

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

The regular Council meeting was held Monday, February 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Cahill, Duggan, Gallant, Campbell and Dunn present also Chris LeClair, Tom Murphy, Sharon Gallant, Alan Curtis, Cindy Chant, West Prince Graphic, also staff Terry Stone and Susan Wallace-Flynn. Councillor Pottier was away.

**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 Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for the approval of the minutes of the regular council meeting held January 13, 2014.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Campbell asked the status regarding our streets and said more communities are requesting town status and do not pay for the cost of streets.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters to request funding were received from Alberton Library Ltd, Alberton Historical Preservation Foundation Inc. and Western Community Curling Club. A request was received from Kevin Ellsworth for 10 additional pins for the Provincial Legion Curling Championship.

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to give Kevin Ellsworth additional pins.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to apply for a PIF grant for the rink parking lot.**

**BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

A property development application was received for renovations at Save Easy.

Councillor Campbell left the room due to a conflict of interest.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the property development application for renovations at Save Easy pending the fire marshal's approval.**

Councillor Campbell returned to the meeting.

A property development application was received from Alberton Historical Preservation Foundation Inc. for an extension to the rear 20 feet X 21 feet for genealogy research and archival storage.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve the property development application for Alberton Historical Preservation Foundation Inc. for an addition 20 feet by 21 feet subject to the fire marshal's conditions.**

A business license was received from West Prince Solar Inc. to be located at 491 Main Street.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve a business license application from West Prince Solar Inc.**

An application was received for permission to subdivide the Jeffery property across from Westech. Council agreed to consult planner, Derrick French for information and let their lawyer know.

Sharon Gallant made a presentation on project Camp Kildare. The original project was downsized from a building 24 feet X 100 feet to 24 feet X 52 feet with the total cost \$192,300.00 to be open from May to November. Sharon Gallant said she was here to ask for three things. The capital campaign is for \$34,800.00 and AADC cannot give a tax receipt and she requested that the town issue the receipts. She said the Community Foundation of PEI, John Robertson chair of the Foundation can collect the donation and the contributor would make the cheque payable to Community Foundation of PEI, they would write a cheque to the Town of Alberton and the Town of Alberton would write a cheque to Camp Kildare. The other requests were for a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the next five years for an operating budget and a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 for Camp Kildare.

Constable McGrath arrived at the meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Recreation Report**

Terry Stone reported for recreation, he is continuing programs with Western Region Sports Council including after school, skiing and curling. The adult walking program is Monday to Friday at Alberton Elementary School. He was involved in the 55+ games held on January 28<sup>th</sup>, the Alberton Memorial Hockey tournament held on the February 1<sup>st</sup> weekend and he donated silent auction items and the proceeds went directly to the arena. Terry Stone has been meeting with various business owners including Geoffrey Irving, Alberton Business Association, Sharon Gallant, Camp Kildare which he said would be a great venue to run day camps once or twice a week. He held meetings with senior organizations and will attend the next AADC meeting on February 19, 2014. He is helping to promote and organize the Triple A Midget Atlantics which will be held here for the last time from March 27-30<sup>th</sup>. He met with representatives from two senior residences in regards to starting new programs. He met with a representative from Western Community Curling Club and they have the Under 16 Provincials coming in March. He contacted and met with a number of parents to promote a summer minor sports committee to help promote and oversee soccer and softball for the upcoming season. He talked to Alberton Elementary School regarding the ball diamond and was told the school board does not want to take care of it and it may need upgrades. He said that last year both diamonds were heavily booked and there is the potential of a Western Baseball Association being formed. He received a request to move the Bantams to Memorial but that would require quite a bit of adjustments to the field including moving the fence and plate. Terry Stone has an open forum meeting planned for next Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for information gathering and suggestions from the residents in a positive manner. Councillor Duggan said he and Terry Stone walked the former manor property and possible ideas for the property

included developing tennis courts, a soccer field and walking trails. The government owns the property. Councillor Duggan requested that a letter be sent to Hon. Robert Vessey and Pat Murphy to get their long range plans for the former manor property.

### **Police Report**

Councillor Duggan reported for police. Constable McGrath read the police report. There were 19 calls for service and 178 policing hours. The breakdown for calls was as follows: 4 false alarms, 3 fraud, 2 motor vehicle collisions, 2 traffic complaints, 2 suspicious vehicle/person, 2 Mental Health Act, 1 criminal harassment, 1 uttering threats, 1 mischief, and 1 crime prevention.

### **Street Report**

Councillor Gallant reported for the streets. Snow removal is going okay but a storm is coming. Light bulbs were replaced on lights on some streets.

### **Fire Report**

Councillor Duggan reported for fire in the absence of Councillor Pottier. There were 13 calls which included: - 1 Mutual Aid, 3 motor vehicle collisions, 1 flue fire, 1 commercial fire alarm and 7 medical calls. Two members are certified in Hazmat Operations and four members have taken Basic Emergency Management.

**The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to accept the fire department election results consisting of Fire Chief - Tom Murphy, Deputy Chief –Chris LeClair and Captains Shannon Dumville, Darrell Graham, Jason Milligan and Emile Bernard, Executive Tom Murphy, David Cahill, Stephen LeClair, Barry Wells, Chris LeClair, Jacquie Lidstone and Secretary Jacquie Lidstone.**

### **Environment Report**

Councillor Campbell reported for environment. He said the sewer bills were sent out and are coming in. He said he has things to discuss before spring to work things out regarding the farm and dumping of lobster bodies.

### **Extending Town Boundaries**

Councillor Dunn reported for extending town boundaries. Councillor Dunn said she had met with Municipal Affairs to get an update on where to go.

### **Finance Report**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$145,247.67.**

Councillor Cahill said that as a follow up to Councillor Dunn's suggestion last month to have a public budget meeting he suggested asking for written submissions from the tax payers with a deadline of February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to run an ad to invite written submissions from tax payers for feedback for the 2014 budget.**

Councillor Dunn requested a breakdown over the last five years of revenue and expenditures.

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to hire WSP for the Community Fund Gas Tax Sewer Project and to tender it as soon as possible.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to put \$80,000.00 insurance on the former Hardy house.**

Councillor Dunn reported that she spoke to Municipal Affairs regarding local tenders. She said Municipal Affairs offered to draft a proposed amendment of the purchasing and tender policy.

**The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to follow up with Municipal Affairs to draft a proposed amendment to our purchasing and tendering policy.**

A request was received from the PEI Bait Fishers for support for winter fishing and a date for the summer fishing. The summer date will be checked with Terry Stone, recreation/events coordinator.

**The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to support PEI Bait Fishers Group and all they have done and we want them back next winter.**

#### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Alan Curtis asked if a town councillor is on the AADC board. Mayor Murphy thought Councillor Pottier was on the board.

Tom Murphy thanked the councillors for support of the rink and said that everyday someone was on it.

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

**The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to return from a committee of the whole.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to hire Alfred Culleton as needed.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to hand over the town parking lot to Alberton Business Association.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to run an ad to tender the former Hardy house and building to be moved.**

**The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to give the snow bonus at 6 cm of snow outside of regular work hours.**

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