

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was held Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Duggan, Campbell, Gallant and Dunn present also James Smith, Frances Ready, Chris LeClair, Tom Murphy, Cindy Chant-West Prince Graphic, Eric McCarthy-Journal and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

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

Councillor Duggan asked to be excused from agenda item #7 (3) due to a conflict of interest.

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 April 14, 2014.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Dunn said she had received a call from a resident to see if the manor property could be a walking track. Mayor Murphy said it was owned by the Province.

Councillor Duggan said that at the last council meeting Mr. Curtis brought up the state of the Redmond property and asked the administrator for an update. Susan reported that she had contacted the Fire Marshal's Office and Department of Environment and an inspection will be done of the property.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the organizers of the Third Annual Three Arena golf tournament for a donation.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to sponsor a hole for a donation of \$250.00 for the Third Annual Three Arena Golf Tournament.

A letter was received from the Canadian Diabetes Association Nova Scotia and PEI Clothesline with a request to put a clothing drop box behind Alberton Save Easy. Council did not approve the box as it may interfere with the Bargain Nook which raises money for Western Hospital.

A letter was received from Westisle High School with a request for a donation for prizes for their graduation. This will be considered for the budget next year.

A request was received from the Miss Alberton Pageant committee with a request for sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00. Councillor Gallant said the reference in the letter that the responsibilities of the pageant were presented only after they were told the budget had closed was not true. Councillor Gallant said that this was miscommunication and she and her co-chair had met on March 6th and gave the girls a list of the do's and time frames and told them to prepare a letter for the next council meeting because council was in the budget process. She also said she hoped the funds would be available to sponsor it this year.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to donate \$500.00 to the Miss Alberton Pageant.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to apply to the FCC AgriSpirit fund for equipment for the fire department.

A letter was received from Hon. Gail Shea regarding the ground water monitoring study being carried out by Stantec Consulting Ltd. and the use of chloropicrin. This letter stated that the final authority/decision on allowing or not allowing the use of a pesticide rests with the Province.

Mayor Murphy reported that we attended a meeting today with Minister Sherry and the chloropicrin test site located at St. Roch will be monitored by EC, the manufacturer, the Department of Environment, the Cascumpec and Arsenault's Pond Watershed Groups and a representative from Council, if they wish. Stock piling of compost shell material will be monitored a lot closer with a 24 hour window.

Environment Report

Councillor Campbell said they now have an enforcement officer working out of O'Leary. Councillor Campbell said the meeting with Minister Sherry stemmed from the 2001 or 2002 incident and he appreciates the involvement from the Cascumpec and Arsenault's Pond Watershed Groups. Councillor Campbell said if any residents are concerned we will give them the information given to us today.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve a property development application for a building 60'X32' for Chester Adams at the corner of Dufferin and Reid Streets.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to allow Gary Rochford to move a building 16 feet X 18 feet to his property from Ken and Verna Banks' property.

One copy of a subdivision plan from the Jeffery's arrived this afternoon at 3 p.m. and council asked that it be sent to the planner, Derek French for review. The bylaw states that final subdivision approval shall be granted by Council only after the applicant has submitted five copies of a final subdivision plan.

Constable McGrath arrived at the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Report

Councillor Duggan asked Cst. McGrath to read the police report. During April the RCMP spent 158 hours policing the town and they responded to 20 calls which included 3 false alarms, 2 motor vehicle collision, 2 traffic complaints, 2 suspicious persons, 2 Child Welfare Act, 1 sexual assault, 1 possession for the purpose of trafficking, 1 impaired driving, 1 shoplifting, 1 mischief, 1 disturbing the peace, 1-911 Act, 1 Dog Act and 1 assist the public. Cst. McGrath left the meeting.

Extending Town Boundaries Report

Councillor Dunn reported that as a follow up after meeting with Albert McDonald and John Chisholm from Municipal Affairs that Council review our policies and get our house in order. She said council has made changes to two policies.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Duggan that all council meet to discuss policies and to recommend changes as soon as possible. The motion was not carried.

Councillors Dunn, Duggan and Cahill voted yes and Councillors Gallant, Campbell and Pottier voted no. Councillor Dunn said staff evaluations and performance management need to be done. Mayor Murphy asked if she was working for Municipal Affairs or the town of Alberton. Mayor Murphy said she should look at ways of expanding the boundaries. Councillor Dunn said is she meeting with the Business Development officer in a research capacity to learn more about attracting business to town.

Streets Report

Councillor Gallant reported that the maintenance crew is working on getting sand off the sidewalks. She said that Susan is actively seeking grants for the arena parking lot. Councillor Gallant reported she has been in conversations with the MLA about future paving. Councillor Dunn asked about putting streamers up across Main Street. Susan will check to see if we still have streamers. Councillor Duggan asked if council wanted to get flowering baskets for Main Street for \$15.00 per pot.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to get Claude Robinson to fill twelve flower pots at \$15.00 each for Main Street.

Heritage Town Owned Buildings and Fire Report

Councillor Pottier had nothing new to report for Heritage Town Owned Buildings. Councillor Pottier reported that the fire department responded to 11 calls which included 1 motor vehicle collision, 6 Medical first Responder, 1 Structure fire and 3 Mutual Aid calls.

Councillors Cahill and Dunn left the room due to a conflict of interest regarding the letter from Alberton Fire District.

Councillor Pottier reported that we have not, as yet, received a signed contract from the Alberton Fire District. We have now received four post-dated cheques from the Alberton Fire District totaling \$111,945.56, the amount billed for 2014. Since all the cheques are post-dated, none can be cashed before June 30, 2014. Councillor Pottier reported that the accompanying letter from the Alberton Fire District says that one of the December 31st cheques covers the period October 1 to December 31, 2014, while the second covers the period January 1 to March 31, 2015. As required by Section 40 of the Municipalities Act, the fiscal year for the Town is January 1 to December 31, and that is the period for which the fire dues are billed. Councillor Pottier stated that we cannot apply the fourth quarter cheque to the period January 1 to March 31, 2015 as this is the next fiscal year. She said it is unclear how the Alberton Fire District can pay dues for a quarter in the next fiscal year when the town budget and the fire dues for next year have not yet been sent. Councillor Pottier stated that therefore we will apply the four post-dated cheques received to the 2014 dues as they cover the amount which was billed for 2014. She said we will bill 2015 dues for the calendar year 2015 once the 2015 Fire Department budget has been approved and the rates have been set early next year.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to send Alberton Fire District a letter to try to resolve problems for this year and work on a plan for next year.

Councillors Cahill and Dunn returned to the meeting.

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 \$35,217.54.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Murphy gave second reading to the Fire Services By-law.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to accept the second reading of the Fire Services By-Law.

The resolution was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to accept and approve the Fire Services By-law as read.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to take the federal summer student cost shared 50-50.

Councillor Duggan left the room due to a conflict of interest on the next item.

The following tenders were received to demolish and remove the former Hardy house and included applicable taxes -

O'Meara's Heavy Equipment Ltd- \$4,788.00

G.E. MacNeill Construction \$6,612.00

Preston Murphy Trucking \$4,446.00

Kildare Construction \$3,850.00

Lennie's Heavy Equipment \$10,089.00

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to hire Kildare Construction at \$3,850.00 to demolish the former Hardy House.

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

Councillor Duggan returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

NIL

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

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

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to offer the first candidate for the maintenance job \$16.50 per hour with a six month probation and an increase

once he has obtained the tickets for Waste Water Collection and Treatment and to offer the second candidate the job if he does not accept the job.

Andrew Mackenzie has accepted the maintenance job and will start on May 28, 2014.

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