



**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Duggan, Pottier, Gallant and Dunn present also Frances Ready, Alan Curtis, Chris LeClair, Tom Murphy and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn. Councillor Cahill sent his regrets due to a death in his family.

Councillor Pottier declared a conflict of interest for a property development permit.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier 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 September 8, 2014.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

Councillor Pottier asked if we received the additional information for the property development applications for 600 Church Street and we are still waiting for additional information from the property owners on the septic system.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the PEI Military Resource Centre requesting space at the town hall for periodic visits to Alberton.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to give the PEI Military Family Resource a conditional yes to use space at the town hall every 2nd Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A letter was received from the IWK Foundation to request a donation for the Friend of the IWK Radiothon with a minimum donation of \$100.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to donate \$100.00 to the IWK Foundation.

Cst. Thomas arrived at the meeting.

A quote was received from Nedco Atlantic for replacement parts for the decorative street lights with a cost of \$475.00 for a head globe, \$365.00 for a base cover and paint setup charge of \$245.85 per order.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to order globes and bases for replacement parts for the decorative street lights.



A request was received from Wanda LeClair to install a second driveway at 32 Emma Drive.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to give permission to install a second culvert at 32 Emma Drive.

Two tenders were received for snow removal at the Fire Hall from O'Meara's Heavy Equipment Ltd. for \$1,575.00 + HST and Gordon's Enterprises Ltd. for \$1,470.00 + HST.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to accept the tender from Gordon's Enterprises Ltd. in the amount of \$1,470.00 plus HST for fire hall snow removal.

A request was received from the West Prince Graphic to purchase an ad for Remembrance Day.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to purchase a 3X1 inch ad with a red poppy for \$75.00 from the West Prince Graphic.

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

An offer was received from Recreation PEI for free No Smoking Signage.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to accept free No Smoking signage from Recreation PEI and if free, put the Town of Alberton on the sign.

A letter of response was received from the Correspondence Secretary for the Premier acknowledging receipt of a letter from Mayor Murphy to request consideration to have two residential treatment facilities for children and teens located in Alberton.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to place an ad in the Journal Pioneer for the Halloween curfew at 7:30 p.m. for \$77.00 plus tax.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

A business license application was received from JC Handyman Sales & Services to sell windows, doors and paint.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the business license application for JC Handyman Sales & Services.

A business license application was received from Quick Fix to be located at 516 Church Street to service computers and smart phones.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve a business license application from Quick Fix at 516 Church Street.

A request was received from International Neon for permission to change the existing interior and exterior signage at Save Easy to Your Independent Grocer.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to approve the signage changes at Save Easy.



A property development application was received from Amalgamated Dairies Ltd. located at 9 Central Street to add a roof over the existing ramp.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the property development application from ADL located at 9 Central Street for a roof over the existing ramp pending the fire marshals comments.

A property development application was received from Leonard O'Meara for a small transfer box 8 feet X 16 feet for storage.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to approve a property development application from Leonard O'Meara for a transfer box for storage.

Councillor Pottier left the room due to a conflict of interest on the next application.

A property development application was received from Sacred Heart R.C. Parish Inc. to insert weeping tile in the perimeter of the church basement and do repairs due to flood damage.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve a property development application for Sacred Heart R.C. Parish Inc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Murphy said that since this was the last meeting of this council he asked each councillor to give a report on what they had accomplished over the last two years.

Police

Councillor Duggan said he started with recreation and worked to get 2014 grants and trying to get an activities coordinator and now someone managed to get one. He said the town had its 100th anniversary celebration but Councillor Pottier was the lead force for the celebration.

Fire

Councillor Pottier said she was chair of fire for two years and learned a lot about how efficient and effective fire fighters were. Councillor Pottier said she implemented a purchase order process, new contract for the outlying areas, a new fire by law and communications policy, watched fire training, new pumper and a second truck on the way. She also noted how well trained the firefighters were.

Streets & Sidewalks

Councillor Gallant said there has been quite a lot of resurfacing and work done on streets and sidewalks and the parking lot at the arena paved.

