

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and all councillors present also Frances Ready, Tom Murphy, Constable Dave Brown and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried for the approval of the agenda.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held December 10, 2012.

Councillor Cahill declared a conflict of interest regarding item four on the agenda, fire trucks and Councillor Gallant declared a conflict of interest regarding a letter in the correspondence concerning the Miss Alberton Pageant.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Cahill asked if there had been any more movement on the request from Mr. O'Meara.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Gallant left the meeting due to a letter of request for a donation for the Miss Alberton Pageant. The letter will be discussed at budget time. Councillor Gallant returned to the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to back the loan for Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena Inc. for \$10,000.00 and bridge funding for \$30,000.00.

A letter was received from St. Anthony's Legion to request a donation for the National Legion Curling Championships being held March 16-20th at the Western Curling Club in Alberton.

Councillor Dunn left the room due to a conflict of interest as she sits on that committee.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to donate \$1000.00 to St. Anthony's Legion for the National Legion Curling Championships.

Councillor Dunn returned to the meeting.

A letter was received from Gerald O'Meara to request a street light in front of Alberton Clearance Centre. Councillor Campbell requested that it be put on hold until it is looked at closer.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR BUILDING PERMITS

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Report

Constable Brown read the police report. There were 18 calls for service.

Councillor Campbell talked to the Corporal about walking around town to meet the business owners and also holding seminars for seniors on fraud. Constable Brown would also like to do the foot patrol.

Constable Brown left the meeting.

Fire Report

Councillor Pottier read the fire report. There were 11 calls from December 10, 2012 until January 14, 2013. Councillor Pottier thanked the fire department for allowing her to watch the training session held at the town pond.

Environment Report

Councillor Dunn reported that the sewer invoices were sent out last week. She also reported that the application for Building Canada Fund Communities Component was sent in for sewer line replacement for a section of Main Street.

Street Report

Councillor Gallant said that the snow clean up after the storm went well.

Parks, Recreation and Tourism Report

Councillor Duggan thanked Councillor Pottier and Dan Pottier for reviewing the English and French ad for the North Cape Coastal Drive publication, making necessary changes and submitting it.

Councillor Duggan said that that several grants may be available to us through the 2014 Fund with deadlines of February 15th and March 15th.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the Alberton portion of the Up West Winterfest and to accept the following as a budget - Arena rental: \$480.00, Bowling rental: \$110.00, Curling rental: Complementary, Music/Lighting pond: \$300.00, Prizes and Promotions: \$410.00, Zumba: \$100.00, our share of bus service: \$100.00 Total: \$1500.00.

Finance Report

Councillor Cahill reported for finance.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$68,385.02.

The balances were as follows-

Gas Tax - \$808.15

General - \$513,058.92

Sewer - \$15,989.38

Fire - \$17,779.32

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried that a letter be sent to the Premier and the Minister of Health expressing Council's very deep concern with the closures of the Emergency Room at Western Hospital during the month of January and the apparent lack of physicians available to cover the ER, and calling on the Premier and the Minister to increase efforts to recruit physicians willing and able to cover ER on-call at Western Hospital. The letter should request a meeting with the Premier and the Minister of Health at their earliest convenience either in Alberton or in Charlottetown to discuss maintaining 24/7 ER coverage as well

as other existing services at Western Hospital and how the communities of West Prince can best work with Health PEI and the government to ensure this happens. To that end, she also moved that the Mayor contact his counterparts in the communities of O’Leary, Tignish and Northport, requesting they pass similar motions in their councils and asking for their support in working together to maintain services, including 24/7 ER coverage at Western Hospital.

Mayor Murphy announced the meeting to be held January 15th at 2:00 p.m. with the Minister of Health.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to research existing policies on access to information and bring back the draft policy for the regular February council meeting, if that timing is suitable.

Street Report

Councillor Campbell reported that he reviewed the street light policy and in the policy it states that each request can be evaluated and recommendations can be made to cover special circumstances as they might arise. He stated the he felt the street light request for Poplar Street is a special circumstance due to traffic to the hospital and Main Street and with extra traffic to parking lots in that area.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried that a street light be installed on pole # 121925 on Poplar Street.

Councillor Cahill left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to tender for the sale of two fire trucks, the 1956 and 1979.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to rescind the motion to tender for the sale of two fire trucks, the 1956 and 1979.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to tender for the sale of the 1979 Ford fire truck.

Council decided to check on getting the 1956 truck restored under 2014 funding.

Councillor Cahill returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Tom Murphy said the fire department has a fund raiser concert, Jimmy the Janitor at Westisle on Friday night and tickets are available.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell and seconded by Councillor Duggan to adjourn the meeting.