

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held Monday, December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Pottier, Duggan, Dunn, Gallant and Campbell present also Cst. Brown, Tiffany Bernard, Tom Murphy, Alan Curtis, Cindy Chant – West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn. Councillor Cahill was absent due to sickness.

Councillor Campbell asked to add a policy for snow removal for streets and parking lots to the agenda. Councillor Campbell said the last storm the parking lots and side streets were not cleaned off until noon. Mayor Murphy said the Government plows were pulled off the roads.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held November 12, 2013.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Dunn asked for an update on the portfolios.

Mayor Murphy told Councillor Dunn that last month further to her enquiries with the engineer from Summerside, Deputy Minister of Environment, Deputy Minister of Transportation, Graphic and Journal she has caused embarrassment to home owners, town council and town staff. Mayor Murphy said he was requesting a copy of the correspondence that she sent to the Deputy Ministers for our files, as she sent the letters in her capacity as Councillor for Environment. Mayor Murphy said the town in its efforts to due diligence has contacted and had inspections completed by the Provincial Plumbing Inspector, private plumber and an engineering firm. **Mayor Murphy said the results being one of the home owners Councillor Dunn has spoken of it has been determined the fault lies in their own home. The second home owner installed a toilet without a permit and requires a lift pump to change the grade of the lateral line.** Mayor Murphy said that in future if anyone contacts her to refer them to the town so we can take appropriate action without all the media and expense.

Mayor Murphy told Councillor Duggan he had a couple questions about the mural. He said in the minutes from the council meeting held on July 8th. **The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to approve the Centennial of Incorporation Celebration Activity: A mural of an artist's depiction of the first Town Council meeting held in 1913, to be mounted in the Town Hall Chamber as a lasting legacy of our Centennial of Incorporation. This project to be funded through the grant received from Heritage Canada to cover artist's fees, materials and other related expenses, and to include the placement in the Journal Pioneer, the Guardian, the West Prince Graphic and La Voix Acadienne of the advertising necessary to solicit proposals for the mural from Island artists and upon completion of the mural to announce its unveiling.** Mayor Murphy told

Councillor Duggan that at the last council meeting he said he would have the package of information from the committee to present to council. Mayor Murphy said we need this to proceed with payment for the mural and he said the administrator could explain it further. The administrator said that the motion would have to be fixed because the ads were not run and the mural was a smaller size than quoted.

Councillor Dunn said the motion for the purchase of the Hardy house stated two lots but there was only one lot sold in 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Canada-Prince Edward Island Infrastructure Secretariat to announce that the CF funding for the "Argyle/Central/Elizabeth Streets Sewer Replacement" has been approved.

A request was received from the Penny Saver for an ad for the levee for \$75.00 plus HST.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried that we put an ad in the Penny Saver for the Levee.

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

A letter was received from the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program 2014.

Councillor Duggan asked about liability insurance for the ice fishing. Susan has already contacted the insurance company about it.

A letter was received from Karen Trainor at Cooke's Insurance regarding the outdoor rink being built at the fire hall. She said the policy provides liability coverage for recreational facilities and the outdoor rink would fall under that. She also suggested that the Town provide signage of guidelines and rules for use of the outdoor rink and also reasonable maintenance of the ice surface must be maintained.

A letter was received from UpWest Winterfest with a request to have shared risk insurance with all three municipalities. Councillor Duggan said the letter was only meant for Carnival events held in Alberton.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

A property development application was received from O'Meara's Heavy Equipment located at 54 Prince William Street to sell used cars and equipment.

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

Councillor Pottier left the room due to a conflict of interest on the next item. A property development application was received from ERC Concepts Ltd. for a new metal roof.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve the property development application for ERC Concepts Ltd.

Councillor Pottier returned to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Tourism Report

Councillor Duggan reported for Parks & Tourism. Parks: nothing to report. Tourism: The Centennial committee is wrapping up the planned celebrations for the year. Mural... It was decided the mural will be placed on the south side of the exit door in the council chambers. Councillor Duggan thanked the committee members for the great dedication and hard work put towards making our 100th year celebration a success. The members of the Mural and Centennial committee are Dr. Allan MacRae, Almeda Thibodeau & Nicole Saunders. Other Centennial committee members are Daniel Drouin, Megan Handrahan, Hubert Lihmann, Rev. Andrew Mortimer, Janet Mortimer and Ryan Perry. He also thanked and congratulated the one person who put timeless effort and thought into making every event the success Councillor Krystyna Pottier. Councillor Duggan wished Merry Christmas to all Councillors, Mayor and citizens of the town.

Fire Report

Councillor Pottier reported for fire. There were 9 calls which included 6 Medical First Responder, 1 Wood Pile Fire, 1 Mutual Aid Call, 1 Power Line Call and the fire department had 7 firefighters recertify their first responder training.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to accept the estimate of \$300.00 received from Randy Jeffery to mill trim and build a frame for the Centennial Mural replicating the trim produced by him for the windows and doors of the Council Chamber, and to mount the mural on the wall of the Council Chamber.