Extending Town Boundaries

Councillor Dunn said she partnered with Albion Business Association and organized 2 levees. She said as Chair of Environment she met with Westech regarding sprays and met with Municipal Affairs, Montague and O'Leary regarding extending the boundaries.

Mayor Murphy asked what she solved with Westech. Councillor Dunn said she had met with Nora Dorgan and talked about how valuable her business is, about smells and how we can co-exist. Councillor Dunn said as far as town boundaries she did not get very far and we are still at a standstill regarding extending town boundaries.



Recreation Report

Mayor Murphy said we were very fortunate to have GoPEI for a year. He said Terry Stone had lots of programs but we lost him due to a transfer. Mayor Murphy said Selena Hardy is now employed and she has lots of energy and is open to new ideas and suggestions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Report

Cst. Thomas read the police report. There were 31 calls for service and 127 hours were spent patrolling and investigating these calls. The following is a summary of the issues dealt with: 2 Collisions, 2 Sexual Assault, 2 Disturbance, 1 Drug Related, 1 Lost and Found, 1 Assault, 1 Theft, 2 Break, Enter and Theft, 1 Hit & Run, 1 Fire Prevention Act, 4 Erratic Drivers, 2 Off Highway Vehicles, 2 False Alarm, 1 Theft of Motor Vehicle and 2 Threats. Councillor Dunn expressed concerns with ATV's again.

Fire Report

Councillor Pottier reported 15 calls for service which included: 10 Medical Fire Responder, 1 Commercial Fire, 2 Structure Fires, 1 Motor Vehicle Collision and 1 Mutual Aid. The new tanker has been painted and now is at HF Stewart to have the tank installed. Councillor Pottier said that as this is her last report for the Fire Committee, she would like to take this opportunity to thank Chief Tom Murphy and all the members of the Alberton Fire Department for the very important work they do. She said they put their lives on the line every time they respond to a call, and they do this to protect and help others. Councillor Pottier said that in her time as Chair she has learned a lot about their training, dedication and service to the community. She said that the Department provides a vital service and it does not go unnoticed. She wished them good luck and to stay safe.

Councillor Pottier asked the Administrator to begin the process of contacting the Fire Districts to set a date for the preliminary meeting to discuss the need for contracts and to set the stage for further meetings once the new Council is in place to establish the Fire Dues rates for the calendar year 2015.

Councillor Pottier reported that no payment has been received from Northport for fire dues to date this year, but they promised a cheque tomorrow. Councillor Pottier reported that Alberton Fire District has submitted payment of two postdated cheques dated December 31, 2014 for October 1 to December 31, 2014 and January 1 to March 31, 2015 which still leaves the first quarter of 2014 not paid. Tom Murphy, Fire Chief said he talked to Alberton Fire District different times and heard the same story.

Town Owned Heritage Buildings Report

Councillor Pottier reported that for 2014 there were 564 parties over 1,000 persons visited with a slight increase over 2013. A successful "railway days" event was held in the summer with a hundred plus participants throughout the day. This was partnered with PEI Museums and Heritage. The grass cutting arrangement between trails personnel and town was excellent.

Streets & Sidewalks Report

Councillor Gallant reported that we did not receive our snow removal contract yet.

Finance Report

Councillor Gallant gave the finance report in the absence of Councillor Cahill.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to pay bills for September in amount of \$186,294.27.



The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to pay bills for October in amount of \$85,137.37.

Environment Report

Councillor Dunn said she had a resident ask the cost of cement for sidewalk replacement. Mayor Murphy told her to send the resident in and Susan would give them the information. Councillor Dunn said Andy Daggot from Montague is willing to do a presentation on their boundary extension and how they partnered. She said there is no sense on doing a lot of research with the election coming up.

