

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014**

The regular Council meeting was held Monday, July 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Campbell, Dunn, Gallant, Pottier and Duggan present also Chris LeClair, Frances Ready, Tom Murphy, Alan Curtis, Rachel Finley - West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

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 Duggan and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held June 9, 2014.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Campbell asked if the grease trap was installed by a business on Main Street and it has been installed.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of thanks and plaque were received from the PEI Bait Fishers Group for the sponsorship. Mayor Murphy said there were great numbers at the derby and lots of fish left in the pond.

A request was received from Community Safety Net to request funding for a child's safety book.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to advertise with Community Safety Net 2/3 Class Partner at a cost of \$342.00.

Council decided to enter a float in the Prince County Exhibition Parade and dress up in old fashioned clothes. Councillors Dunn and Campbell confirmed they would be on it.

A request was received from the Alberton Multicultural Committee and the Alberton Business Association to borrow the stage for a Multicultural Event to be held on August 23rd from 12-3 p.m. on Main Street. Mayor Murphy said that this would not be a problem as long as the committee hauls the stage and there would be no liability for the town.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to run an ad in the West Prince Graphic for Prince County Exhibition at a cost of \$92.40.

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

Councillor Campbell requested that a card of condolence be sent to Mrs. Ralph Thompson as Judge Thompson was a judge for a number of years in Alberton.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Report

Councillor Duggan read the police report which included 18 calls and 165 hours. The calls included 2 erratic drivers, 1 Mental Health call, 1 trespassing, 1 assault, 3 fire alarms, 2 911 calls unfounded, 1 impaired driving complaint, 2 disturbances, 1 missing person, 1 mischief (damage to property), 1 motor vehicle collision (minor injury), 1 ATV complaint and 1 sudden death.

Councillor Pottier requested that Councillor Duggan get the RCMP to pay attention to ATV's on the streets. Councillor Duggan suggested a letter to be sent to the RCMP.

Fire Report

Councillor Pottier read the fire report which included 13 calls for service with 11 Medical Fire Responders, 1 Residential Fire Alarm and 1 Motor Vehicle Collision. At the June monthly meeting the Alberton Firefighters Club Inc. purchased a used 1999 Freightliner truck. The club plans to donate the truck to the Alberton Fire Department to replace the International Tanker. The fire department found a used stainless steel milk tank and would like to use \$14,900.00 plus taxes from the fire equipment fund to buy the tank. The tank is getting work done on it and will be ready for delivery in 1 week. The fire department would also like to use \$3,000.00 from the equipment fund to buy lights for the firefighters.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to purchase a tank for \$14,900.00 plus taxes and \$3,000.00 for flash lights from the fire equipment fund.

Hertiage Town Owned Buildings Report

Councillor Pottier reported that the Welcome Centre has opened with staff doing children's programs on Thursdays.

Mayor Murphy asked about the grass cutting issue at the Station. Alan Curtis said the trail people are cutting the grass up to the monument and not around the flower bed but that it is being attended to now. Mayor Murphy asked that Councillor Pottier and Alan Curtis work something out.

Roads, Sidewalks, Street Lights & Parking Lots Report

Councillor Gallant reported that two tenders were received for resurfacing the Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena parking lot –

Chapman Brothers Construction Ltd. Option 1 - \$2.45 per square foot for 30,946 square feet
Option 2 - \$2.42 per square foot for 31,331 square feet

Preston Murphy Trucking Option 1 - \$1.95 per square foot for 33,664 square feet
Option 2 - Same price

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Campbell and carried to accept the tender from Preston Murphy Trucking that covers the largest amount of square feet to resurface the Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena parking lot in the amount of 33,664 square feet for \$75,910.54.

Tenders for street patching and resurfacing were received from -
Chapman Brothers Construction Ltd. \$95,452.20 including tax
Preston Murphy Trucking - \$55,993.38 including tax

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to accept the tender from Preston Murphy Trucking in the amount of \$55,993.38 including tax for street patching and resurfacing.

Councillor Gallant reported that the wheel chair areas have been painted and one more accessibility spot for scooters was created. Councillor Gallant also reported that the cobblestone on the sidewalks between the curb and sidewalk is in terrible condition, crumbling and not level and should be replaced with cement.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to replace the cobblestone on Main Street sidewalk with cement.

Councillors Gallant, Campbell, Dunn and Pottier voted yes, Councillor Duggan voted no and asked to record that his reason is that it will take away from the downtown. Councillor Dunn asked to change her vote but the motion was already voted on and carried.

Councillor Pottier started to make a motion to talk to the Business Association first but the motion was not completed. Councillor Campbell said he had already made a motion, it was approved and that was going against what had been approved.

Environment Report

Councillor Campbell reported for environment and said the sewer work was progressing on the line replacement and the grease trap was put in. Councillor Campbell said he would look at overdue sewer invoices later.

Extending Town Boundaries

Councillor Dunn reported that that her committee is recommending that we communicate with other municipalities that are going through the same process and are farther ahead than where we are at this time. Councillor Dunn said that she is recommending to council, if council wishes, that we gather information on the mandate and best practices of these other municipalities, such as O'Leary and Montague.

Recreation Report

Mayor Murphy reported that the summer recreation staff are off sick.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter was received from the Canada-Prince Edward Island Infrastructure Secretariat regarding the permanent Gas Tax funding for direct allocations to local governments. The estimated funding available for the town is \$101,534.00 for 2014-15. Council has to think about possible projects and get an asset management plan.

Council discussed the failure to get a property development application from PID #778571.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to send the owners of PID #778571 a letter to request that they get permits for every building constructed or hauled to the property and what the buildings are used for since the last permit was obtained in 2004.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to rehire Ruth Szabo for returning officer for the municipal election for \$250.00 and a meal each day.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to purchase a bush cutter from Hanson Smith for \$1,000.00.

PUBLIC INPUT

Alan Curtis said he was curious about the logic about the sidewalk access ramp on Church Street. He also said if council adopted Roberts Rules of Order there would be a mechanism for meetings.

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

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

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to pay bills in amount of \$131,109.05.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to hire the recommended candidate as recreation sports coordinator for 22 ½ hours per week at \$14.00 per hour and to get the person under a Skills PEI program if possible.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to send a plaque to Terry Stone thanking him for his service.

The motion was made by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to write a letter to the Department of Environment and Department of Transportation to get the storm sewer system up to date and do a complete overall of the storm sewer system.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to hire Natasha Pridham under an Employment Development Agency project funded \$8.49 per hour for 480 hours.

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