

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular Council meeting was held Monday, January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Cahill, Pottier, Duggan, Campbell and Dunn present also Tiffany Bernard, Tom Murphy, Nora Dorgan, Mitchell Rennie, Chris LeClair, Cindy Chant-West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

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

Councillor Pottier stated that under Public Input on page 5 something is missing from the sentence about the provincial and town flags. Councillor Duggan said he had asked about snow clearing in certain areas and if they were part of the contract. He said the areas not cleared were the part by the Anglican Church and Select Automotive.

Eric McCarthy from the Journal Pioneer arrived at the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve the minutes from the last regular council meeting held December 9, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from FPEIM that the deadline for summer Jobs for students is January 31, 2014.

The motion was made by Councillor Dunn, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to apply for two students for summer jobs.

A letter was received from Transportation West Inc. to request a donation for signage. This request will be discussed in the 2014 budget meeting.

A letter was received from Saunders Equipment and they agreed to start the warranty on the sidewalk machine on January 1st and extend it until the end of April 2014.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to support the resolution from Veteran's Affair Canada regarding office closures.

Cst. Mintie arrived at the meeting.

A letter was received from Maritime Electric regarding lighting and types of streetlights.

A letter was received from the Director of Finance that the RCMP policing extended service agreement has increased to \$116,404.00 commencing April 1, 2014.

A letter was received from Canadian Heritage to acknowledge receipt of our Canada Day application.

Mayor Murphy asked Councillor Duggan to leave the council room due to a conflict of interest on the next correspondence.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to cover the Up West Winterfest budget for \$1,500.00 as outlined in the correspondence.

Councillor Duggan returned to the meeting.

BUILDING LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

A property development application was received for the demolition of Maplewood Manor.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve the demolition permit from the Province of PEI for the old Maplewood Manor.

An application was received from Nora Dorgan for a subdivision of part of parcel 19117 owned by the Jeffery family. Nora Dorgan was told she needs the signature from the owners of the land on the subdivision application.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Tourism

Councillor Duggan reported for Parks & Tourism. Parks: nothing to report. Tourism: Mural celebrations have been completed with the last in December. He thanked all the performers.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to rescind that portion of the motion made at the July 8, 2013 council meeting regarding 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.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried that instead of placing the advertising necessary to solicit proposals for the mural from Island artists, the advice of the West Prince Arts Council that for the best result five individual artists in the immediate area be offered the opportunity to make a submission be accepted.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried that the smaller canvas size for the mural of 5 feet X 6 feet be accepted.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to pay the invoice submitted by the artist Nan Ferrier in the amount of \$2,523.00, which includes artists fees of \$2,400.00 as per the signed contract, including cost of paints and use of studio space, and \$33.00 in interest and a reduction of \$10.00 in the cost of transportation. This does not include the cost of the canvas which was billed separately by the supplier (invoice #00579) and paid December 12, 2013 with cheque number 4219.

Councillor Duggan asked for permission to report on Winterfest. Councillor Duggan reported that Winterfest is proceeding well despite the spring weather. He said the disco skate went great, with about 80 people in attendance and lots of great comments. The Fire Fighters hockey was cancelled due

to ice conditions. The pancake breakfast had about 20 plus people. Councillor Duggan said the upcoming Amazing Rally starts tomorrow at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. He thanked Terry Stone and Councillors Pottier, Campbell and Dunn for helping put on the breakfast. Councillor Duggan reported there will be a free skate and barbeque at Jacques Cartier Arena Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and he hopes to have some of the town residents and business staff come up for lunch. He said there are activities at the library and posters and brochures are around town. The winter fishing will be at the Town pond January 18th and 19th.

Councillor Pottier said there are reports in the media about the elimination of the Island post mark but if you want your letter stamped with the Alberton Cancellation Stamp go into the office.

Councillor Campbell asked if the registration for fishing was \$5.00 at all the locations across the Island or just in Alberton. Susan will check with William Warren President of PEI Bait Fishers Group.

Fire Report

Councillor Pottier reported for fire. There 12 calls in total which included 7 Medical Fire Responder, 2 Mutual Aid Calls, 2 Motor Vehicle Collisions and 1 Flu Fire. Two firefighters got certified in Hazmat Awareness.

