

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Duggan, Gallant, Campbell and Dunn present also Frances Ready, Allan Graham, Daniel and Krista Drouin, Karla & Kyle Fraser, Ronnie and Pam Richards, Tom Murphy, Heather Joy Fraser, RCMP officer and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried for the approval of the agenda with the addition of sidewalk in front of the drug store.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Dunn expressed concern about the motion made at the last Council meeting that the media be handled by the Mayor's office and said that this was against the fundamentals of democracy.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to call for intervention from municipality affairs director Albert MacDonald and Samantha Murphy regarding the motion made at the last meeting regarding contact with the media. Councillors Duggan, Gallant and Dunn voted yes and Councillor Campbell voted no.

Councillor Campbell said when he was Mayor everything went through the Mayor and if too many speak there would be too many different opinions. He said that councillors can voice their opinion at town meetings but it should end with the chair being the spokesperson.

CORRESPONDENCE

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to sign and support the resolution on banning oil and gas exploration in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to send Mr. Reg MacLellan a letter of thanks for writing a poem about Alberton and a town pin.

There was discussion on selecting playground equipment to apply for under the Island Community Fund and a decision will be made at a later date.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit application was received from G. E. MacNeill Construction to build an 8 unit apartment building at Church Street.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried for the approval of a building permit for G. E. MacNeill Construction to construct an 8 unit apartment building on Church Street, pending approval from the Fire Marshal.

A business license application was received from Leonard O'Meara for Lennie's Heavy Equipment for heavy equipment rentals and snow removal.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve the business license application for Lennie's Heavy Equipment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police and Street Lights Report

Councillor Campbell congratulated the RCMP on police week. Constable John McBride gave the police report. The hours were down due to mandatory training that was held in April. The RCMP responded to 15 calls for service.

Fire Report

Tom Murphy read the fire report in the absence of Councillor Pottier. The department received 9 calls which included 1 structure fire, 1 residential fire alarm, 4 medical and 3 motor vehicle collisions.

Sewer Utility and Environment Report

Councillor Dunn reported that the maintenance man began flushing sewer lines this week.

Public Works, Streets and Sidewalks Report

Councillor Gallant reported the big news is the new sidewalks on Dufferin Street. She said this is a project that has been in the works for a couple years. She also said the streets in priority to resurface and patch are Dufferin Street, Elder Street, Reid Street, North Street, area between Dufferin and Lorne Street, Argyle Street and Elder Street. Councillor Gallant stated a letter was sent to the government requesting that they resurface Main Street from Holland College to the end of town limits.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to proceed with getting prices for patching and resurfacing the streets.

Recreation Report

Councillor Duggan reported two upcoming events including an outdoor service of thanksgiving and a centennial picnic sponsored by MLA Pat Murphy.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried for Council to approve the next two events with the following costs, sound equipment rental (if

a donated one cannot be secured) for the service. The picnic should have no monetary need although some in kind support from town staff with set up and cleanup will be required.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to add to the agreement submitted to the Alberton Historical Preservation Foundation that the town continue to pay the “Property Tax” and “Insurance” on the “Old Stone Station” for the period specified in the initial agreement.

Councillor Duggan also reported that Terry Stone has been hired by West Prince Sports Council to provide recreation services to the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Emile Doucette arrived at the meeting.

Councillor Duggan revisited the proposal submitted last month to partner with some local organizations to have a qualified person hired to compliment the summer recreation programs being provided by West Prince Sports Council. He said we also have the opportunity to have another qualified person carry on activity planning in the winter months.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried that the Mayor meet with the “Career Development Services Inc.” tomorrow morning and sign the contract allowing the first person to be hired and the Town fund our portion but continue to source sponsorship for all or part of the cost and that the Town negotiate an agreement to hire the second person to succeed the first person.

Finance Report

Councillor Gallant reported in the absence of Councillor Cahill.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to approve bills in the amount of \$30, 368.43.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to rescind the motion made at the council meeting held March 11, 2013 to follow Robert’s Rules of Order and to provide copies to all Council and to establish a procedural by-law.

Mayor Murphy left the room due to a conflict of interest regarding the first reading of the honorarium by-law.

Deputy Mayor Gallant resumed the chair.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to accept and approve the first reading for the by-law amendment for the Mayor’s honorarium increase.

Mayor Murphy returned to the meeting.

Councillor Duggan left the room due to a conflict of interest regarding the crosswalk.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to request a crosswalk from Dufferin Street to Church Street.

The crosswalk would provide access from the new Dufferin Street sidewalk to the new Church Street sidewalk.

Councillor Duggan returned to the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to apply for funding for signage for the ball field.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to have the handicap parking spot upgraded, feathered and painted in front of Alberton Pharmacy.

PUBLIC INPUT

Allan Graham said Reg MacLellan grew up in Alberton where Ken Graham lives and has written a tremendous number of poems about Alberton. He is interested in coming to Alberton and reading his poetry. Councillor Duggan will discuss it at the next Centennial committee meeting.

Frances Ready asked who had the tender for the Church Street sidewalk and it is Curran and Briggs.

Daniel Drouin said he is happy with the Recreation Department having two employees but asked what will happen when they are done?

Mayor Murphy asked if the Business Association had any financial help for the activities coordinator.

Kyle Fraser said congratulations to Councillor Duggan and all councillors for heading up recreation and he hopes to have local spin off and maybe businesses could fund some of the equipment.

Allan Graham said recreation involves the arts as well and the town missed out on a sizeable grant for the LEAP program.

Tom Murphy asked about the crosswalks and said it is the most dangerous corner for speeders and he does not think it is a very good place for it.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried for a five minute break.

A presentation was made from Natalie Horne-Gallant and Megan Gallant from the Employment Unit of Community Inclusions which covers an area from Tyne Valley to North Cape. This program assists adults with intellectual disabilities and youth.

Tyler Robinson, Recreation Director from O'Leary updated Council on the Girls Under 16 tournament they are hosting from August 7-11th.

Council discussed installing glass doors on both ends of the hall for security but a decision was not reached.

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