Recreation Report

Mayor Murphy read the recreation report. On September 14, 2014 the Terry Fox Run was held with 26 participants, 3 volunteers and over \$200.00 was raised. The After School Activity Programs have started with Kindergarten and Grade 1's held on Monday's from 2:30- 3:30 pm with 20 kids participating and Grades 2-3 on Friday's from 2:30-3:30 pm with 24 kid participating. Melanie Harper is volunteering with this program. Volleyball with Lisa Leard continues on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm until mid-November. Adult dodgeball is Tuesdays at 7 pm at Alberton Elementary. A seniors stretching program will start this month at the Phillips Resident on Tuesday's at 1:30 pm. Hide and Go Seek Tag will be held on October 24th at the exhibition grounds, this event is a partnership with the Western report Sport and Recreation Council. Seniors Chair Yoga will run for 6 weeks on Thursdays starting October 30th at 10:30 am in the Common Room at the senior's residence at the corner of Dufferin and Poplar Streets. The walking group will begin on November 3rd at Alberton Elementary and will run Monday to Friday from 4-5 pm. No School Friday Activities will take place November 7th and 21st in two time slots 9-10:30 am and 10:30am -12. This will take place at the bowling alley and the cost is \$5 per child for Grades K-6. Teasa Fraser is volunteering with this program. If successful Selena will continue to offer activities on the days that there is no school. Sports Day in Canada is November 29th and Parasport PEI will be coming to the Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena 9:00 am to 10:45 am for a Try Sledge Hockey event, where people will first be able to watch a quick demonstration on what sledge hockey is followed by the opportunity to get out on the ice and give sledge hockey a try! Helmets are mandatory but if people do not have helmets they can contact the rec department and arrangements will be made to have a helmet for them. Selena will be working with the Western Region Sport and Recreation Council on Sports Day in Canada activities. She is hoping to potentially have a bubble soccer activity at one of the schools and has been working to try to get wheelchair basketball to come as well but is not confident that wheelchair basketball will happen. Also in the works is a youth multi-sport program that will run out of the elementary gym this winter for grades 4 to 6. Dates are not confirmed at this time but it will be a pre-registered program for 6 weeks where the focus will be on a different sport each week. Selena had her first meeting with the Alberton Business Association this week and is hoping to partner with the businesses to get some Christmas activities planned for the Town. She would like to ask for the approval of council to send her to Charlottetown on November 25, 2014 to receive a Seniors Balls, Bands and Balance certification. This course cost is \$50.00 plus mileage to get there and it will take place on a work day. With this certification she will be able to offer Seniors Balls, Bands and Balance programs at no cost for the Seniors of Alberton. The 6-week program with Mandel Fraser costs \$240.00 and after being certified Selena will replace the Seniors Chair Yoga with Seniors Balls, Bands and Balance Program.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to send Selena Hardy for a Seniors Balls, Bands and Balance certification course in Charlottetown on November 25th and to pay the \$240.00 cost of the course plus mileage.



The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to pay Mandel Fraser for a 6 week Seniors Chair Yoga program.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to back the loan at CIBC for Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena Inc.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Pottier and carried to hold the next regular council meeting on the 3rd Monday of November due to the municipal election.

The motion was made by Councillor Gallant, seconded by Councillor Dunn and carried to hire Connie Carpenter as poll clerk for the election.

Councillor Pottier requested that a letter be sent to request that the Province look to see if there should be No parking on the west side of Main Street by Alberton Bakery parking lot. She said there is a narrow passage when trucks are parked there.

Councillor Dunn said parents and residents are upset that the train was taken down at the playground and asked if it could be replaced.

Susan read a motion from the November 12, 2013 meeting made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by councillor Duggan “to remove the train at the playground and have Alan Curtis look at it and see if he wanted it for part of his display.” Alan Curtis was contacted and responded in an email that after looking at the train he decided that it would not be needed for a display. Susan also noted that it was identified as having issues in the playground inspection completed by Recreation PEI for the past two years, a new train would have to be CSA approved and also pressure treated lumber can’t be used.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried that council agree to what is being proposed for the New Comer’s brochure and the committee is to provide information to the town administrator to be posted on the town website.

Cocunillor Pottier said that the RICH committee applied to Skills PEI for a Navigator.

The motion was made by Councillor Pottier, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to offer to the RICH program for rent free office space for a navigator, if funding is approved with details to be worked out when funded.

PUBLIC INPUT

Alan Curtis asked about the status of the wind mill at the arena and if it would be running again and if it was insured. He also said the council chairs are not CSA approved as they need to have five wheels. Councillor Dunn said chloropicrin, a fumigant is being used by Westech and we need to look into it.

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