Recreation Report

Mayor Murphy read the recreation report. The go!play after school activity hour program is wrapping up for 2013 at Alberton Elementary for children in grade K-6. This play-based, non-competitive program was free to all Alberton Elementary students and they had 43 children from grade K-2 participating and 25 children from grade 3-6. They plan to offer similar programs starting in January 2014.

The Try Hockey Program which introduces children in grade K-6 to the sport of hockey is in full swing at Jacques Cartier Arena with 2 weeks remaining of the 8 week program. This program has attracted 24 participants and is led by community volunteers and is supported by Alberton Minor Hockey Association.

Terry Stone promoted Jersey Day in Canada, November 29 at Alberton Elementary and each student was entered in a draw to win sport themed prizes. Jersey Day in Canada grows each year with more and more participants.

They offered a free 4-week Learn to Curl Program at Western Community Curling Club this fall (1 week left). This program was open to anyone over the age of 18 and all that was required was a pair of clean sneakers. They have decided to continue this program after Christmas on Tuesdays at 6pm to attract new members for the curling club.

The WRSRC has also been promoting classes, through social media, being offered at Power Yoga West in Alberton; class attendance seems to grow each week.

The indoor walking program at Alberton Elementary is offered Monday through Friday now through April 25. Each week the club is gaining more members and the existing members are very happy with the growth. This allows people to walk in the comfort of the gymnasium and is aimed at seniors.

Councillor Duggan said that Triple A Hockey PEI is looking to reduce the number of teams and suggested a letter be sent to ask them to consider Alberton for tournaments.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to send a letter to Hockey PEI regarding Triple A Midgets.

Finance Report

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

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to pay bills in the amount of 148,151.43.

Police Report

Cst. Brown reported for police. There was 172 policing hours for the Town of Alberton and 16 calls for service which included 4 Mental Health Act, 2 Harassing telephone calls, 1 Assault, 1 Theft under \$5,000, 1 Break and Enter, 1 Disturb the peace, 1 Mischief, 1 Fail to comply with probation order, 1 Suspicious person, 1 Off-highway Vehicle Act, 1 911 Act, 1 False alarm. The hours were 50% down in manpower and Cst. Brown said he hopes the hours pick up.

Street Light Report

Councillor Campbell had nothing to report.

Environment Report

Councillor Dunn reported for environment. She said the Main Street sewer update has already been reported and Scott Gamble was also checking on it. The sewer bills will be sent out in January.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to give Kevin Gillis \$350.00 for Christmas in appreciation for maintaining the Town's website.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the request for ditch infilling at 43 College Street with the conditions that it be new culverts at his expense and follow Town and Government policies.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to put fringe on the flag and to cover the cost of approximately \$30.00.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to apply for a Canada Day grant.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to obtain a mortgage through RBC in the amount of \$49,000.00 for the purchase of the property located at 436 Church Street, PIN number 30767 and that the revenue from the sale of anything on that property be applied to the said mortgage and that any surplus at year end 2013 also be applied to the said mortgage.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to give the same Christmas bonuses to Korey and Susan as last year.

The New Year's Levee was discussed. Councillor Dunn said the Levee will be in partnership with West Prince Sports Council, Fire Department, Miss Alberton, Alberton Library Reading tent, RCMP, EMS, Alberton Town Council and the Phillips Residence will be catering the event. Parents asked for a clown which will be Irwin Campbell.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to hire Irwin Campbell to be a clown for \$125.00 and purchase a cake for approximately \$80.00 for the New Year's Levee from 2-4 p.m. at the fire hall.

PUBLIC INPUT

Alan Curtis said that flag protocol is traditional fringe when paraded with military or for uniformity the Canada Flag and Union Jack. He said the Provincial Flag and Town flag on it as you face the building from the street.

Alan Rennie said he is representing Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena and said he is getting phone calls about the condition of the parking lot. He was wondering if the town could repair and pave the lot. Alan Rennie said that four hundred people use it every week and an extra four hundred use it once a month and also spectators which mean a lot of people use the arena. Councillor Gallant said she is looking into it and hopes to see it done next summer if we can get the funding. Mayor Murphy asked Alan Rennie to set up a meeting. When asked about the windmill Alan Rennie said the windmill is working well but not making a profit.

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

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The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to hire Donald Blanchard, if available, to work while Korey Dunn is off.

Councillor Campbell left the room due to a conflict of interest as his wife works at Save Easy.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to enter a lease agreement with Save Easy if they are willing for a fee of \$5,000.00 with the conditions that the green space and gazebo are not included and the garbage dumpsters remain where they are located also garbage pick-up is not included by the town and asphalt repairs are not included and take it to Sherra Profit at Cox & Palmer to be drawn up.

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