a recreation director.

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to consult with the Province for their assistance with this problem and could the**

**town enact a bylaw to deal with this and also a letter will be sent to the farmer with the petition.**

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

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

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