

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held Monday, August 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Duggan, Pottier, Gallant, Campbell and Dunn present also Frances Ready, Cst. Pardy, Trevor LeClair, Chris LeClair, Tom Murphy, Alan Curtis, Eric McCarthy-Journal and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried for the approval of the agenda with the addition of Up West Winterfest.

Councillor Duggan said he will ask to be excused from the meeting when the Up West Winterfest is discussed due to a conflict of interest.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held July 8, 2013.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Pottier asked about the issue of new lighting and it is on the agenda for tonight.

Councillor Dunn asked if there would be a discussion on the National Under 16 Girls Softball Championship games and Mayor Murphy said there would be.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from AADC for \$2,500.00 for 2013. Councillor Dunn asked if have they have ever given a financial statement and if they have an office. Councillor Gallant said it was not approved during the budget. Councillor Pottier said we had already dealt with the budget request. Mayor Murphy said that the Town should ask for financial reports from all groups such as the museum, curling club and library. Mayor Murphy asked each councillor and it was unanimous to deny the request.

A letter was received from Janice Sherry, Environment, Labour & Justice Health and Wellness regarding a grant for Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena Inc. in the amount of \$9,000.00.

A letter was received from Westech regarding the lobster body problem in Town.

A letter was received from Pam Richards regarding the 2013 Under 12 Squirts Girls team registration and a request that the town pay the registration cost of \$275.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to pay the registration fee of \$275.00 for the Under 12 Squirts Girls team.

A letter was received from William Warren with the PEI Bait Fishers Group with a request for a donation to assist with Winter Trout Fishery for four weekends in January and February. He also requested that one or two members of the fire department assist with the events.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to give \$1,500.00 to the PEI Bait Fishers Group.

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

Tom Murphy will discuss it with the fire department at the next meeting but feels it will not be a problem for them to assist with the winter fishing.

The HMCS Charlottetown Run 4 Wishes will be coming into Town Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.

A request was received to participate in the free 2014 Provincial Pageantry Outdoor Signage Program. Council would like 3 banners, flags and lamp post signs.

Councillors Duggan and Campbell left the meeting due to a conflict of interest. Mayor Murphy left the chair due to a conflict of interest.

Deputy Mayor Gallant resumed the chair and read a letter from Mitchell Rennie, Tourism Manager North Cape Coastal Tourism Area Partnership Inc. The letter requested a letter highlighting a representative and a commitment of \$1,500.00 towards the 2014 Up West Winterfest. The remaining councillors discussed that it be considered in the 2014 budget and if it could wait until the September council meeting. Susan will check if two councillors constitute a quorum. Mayor Murphy and Councillors Campbell and Duggan returned to the meeting.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

An application for a business license was received from Wanda's Hairstyling located at 32 Emma Drive.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve a business license for Wanda's Hairstyling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Tourism Report

Councillor Duggan reported for Parks and Tourism. Councillor Duggan said to his knowledge we have no new information on the grants for the playground equipment. The Centennial Committee is planning an evening of entertainment for all ages on Wednesday August 28th from 7:00-9:00 pm at the Heritage Centre and he said they would need some assistance from town staff with posters and advertisement. Councillor Duggan said the Mural Committee is proceeding well with the project. Councillor Duggan said he wanted to congratulate the organizers of the National Under 16 Girls Bantam Softball Championships and said this brought a major tourism boost to Alberton as well as all of West Prince. He suggested we send the O'Leary Council and organizing committee a thank you letter for letting us be part of such a successful event. He also noted that the Town's float won the Best Theme at the Prince County Exhibition.

Fire Report

Councillor Pottier reported for fire. There were 11 calls including 6 medical calls, 3 motor vehicle collisions, 1 field fire, and 1 power pole fire.

Public Works, Streets & Sidewalks Report

Councillor Gallant reported for Public Works, Streets and Sidewalks. She said the paving and patching is all complete. She said at the last meeting Council moved to get prices for a sidewalk machine and the results were as follows –

Cubex Limited \$100,920.33 including tax and Saunders Equipment Ltd. \$99,180.00 including tax. Saunders Equipment Ltd. also included Option 1 – 2013 Trackless MT6 Demo Unit with full 12 month new warranty \$92,904.30 including tax, Option # 2 - 2010 Trackless MT6 Lease return with a 4 month warranty \$73,524.30 including tax and Option #3 – Trackless MT5 Factory Refurbished Unit with 4 month warranty \$ 60,414.30 including tax. Councillor Gallant said that Korey recommends Option 2, a 2010 trackless machine lease return with four months warranty for \$64,495.00 plus HST. She recommended that the warranty start December 1, 2013 or do not deliver until December 1, 2013. Council also wondered about getting an extended warranty and the cost if it was available.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to go with Option 2 Saunders Equipment to purchase a sidewalk machine for \$73,524.30 with the following condition that the warranty start December 1, 2013 or do not deliver it until December 31, 2013.

Councillor Gallant asked council if they want to start the process for snow removal with the Government and Council agreed.

