



**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Cahill, Williams, Duggan, Bernard and Tremblay present also Krystyna Pottier, Tom Murphy, Connor Doucette, West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn. Councillor Curtis was away.

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

Councillor Duggan noted there was a mistake in the minutes from the last meeting on page one Councillor Duggan left the room not Dunn.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held November 17, 2014.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Williams asked if there would be a New Year's Levee. Councillors Cahill and Bernard were not sure if they could attend and Councillor Duggan said he would help.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to host a New Year's Levee and get an ad and cake.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed a Procedural bylaw and accepted the first reading to adopt it.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to accept the first reading of the Town of Alberton Procedural By-law.

The second reading will be done at the next regular council meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to accept the Town of Alberton Communications Policy.

This policy states that the Mayor is the official spokesperson on behalf of council.

A letter was received back from Westech stating that the septic system was already in place prior to their acquisition of the property in the early 1990's. A letter will be sent back to Westech stating that the information needed is for the buildings that were recently built on the property.

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to send another letter to Westech for information on their septic tank.



A request was received from the Journal Pioneer to purchase two Holiday Season ads for \$98.06 plus tax.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to buy one ad from the Journal and add the information about the levee.

A request was received from the West Prince Graphic to purchase a Christmas ad for \$69.30 and the second ad for New Year's would half price at \$34.65.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to buy one ad from the West Prince Graphic and add the Levee to the Christmas Greeting ad.

Councillors Williams, Duggan, Bernard and Tremblay voted yes and Councillor Cahill voted no.

A request was received from Transportation West Inc. for a letter of support to apply for funding to purchase a new van.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to write a letter of support to Transportation West Inc. to apply for funding under the New Building Canada, Small Communities Fund.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Nil

Councillor Duggan asked if Susan could provide a list of the property development applications before the meeting.

Mayor Murphy asked Deputy Mayor Cahill to take over the meeting for a few minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Cahill asked Councillor Duggan to report for environment.

Environment

Councillor Duggan reported that 15 sewer accounts are in arrears and have received the 48 hours' notice of disconnection letters. An application has been submitted for Building Canada funding. Councillor Duggan asked if there were any updates on the government storm system around the lagoon and there has not been anything. He also wished everyone Merry Christmas. Mayor Murphy returned to the chair.

Fire & Police

Councillor Tremblay reported that she had not received either the fire or police report.

Recreation

Councillor Bernard read the recreation report (see attached).

Heritage/Town Expansion



Councillor Williams reported that it was quiet and wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Finance

Councillor Cahill reported for finance.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to pay the bills in the amount of \$97,845.60.

Financial statements including balance sheets, income statements and trial balances for the general and sewer accounts were distributed. Susan left the room for the next item.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried that Christmas bonuses be given to Susan in the amount of \$500.00, Andrew \$50.00, Selena \$50.00 and \$350.00 to Kevin Gillis in appreciation for maintaining our website.

Susan returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Councillor Duggan said we lost two former councillors in 2014 and asked for two minutes of silence. Tom Murphy returned with the fire report.

Fire Report

Councillor Tremblay read the fire report (see attached). Councillors Williams and Cahill left the room due to a conflict of interest and also Councillor Williams had to go to work.

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to transfer \$8,831.48 for the new tank from the fire savings account to the general account for fire expenses.

The request to have the zoning changed at the fire hall to allow an outdoor rink will be discussed at a meeting with Mayor Murphy, the fire chief and Councillor Curtis. Councillor Cahill returned to the meeting.

Krystyna Pottier thanked council for the plaque of appreciation for the departing councillors. Krystyna Pottier said she had heard back from Scott Gamble and there is a company in Fredericton that test for the chemicals used by Westech and the cost is \$185.00 plus 1% disposal fee, plus shipping. She said if other people were interested she would ask Scott Gamble for a reduced rate.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to write a letter to Westech and request a copy of the water testing results for properties surrounding the boundaries of their property.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to request a copy of the Fumigant Management Plan from Westech.

Mayor Murphy thanked Dan Pottier for volunteering his time and talent to prepare the North Cape Coastal ad in English and French. Mayor Murphy thanked Claudia Gallant for decorating our Christmas



tree and Alberton Business Association for donating the Christmas lights on the poles. The town put new lights on the Christmas wreaths.

