



APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 11, 2015

The regular council meeting was held Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Williams, Duggan, Curtis, Bernard and Tremblay present also Frances Ready, Tom Murphy, Sgt. Gill, Eric McCarthy - Journal Pioneer and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn. Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order.

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Cahill arrived at the meeting.

A request was received from Alberton Home & School Association for a donation in the amount of \$331.16 to replace the soccer netting on the nets behind Alberton Elementary School.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to cover the cost of \$331.16 to purchase soccer netting for Alberton Home & School.

Councillor Bernard returned to the meeting.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

A letter was received from Joey Carragher to request that he put an ice chest on the front step of his business JC Handyman. Tom Murphy arrived at the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to allow Joey Carragher to put an ice chest on his step on Main Street.

Councillors Williams, Duggan, Cahill, Bernard and Tremblay voted yes and Councillor Curtis abstained due to a lack of information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE AND POLICE

Councillor Curtis read the attached fire report. Sgt. Gill read the police report. There were 14 calls for service including false alarms - 4, impaired driving calls - 2, Animal related - 1, Off Highway Vehicles - 1, Mental Health Act, 1 Theft, Sexual Assault 1 with 2 counts and 1 Suspended Driver. There were 18 Criminal Records processed in addition to 1 Highway Traffic related charge and 1 written warning.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Councillor Bernard read the attached report.

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to pay the mileage for Amanda Jendrick to attend the West Prince Arts Council annual general meeting.

A price will be obtained for a port-a-potty for the Canada Day fishing event.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & STREET LIGHTS

Councillor Tremblay reported there was a slow thaw and we will be looking at potholes soon.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Duggan reported no new developments.

ENVIRONMENT & SEWER UTILITY

Councillor Williams reported that the home owners gave her copies of their water test results but the reports don't give an exact reading just less than a number and this does not tell if there was any trace of chemicals showing. Councillor Williams said that the homeowners have to get their own water tested as it is private wells and private properties.

FINANCE

Councillor Cahill reported for finance.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to pay the bills in the amount of \$25,405.53.

Financial statements including balance sheets, income statements and trial balances for the general and sewer accounts were distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter and concept drainage plan were received from WSP stating that the \$119,750.00 currently in the gas tax fund would not be sufficient to complete the drainage ditch and that approximately \$36,000.00 plus tax would be needed in addition to the funds remaining from the gas tax earmarked for

the subdivision. WSP also said that the subdivision cannot proceed until easements are acquired for the drainage ditches.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to move ahead with the land acquisition (easements) and get permission to transfer the extra dollars needed for the subdivision drainage project from the new gas tax funds.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to purchase new chairs for the council room at a value of \$500.00 or less per chair.

Three girls' softball teams fund raised over \$1,900.00 to donate to the town, if the town would pay the short fall to purchase a pitching machine and get electricity to it. The price obtained by Sonyia Wallace and Karla Fraser from Source for Sports was \$2,085.00 for the pitching machine and cart but with the cages and balls the total was \$3,585.30.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to cover the cost to install a pitching machine with cart, protective screen, nets and balls, sink installed in the canteen, and wiring to the pitching machine, dug outs and canteen and to apply to the Island Community fund or other funding sources.

Mayor Murphy said complaints came in regarding ATV's tearing around Holland College, Alberton Irving and the Anglican Church also vehicles speeding through town. Sgt. Gill said that it is not an easy problem to fix and a liability issue if someone gets killed. He also said it is a community problem and we need to change people's attitudes.

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

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

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to extend the Alberton Preservation Foundation lease for 3 years stipulating that the grass cutting has to be done in a timely manner and snow removal to keep a fire lane open.

Councillor Curtis returned to the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to apply for the Island Community fund and any other available grants for a pitching machine, ball cage, nets, sinks for canteen, wiring for the canteen and street signs.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to hire WSP to assess repairs needed at the lagoon.

Councillors Cahill and Williams left the room due to a conflict of interest on the next item.

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to tender the 1987 International fire truck with a reserve bid.

Councillors Cahill and Williams returned to the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to buy street signs.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to pay the mileage and registration fee for any council member to attend the FPEIM meeting on May 25, 2015.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried that when the town receives the \$1,900.00 donation from the girls softball teams to purchase a pitching machine.

