

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM ANNUAL AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The annual and regular council meeting was held Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Gallant and Dunn present also Alan Curtis, Kyle Fraser, Chris LeClair, Cindy Chant - West Prince Graphic, Eric McCarthy - Journal Pioneer and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn. Councillors Campbell and Duggan were absent.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried for the approval of the 2013 consolidated financial statements.

YEARLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environment Report

Councillor Dunn reported for environment. In 2013 the town applied for PIF funding to upgrade sewer services. The PIF funding was \$22,100.00 and \$3,900.00 from the sewer utility for a total of \$26,000.00; the work was to upgrade the lift station. Two residents on Main Street and Elder Street had issues with their sewer lines. One was resolved by readjusting the grade of the pipe from the street to the home and the other resident was assisted by having a plumber in to check the residential home. In 2013, \$148,052.00 was taken in through sewer charges to residents. Councillor Dunn met with Westech staff regarding concerns from residents with flies and odors reported coming from the farm. Councillor Dunn contacted several other municipalities to see what they have for bylaws in regards to fertilizers used within town limits. Further research in consultation with Municipal Affairs will be followed up on in 2014.

Street Report

Councillor Gallant reported for streets, in 2013 resurfacing was completed on sections of Elder Street, Argyle Street and College Street and patching on Elder, Dufferin and Reid Streets. A slightly used sidewalk machine was purchased.

Fire Report

Councillor Pottier reported for fire. The Alberton Fire Department went through a lot of changes in 2013, which started with the retirement of Chief Kenny Ramsay two weeks after being elected chief. Deputy Chief Tom Murphy was named Interim acting chief. They had a busy year even though calls were down by 27 percent from the previous year. The department had a successful year recruiting and was able to have two fully trained firefighters return to the hall. The call volume was down, but calls within the town increased due to medical calls. Of the 119 calls for service in 2013, 67 (56.3%) were outside town, and 52 (43.7%) were inside town. In 2012 there were 162 calls for service with 114 (70.3%) outside town and 48 or (29.7%) calls inside town. The Alberton Fire department is very thankful for the Mutual Aid agreement which was needed in 2013 at some of our structure fires and when one of

our tankers was out of service. They would like to thank the town for the donation of the old snow blower which was helpful in maintaining their outdoor rink. The fire department is in very good condition with up-to-date equipment, trucks, and trained firefighters, and a lot of credit goes to our volunteers who take pride in providing excellent service.

Heritage Town Owned Buildings Report

Councillor Pottier reported for heritage and town owned buildings. In June of 2013 the town of Alberton entered into a two-year rental agreement with the Alberton Historical Preservation Foundation for the Old Stone Station located at 10 Railway Street. The intention of the Foundation was to move the Welcome Centre to the Old Stone Station from its previous location at the Alberton Museum, thereby making it more visible and easily accessible. The Foundation was also exploring, in partnership with the PEI Department of Tourism and Culture and the PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation the development of exhibits related to the railway in Prince Edward Island to be housed in the building. During the time the Welcome Center operated in the Old Stone Station in 2013 over 500 parties visited the site, an increase over the number visiting the site in its previous location. Numerous pamphlets and brochures about area attractions were available for visitors and a video presentation on the area was displayed on a large-screen television. A few rail-related artifacts were also on display. A committee made up of area residents interested in the PEI railway or this Old Stone Station in particular has been formed with Alan Graham as Chair. Pictorial information panels have been designed and will be installed in time for the 2014 opening. Future plans include restoring the office to demonstrate its previous operation as a ticket and telegraph office, installing locked cabinets to display items and displaying more items on loan from the Artifactory. It is expected the Welcome Center will open in June for the 2014 season.

Recreation Report

Mayor Murphy reported for recreation. 2013 was a very successful year in regards to recreation with large increases in existing programming and the implementation and a huge response to new programming, resident reaction was very positive. Minor sports programming in Alberton showed a dramatic increase of 34% over 2012. New programs for youth included After School programs at Alberton Elementary, Children's multisport program in the summer, youth ball hockey program at Jacques Cartier arena, children's backyard day camp program, Active Start program for pre-school children, Youth Try Curling program, After school ski program, biathlon program, kids triathlon program, tennis program (introduction), bike Rodeo Safety program, adult programming, Learn to run 5k and 10k. adult biking program on Confederation Trail, adult Multisport program, adult learn to curl program, adult Ball hockey, adult tennis program, seniors programming, an eight week healthy active lifestyle program, an eight week chair yoga program, Nordic walking program and U 16 Girls National Softball. The department worked in concert with the O'Leary Recreation Department to run a successful one week tournament out of the Memorial Field Complex in Alberton and also ran two successful co-ed softball tournament fundraising events in Alberton in August and September. Terry is starting to work directly with the Arena Board and Alberton Minor Hockey to become more involved from a recreation standpoint and to support and help enhance existing programs and associations especially for tournaments. He said that overall it was a very successful year with plenty of community involvement and positive feedback.

Approval of 2014 Budget

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the budget for 2014 with revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$798,402.00 for the general account

and to set the tax rate for 2014 at .56 non-commercial and \$1.05 commercial.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve the operating budget for Alberton Sewage Collection and Treatment Corporation with revenue and expenditures in the amount of 145,500.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to give Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena a grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to give grants to the library, museum and curling club in the amount of \$2,000.00 each.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to give a grant to Alberton Area Development Corporation in the amount of \$1,500.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to give a grant to Alberton Area Business Association in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to give the full time staff presently employed a cost of living increase in the amount of 2%.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried that the general account give a loan to the sewer account in the amount of \$95,570.00 for the Community Fund Argyle/Central/Elizabeth Drive sewer replacement project at the current rate of interest at the time the loan is taken.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for the approval of the minutes of the last regular council meeting held February 10, 2014.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Pottier reported that her term with AADC ended in 2012.