Police Report

Councillor Campbell asked Cst. Pardy to give the police report. There were 238.5 hours policing and 29 calls for service which included - 2 traffic complaints, 2 disturbing the peace, 2 Off-Highway Vehicle Act, 2 impaired driving, 1 harassment, 3 motor vehicle collisions, 2 liquor related calls, 3 false 911 calls, 2 false alarms, 2 lost & found property, 1 theft, 1 hit & run, 2 Mental Health Act, 1 drug related and 3 criminal record checks. Cst. Pardy said he has never seen it like this with ATV's. Cst. Pardy said he started working July 15th and since then he has personally seized 12 ATVs and the owners were charged. He said he met with Graham Miner, Provincial Register last Friday and they used to seize it one day and get the ATV back the next but now they can hold it as long as it takes to get the ATV registered. He said the parents can also be charged. He said that ATV's harass both the public and police and the police are not allowed to chase them. He said he has laid in ditches in the past to wait for ATVs. Cst. Pardy said with regards to the party it was a major issue and very frustrating for them as five police officers were tied up for five hours that night. He said they set up a check point in front of his house and there were lots of people parking in front of the fire hall and leaving their vehicles there. He said some businesses have put up signs for No Trespassing after closing time. Cst. Pardy said some were parked at the Home Hardware parking lot and the next morning the Home Hardware staff had to clean up vomit and broken bottles. He said the police vehicles got hit by beer bottles. Cst. Pardy said the Police Officers spoke to the home owner and the young fellow said there would be no issues that night. He had hired a DJ as well. The home owner was charged the next day. Councillor Campbell asked about our by-law #81. Councillor Campbell said it would be nice to have a specified time such as after the hours of 9 p.m. Cst. Pardy said he will bring it up with the District Commander regarding the provincial and federal statutes and find out about municipal by-laws. Councillor Pottier asked if charges were laid for Under Age drinking. Cst Pardy said charges were laid for impaired driving, littering and illegal possession. Cst. Pardy said he recently found someone with 12 grams of weed and the Crown Prosecutor said it was not enough to charge them with. Cst. Pardy said there were two young ladies with miniskirts on in the front lawn about 30 feet from the sidewalk and they put on quite a show, also two guys were on the roof of the house taking their shirts off. He said they only had two calls for service the entire evening. Cst.

Pardy also said he had an issue with squealing tires. Councillor Campbell said the perception was out there that he was not doing his job as police chair. He said he felt he has done his part but that the perception was that he is too close to the RCMP and people are saying he is biased because he has a son in the RCMP. Councillor Campbell stated he was resigning as chair of Police Committee. Mayor Murphy asked if he heard this from around the council table. Councillor Campbell said no but that the perception is out there that he is too close to the RCMP and does not want to be a hindrance. Mayor Murphy said council's perception is he is that he doing a good job. Councillor Campbell agreed to put his resignation on hold for now.

Environment Report

Councillor Dunn reported for Environment. She said that the town applied for Community Fund Gas Tax funding for \$307,910.58 and PIF funding for \$25,957.80. Councillor Dunn said she sent emails regarding flies to Montague, Summerside, Kensington, Charlottetown and they have no by-laws regarding flies.

Finance Report

Councillor Gallant reported for finance in the absence of Councillor Cahill.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to pay bill in the amount of \$128,812.24.

Recreation Report

Mayor Murphy reported for recreation. He said Alison Griffin is currently off work and the written report was not available. Mayor Murphy reported that there were lots of people that attended the Under 16 tournament and Korey completed lots of work at the ball field. Mayor Murphy said things went exceptionally well for ball and go! PEI. He said there was a great volunteer base from the Town and the Mayor thanked all the volunteers that made it possible to co-host with O'Leary. Councillor Dunn said she attended opening ceremonies but unfortunately the Mayor or Deputy Mayor did not attend. Mayor Murphy said they did not invite him until a half hour before it started.

NEW BUSINESS

A street light was requested for Emma Drive.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried for a street light at the end of Emma Drive.

Street lights were requested on Church Street by Community Inclusions.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to install two street lights on pole numbers 54397 and 134009.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to install a street light on pole number 54272 on Dufferin Street.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to rescind the motion made at the July 8, 2013 meeting to accept the quote from Henderson Recreation Equipment Ltd. for Option 2 for playground equipment pending approval on grants.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried that if the grant is approved to accept the quote from Little Tikes, Option 2 for playground equipment and if there is money left over for town staff to pick suitable equipment for the rest of the funding.

Two tenders were received for forks for the tractor –
Dennis Gallant, D & M Tools - \$855.00
Kensington Agriculture Services Ltd. - \$1,026.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to purchase forks for the tractor from Dennis Gallant for \$855.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to advertise for an auditor for three years.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to check with the gas tax department regarding spending the balance of the subdivision gas tax grant as recommended by Genivar.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to send Freda Hardy a thank-you and \$50.00 cheque for looking after the flower bed by the Stone Station.

Tenders were received for a sewer project on Main Street as the amounts were as follows –
AJL \$45,018.60
Curran & Briggs \$51,300.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to hire AJL Ltd for \$45,018.60 for the sewer project.

PUBLIC INPUT

Alan Curtis said a few weeks ago he noticed new signs for ball field and said they should say Alberton Veteran's Memorial Ball Field instead of just Alberton Memorial Ball field since the land was donated by Alberton Veteran Herb Leavitt. He would also like to see the lettering bigger and bolder.

Tom Murphy said he would like to make a rink in the field off the fire hall parking lot. Susan will email and ask the insurance company regarding liability. Tom Murphy said he got signs made up for No Loitering at the fire hall parking lot.

Trevor LeClair asked if in the near future there would be a recreation director. Mayor Murphy said we are pretty much staffed now. Trevor LeClair said it is the only community in West Prince without a recreation director and that Go PEI isn't enough. Trevor LeClair also asked about the Tignish Credit Union donation of \$5,000.00 and what it was spent on.

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