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

Alberton Fire Department

Monthly Report April 11-May10/15

There were 11 calls for service

4 Medical First Responder

1 Motor vehicle fire

1 mutual aid to O'Leary

1 Residential fire alarm

1 commercial Fire Alarm

2 Motor Vehicle Collisions

1 Electrical Pole Fire

Tom Murphy

Recreation Report – May 11th, 2015

Amanda Jendrick started April 20th as our new Recreation Director and Events Coordinator. Amanda has spent her first three weeks meeting with people in town and viewing facilities for future events. She has reviewed the files from the recreation department and has restarted past programs as well as initiating new ones.

May 1st was a P. D. Day for teachers and two events were held. There were 18 kids out for No School Friday Bowling and 8 turned out at the library for a Mother's Day Craft. They made 3D Mother's Day cards and a book mark for Mom. Both the Bowling and Craft programs received positive comments from parents and these will continue on P. D. Days in the fall.

A new group is walking starting at Town Hall at 9:30 am on Tuesdays. There is no cost for this program. We have only had one walk so far due to the poor weather so hopefully turn out will increase once we have warmer weather. The day and time may change if there are interested walkers who cannot attend the Tuesday group. Go! Walk Alberton continues to walk at the Alberton Elementary School gym from 4-5 pm every week day and their contract has been extended to the 15th of June due to the weather.

After School programs for K-1 and 2-3 have started again. Alison Griffin and Teasa Fraser both helped out for our first 2 sessions and Teasa Fraser will continue to volunteer on Thursdays with Grades 2-3. There are 17 children registered for K-1 and 21 children registered for Grades 2-3.

Teen/Adult Ball Hockey has started up again at the Jacques Cartier Arena. On the 5th, there were 30 people attending. We are currently seeking an older volunteer for this group as the current schedule runs into other planned programs.

There will be a Mother's Day event, Moms Vs Kids Dodgeball, at the Alberton Elementary School gym on May 8th.

There are upcoming programs available for teenagers in Alberton. These include a Youth Drawing Club, a Young Writer's Collective and a Youth Board Game Night to be held at the Alberton Public Library. There will also be a program for teenagers who want to work out together at Iron Haven Gym and a basketball game for teens at Alberton Elementary. Continuation of these programs will depend upon turnout in May and early June.

Registration sheets have gone out to Alberton, Bloomfield and, St. Louis Elementary Schools for Soccer and Softball programs during the summer. Our registration date is May 13th at Town Hall. Five of our past volunteers have agreed to return for this softball/soccer season and we hope to recruit more following May 13th registration. Two more volunteers have been recruited for After School Programs.

Kid's Day with the PEI Bait Fishers at the Alberton Pond will take place on June 27th and new fish will be put into the pond on June 17th. A high turnout is expected for this event. The PEI Bait Fishers are requesting a porta potty for the Kid's Day event and also for the Canada Day derby. This is to reduce washroom traffic at local businesses.

Children's games, entertainment and the annual fishing derby are currently being organized for Canada Day. We will know more about this event once funding amounts have been confirmed and a budget created.

Since relaunching the Alberton Recreation Facebook Page our friend base has increased by 200, meaning that close to 900 people are now aware of events occurring in Alberton. A survey has been posted on facebook to ascertain event and recreation needs in Alberton. There were 10 responses on the first day of posting and results continue to come in. So far there is a high interest in crafting events and kid's day camp programming. There is also desire for a fitness/healthy eating program.

We are attempting to organize Summer Day Camp programs and are working on securing an acceptable venue. It is also important to meet staffing needs in order to provide such a program. The Western Recreation and Sports Council has stated that they may be able to provide staff for a Day Camp program. They will also provide staff for our Active Start Program this year. Camp Kildare will provide staff for camp programs at their facilities if necessary.

Northport Inn has agreed to exhibit local art work and crafts in one of their reception rooms throughout the summer months. So far, a painter, Sandy Lidstone, and a painter and sculptor, June Ellis have confirmed that they would like to exhibit their work at the inn. The Northport Inn will exhibit the art work at no cost but will receive a small commission on sold items. Amanda is requesting to attend the Annual General Meeting of the West Prince Arts Council on May 16th as the Recreation Director. This is to network with local artists that could offer crafting/visual arts events in Alberton. The meeting will take place at the Landing in Tyne Valley.