Councillor Dunn asked for a list of revenue and expenditures for the last 5 years and was given them by the administrator.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the Western Midget AAA Regals for a donation for the 2014 Minor Midget AAA Atlantic Championships to be held in Alberton March 27 – 30th.

Kyle Fraser said money was needed to purchase a kit for painting the lines on the ice surface and the cost would be \$450.00 to \$500.00 and \$500.00 to turn on the boilers.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to donate \$1,000.00 to the Western Midget AAA Regals tournament and 125 town pins.

Only one tender was received for the former Hardy building to be moved from the lot and it was from Randy Jeffery for \$250.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to accept the \$250.00 tender from Randy Jeffery for the building and contents.

Councillor Gallant suggested that since there were no tenders for the house it should be advertised for demolition.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to advertise for demolition of the former Hardy house.

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

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

A letter was received from Derek French Professional Service Inc. regarding PID number 19117 and his response to the request from the property owners to not have a survey completed.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to follow the recommendation from Derek French Professional Services Inc. that a legal survey be prepared for PID 19117 and also include details of the conditions (asphalt, infrastructure, obstructions, etc.) at the limits of Dufferin Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Extending Town Boundaries

Councillor Dunn reported for extending town boundaries that she had met with Municipal Affairs and the focus is on policy and procedures and in three weeks they will come back.

Streets

Councillor Gallant reported that she had nothing to report for streets except there is snow coming.

Fire

Councillor Pottier reported for fire. There were 8 calls 1 Mutual Aid, 1 Motor Vehicle Collision, 2 Flue fires and 4 Medical. On March 1st and 2nd Tom Murphy and Stephen LeClair completed Making A Difference course in Charlottetown and on March 8th Dennis Milligan, John Ellsworth, Leonard Fraser, and Jacquie Lidstone completed an Ice Rescue course in Charlottetown. There was a reminder to council to sign up for a Basic Emergency Management course at Alberton Fire Department on March 29-30 and information is available at EMO PEI. The Prince Edward Island Fire Fighters Association website has the PEI fire service study downloaded on their homepage. This document Shows Alberton Fire Department has achieved service and training Level 1, meaning: These Departments/Companies are equipped and trained to provide Core Emergency Services independently in their response area. These include: Full Structural Firefighting capabilities • Technical Rescue capabilities • Flammable Liquid Firefighting capabilities • Ice Rescue/Water Rescue capabilities • Brush/Forestry Firefighting capabilities • Disaster Response capabilities • Vehicle Extrication capabilities • Basic Hazardous Materials Response

capabilities• Medical First Responder capabilities. The Alberton Fire Department is one of 18 Island departments listed as being full service providers. These Fire Departments/Fire Companies are equipped and their members have received training from the PEIFFA fire school or other certified training organization which enables them to provide Core Emergency Services. In addition, these Fire Departments/Companies have developed and provide a regularly scheduled in house training program for their members. The Alberton Fire Department is one of only 11 Island departments rated as being at a Training Level 1 capacity.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to have administration draft a contract for Greenmount/ Montrose, Northport and Alberton Fire District for protection services to set out the time frame and cost of services provided.

Police Report

Councillor Pottier reported for police in the absence of Councillor Duggan. During the month of February 2014, members of West Prince Detachment spent 160 hours policing the Town of Alberton. The members responded to 12 calls for service which are broken down as follows: 5 false alarm, 3 traffic complaint, 1 assault, 1 assist Provincial Agency, 1- 911 Act and 1 Trespass Act.

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 \$51,576.37.

Recreation Report

Mayor Murphy reported for recreation. During the month of March activities included - After school skiing for Alberton Elementary School on Wednesday afternoons, After school curling for Alberton Elementary School on Thursday afternoons, Adult multisport program at Alberton Elementary School on Friday evenings and an indoor Walking club at Alberton Elementary School Monday to Friday.

Terry Stone, recreation/events coordinator met with residents at an open forum meeting at the town hall on Wednesday February 26th to discuss ideas and suggestions on how to enhance and implement new programs and events for the town. He also met with the Alberton Business Association on Feb 25th to gather ideas and information and suggestions on possible events for the upcoming spring and summer season. He met with an Atlantic Lottery Corporation Representative to discuss possible grant possibilities and how to devise a strategy to do so. He met with the Camp Kildare Event Coordinator to discuss possible opportunities for their facility such as day camps, senior's outings and accommodation opportunities for teams and groups for the summer season. He also formed a committee to develop a summer event to either to jump on board with the Exhibition or on a separate weekend. Things are in full swing in preparing for the Atlantic AAA Midget Championships for the end of March with their committee. Terry Stone has been able to recruit volunteers for upcoming soccer, football, and softball clinics for indoor programs and the rink when the ice is removed. He met with the Heritage house as a possible venue to have for Backyard day camp this summer. With the help of some advice and

participation he has decided to hold early registration for all summer sports in order get a head start on forming existing and possible new teams and especially on teams that will participate Island wide. Terry Stone has secured a volunteer to implement an afterschool volleyball program/clinic for Alberton Elementary students. He is also working with the Curling Club and other groups to help promote and advertise any program or event they may be hosting. He is working with the Wellington Boys and Girls Club regarding an anti-Bullying event for kids age 6-12 to be hosted in West Prince.

Councillor Dunn distributed a community survey which can be completed and returned to her or to Karla Robinson at the office in the flower shop.

Environment Report

Councillor Dunn reported for environment in the absence of Councillor Campbell. She said she contacted the MLA and MP to let them know our concerns about the fumigant being used by Westech.

NEW BUSINESS

The policies will be discussed at another meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

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