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

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

Two quotes were received for when there is too much snow for our own equipment to remove the snow on Main Street from the Anglican Church to Select Automotive and the parking lot behind the pond. The quotes were from O'Meara's Heavy Equipment - 950 Cat Loader with large snow bucket \$120.00 per hour, JCB Cat Loader with large snow bucket \$100.00 per hour, 100 HP New Holland Farm Tractor with snow blower \$100.00 per hour and Cat Skid steer \$50.00 per hour, as for time frame it would depend on the amount of snowfall per storm, hourly average for snow removal equipment could be as little as 3 hours to as many as 6 hours; Lennie's Heavy Equipment Ltd. - front end loader with snow bucket and skid steer both for \$100.00 per hour plus HST and a 4 hour maximum limit.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to hire Leonard O'Meara, Lennie's Heavy Equipment as casual at \$20.00 per hour to operate our snow removal equipment and if needed accept his quote at \$100.00 per hour plus HST with 4 hours maximum to include the front end loader with snow bucket and skid steer to clean Main Street from the Anglican Church to Select Automotive and the parking lot by the pond.

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



Recreation Report - November 17, 2014

After School Activity Programs Continue: Kindergarten and Grade 1's Monday's 2:30-3:30 with 20 kids & Grade 2-3 Friday's 2:30-3:30 with 24 kids. Melanie Harper is volunteering with this program.

Volleyball with Lisa Leard ended on November 12, 2014.

Adult dodgeball was cancelled due to lack of participation will look for another program to run in its place.

Seniors Stretching program at Philips residence is very successful with 10-12 seniors participating each Tuesday.

Learn to Curl is running on Tuesday evenings at 7p at the Alberton Curling Club. We have 10 participants and 3 instructors.

Last week we started the Try Hockey program with great success of 20 kids who have never played hockey before and some who hadn't skated before. The program will run for 6 weeks on Wednesdays at 3:30. Alberton elementary students can stay after school for supervised activity and then walk over to the rink with leaders. A huge number of volunteers have turned out for this program, approximately 10. With many of them being high school hockey players, either western wild or regals players.

Thursday November 20th will be the Ladies Craft Night with Dara Rayner which has sold out with 15 participants that will be making their own wreaths. There has been a good response for craft nights and I will be looking into doing more in the future.

Hide and Go Seek Tag has been cancelled until the spring due to 3 weeks in a row of rain.

Seniors Chair Yoga has started at 10:30am on Thursdays in the Common Room at the seniors residence at the corner of Dufferin and Poplar. Very successful so far with 10 people every week and the seniors really enjoy it. Once I have my balls, bands, and balance program I will do that for 6 week following the end of the chair yoga but the seniors would like to see Mandel offer chair yoga for them again eventually.

The walking group has started at Alberton Elementary and will continue to run Mon-Friday 4-5pm. There has been light participation with around 4-5 people per day but I expect more once the weather gets worse and it is too slippery outside.

No School Friday Activities will take place November 7 & 21 in two time slots 9-10:30am and 10:30-12, this will take place at the bowling alley and the cost is \$5 per child, Grades K-6. Irma Tremblay volunteered for the first program on the 7th and we had 15 kids that all had a great time and we will have 17 kids coming on the 21st.



November 28th is National Jersey Day in Canada and I have approached the Alberton Business Association to see if local businesses would like to take part and show their support for sport by wearing a jersey that day. Alberton Elementary will be taking part as well as numerous other schools in west prince.

The Alberton Business Association will also be discussing at their next meeting to see if there is a way that they can help support and get the word out there for the Try Sledge Hockey event mentioned below as it falls on the same weekend that the Business Association will be running their Christmas event.

Sports Day in Canada is November 29th and Parasport PEI will be coming to the Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena 9-10:45am 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! Sledge hockey is for people of all abilities, able bodies people as well persons with disabilities. Helmets are mandatory but if people do not have helmets they can contact the rec department and I will arrange to have a helmet for them. I will be working with the Western Region Sport and Recreation Council on Sports Day in Canada activities. There will also be a bubble soccer event happen on the night of Friday November 28th at Westisle Composite High School.

Youth activities during the Christmas event with the Business association are still up in the air but should be decided on next week.

November 25th I will be attending the Balls, Bands, and Balance training with Go PEI and after I receive my certification I will run the program following the completion of the chair yoga. I would like to see if there is money in the budget however to offer chair yoga with Mandel again this winter perhaps after I finish up a balls bands and balance program as the seniors really enjoy the program and it is very beneficial to them.



Alberton Fire Department

Monthly Report – November 17-December 7

There were 11 calls for service

7 Medical First Responder

1 Motor Vehicle Collison

1 Chimney fire

1 Abandoned boat adrift in Mill River

1 Commercial Fire Alarm

The Alberton Fire Depart. would like to transfer money from the surplus truck fund to this year's budget to cover expenses of new tanker 3443.99 for painting and 5387.49 for siren and lights for a total of 8831.48.

We would like the town to look into changing their bylaws to allow an outdoor rink on the property at the fire hall.