A request was received from the West Prince Graphic to purchase ads.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to purchase an ad for \$49.56 plus HST for Salute to Minor Hockey from the West Prince Graphic.

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Environment Report

Councillor Dunn reported for environment. Councillor Dunn thanked the Fire Department for hosting the New Year's Levee. She said the sewer bills will be sent out this month. Councillor Dunn asked if the residents have been informed of removal procedures at the old Maplewood Manor. Councillor Dunn said lead and mercury have to be removed as well and that we should get something from Public Works that a certified asbestos team will do the removal.

Street Lights Report

Councillor Campbell reported for street lights. Councillor Campbell said there have been no complaints from residents.

Finance Report

Councillor Cahill reported for finance.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$41,465.76.

Councillor Dunn asked if we will hold a public meeting regarding the budget. Mayor Murphy asked Councillor Dunn for a copy of the letter she sent to the Deputy Ministers. Councillor Dunn gave him the letter.

Police Report

Cst. Mintie read the report. There were 157 hours policing and 13 calls for service. The calls included: 2 disturb the peace, 2 traffic complaints, 2 fail to comply with probation order, 1 assault, 1 mischief, 1 motor vehicle collision, 1 suspicious person, 1 assist general public, 1 assist provincial agency and 1 liquor control act complaint. Councillor Pottier asked why the hours were down and Cst. Mintie said it was due to the storms.

Recreation Report

Mayor Murphy read the Recreation Report.

The Western Region Sport and Recreation Council started 2014 on the right foot with many new programs!

A free 8- week Adult Multi-sport Program is being offered at Alberton Elementary on Fridays at 6:30 and is open to anyone age 18+. This program allows participants to get an hour of non-competitive physical activity in the comfort of the gymnasium and is led by a community volunteer. Activities include but are not limited to volleyball, badminton, basketball, European handball, dodge ball, etc. The program started on Jan 10th.

In partnership with Community School, they are offering a 10-week Healthy Cooking Class at Holland College in Alberton on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. and the program started Jan 6th. Participants get a hands-on experience and learn how to make traditional recipes healthier. The cost of the program is \$10.00 (community school fee). All other costs are covered by the Sports Council and the program is led by a community leader.

WRSRC assisted the West Prince Basketball Association in offering an after school “small ball” program for children in grade K-2. They successfully recruited coaches, promoted the program and secured the gymnasium at Alberton Elementary. This 8-week program is scheduled to start January 17th.

They are offering a free After School Curling Program at the Western Community Curling Club for 8 weeks beginning January 24th for any children in grades 3-6. They were able to get permission for the participants to take school bus transportation to the curling club each Friday and the only equipment required is clean sneakers. The program will be led by Sports Council staff and supported by volunteers.

The free Learn to Curl Program at Western Community Curling Club is continuing in 2014 and is open to anyone over the age of 18 on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Participants are required to bring clean sneakers and this is meant to attract new members for the curling club. This program is led by community volunteers.

The sports council assisted the Up West Winterfest committee by recruiting volunteers to assist at the Western Community Curling Club for the Amazing Rally and Learn to Curl being offered by the Winterfest committee.

The indoor walking program at Alberton Elementary is offered Monday through Friday until April. 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.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Campbell said we need to get more information from Municipal affairs on O’Leary and North Rustico applying for town status and not being responsible for street costs including paving, snow removal and street repair.

Councillor Pottier said she is attending four training sessions in Summerside for Responsive Leadership for a Diverse Community and would like to have her mileage paid.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to pay for four training sessions in Summerside for Councillor Pottier.

Councillor Dunn distributed a copy of the City of Summerside Tendering Policy which gives local preference to local businesses and a page on the Atlantic Procurement Agreement. This will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Public Input

Tom Murphy asked if he could apply for a summer student.

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

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The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to hire Terry Stone for three days per week, if he will accept, as events coordinator and the Mayor will negotiate a salary effective immediately.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried that the two maintenance staff receive \$50.00 after deductions for the three major snow storms and any other major storms until the regular fulltime maintenance man returns.

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