APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The regular council meeting was held Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and all councillors present also Frances Ready, Andrea Richard, Lorraine Warren, Christine Batten, Tom Murphy, William Gillis, Eric McCarthy-Journal and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order and asked for the approval of the agenda.

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Williams declared a conflict of interest for agenda item number 5 with regards to the tenders for the ball field. Councillor Curtis declared a conflict of interest for agenda item number 6 with regards to the library.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held August 10, 2015.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Curtis talked to the fire chief and the Masonic Lodge may not be in the correct sequence with their 911 numbering.

PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Andrea Richard presented council with a proposal for the Fox Run Trail (see attached).

Guy Chiasson presented council with a proposal about ATV’s. The President of the ATV club in Tignish, Larry Waite and the Vice President, Shawn Allain were also present and just met with the Tignish council. Guy Chiasson said the club has no authority to prevent ATV’s from being on roads or in farmer’s fields. In 2005 a study of Canadian off highway vehicles showed that Canadians spent 3.3 billion on ATV’s. In PEI 12 million was spent on ATV’s and 414 jobs were created. He said there are 2,677 ATV’s registered on PEI. Melissa Heald, West Prince Graphic reporter arrived at the meeting. Mr. Chiasson said he is researching a trail from the Tignish Club to O’Leary, not necessarily to Alberton. There may be a petition to the provincial government to access roads in the winter months. The club is looking for a plan for town councils to help push the ministers to get the ATV’s out of town but they do need access to get the machines fueled. The objective is to stay away from built up areas. He wanted to know the possibility of council petitioning the government. He said that the club is not focused on Alberton at this point but wanted to let council know they would be working in other areas.
CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Darlene Rhodenizer, Provincial Infrastructure Manager regarding Alberton’s Direct Allocation Capital Investment Plans and the records show that Alberton has $41,095.00 remaining to be committed. The letter stated that currently we have one project completed and closed Emma Drive Subdivision and one project opened Lagoon Upgrades. Option 1 was to move the uncommitted funds of $41,095 to the current Lagoon Upgrades project or Option 2 Direct the $41,095 to a new project.

The next phase of the subdivision cannot proceed until the water drainage is agreed upon with the land owners involved.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to designate the unallocated funds in the amount of $41,095 on Lagoon Upgrades and request to move the funds to the subdivision later if needed.

A letter was received from Joey Carragher requesting permission to put a pop machine in front of his building.

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to give Joey Carragher permission to put a pop machine on his step.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

An application was received from Rooney’s Funeral Home to expand for a chapel 40’ by 65’.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve the property development application from Rooney Funeral Home pending the approval of the Fire Marshal.

An application was received from Terry Adams to expand the building at 578 Main Street 20’ x 20’.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to approve the property development application from Terry Adams for an addition 20 feet by 20 feet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Duggan reported that he had nothing new to report for economic development.

ENVIRONMENT AND SEWER UTILITY

Councillor Williams reported that a few residents witnessed chemicals or something being sprayed by Westech. The residents believed they were supposed to be contacted when chemicals were being sprayed and the concerned resident posted the information on Facebook.

Councillor Williams stated that the previous council had applied for funding to replace sewer line on Elizabeth Drive and it has been approved in the amount of $65,804.00 being the federal and provincial share.
The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried that WSP oversee the Elizabeth Drive sewer project.

Councillor Williams reported that on July 7th, a special meeting was held for a decision on the tenders for the lagoon work. The tender was awarded to O’Meara’s Heavy Equipment Ltd. As to date, work has not begun and the environment permit expires September 30, 2015. They have been contacted a few times but no action has been taken.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to contact O’Meara’s Heavy Equipment Ltd. to see if and when they will do the job at the lagoon and if they won’t do the job then Kildare Construction will be hired to do the job.

Mayor Murphy said that the Minister of Environment was up for a meeting and all the councillors were invited to attend and he was disappointed that there were no councillors in attendance. Councillor Williams said last month that she was working and could not attend. Councillor Bernard said she was also working.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & STREET LIGHTS

Councillor Tremblay reported that the street paving and patching is completed and now it is time to get the snow removal contract in place the same as last year.

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to enter a contract with the government for snow removal on town streets.

Councillor Tremblay said that the parking lot snow removal could be done by tendering or using the town machine. Councillor Williams left the room due to conflict of interest.

Councillor Cahill suggested the operator should live in town and that there is lots of room for improvement. Council would like the figures for the cost of fuel and overtime hours related to snow removal last year. Mayor Murphy said there would be a special council meeting held in one week to make a decision.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Councillor Bernard read the attached report for recreation and community involvement.

FIRE AND POLICE

Councillor Curtis read the attached fire report. Councillor Curtis read the police report. There were 15 calls for service with 176 hours dedicated to Alberton.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to tender snow removal for the fire hall.

FINANCE

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to pay bills in the amount of $43,440.32.
Financial statements for the general and sewer accounts including balance sheets, income statements and trial balance were distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to get prices to shingle the west side of the Station roof with black shingles.

Only one tender was received for the replacement of sewer lines on Elizabeth Drive. The recommendation was made by WSP to hire Curran & Briggs.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve the tender submitted by Curran & Briggs for $74,493.34.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to order 1,000 town pins.

Councillor Williams left the room due to a conflict of interest.

Two tenders were received for the installation of a new fence at Veteran’s Memorial Ball Field including – Eastern Fence $13,440.00 tax not included and J.C. Handyman $27,941.00 tax included.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to accept Eastern Fence’s tender of $13,440.00 for the fence at Veteran’s Memorial Ball Field.

Two tenders were received for upgrades to the driveway at Veteran’s Memorial Ball Field including – Lennie’s Heavy Equipment $1,653.00 tax included and O’Meara’s Heavy Equipment Ltd. $1725.00 tax not included.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to hire Lennie’s Heavy Equipment for the upgrades to the driveway at Veteran’s Memorial Ball Field.

Three tenders were received for the parking lot at Veteran’s Memorial Ball Field including – O’Meara’s Heavy Equipment $8,122.50 HST included, Preston Murphy Trucking & Loading Inc. $6,840.00 HST included and Lennie’s Heavy Equipment $7,700.00 HST included.

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to hire Preston Murphy Trucking and Loading at a cost of $6,840.00 HST included to install the parking lot at Veteran’s Memorial Ball Field.

Councillor Williams returned to the meeting.

Councillor Curtis left the room due to conflict of interest.

Mayor Murphy made the following statement “that as per the motion made at the August 10th council meeting I have contacted the government regarding moving the library to the Stone Station. I was very pleased to have an unexpected and unplanned meeting with Minister Hal Perry and Grace Dawson on August 31st. The following day I received this email from Grace Dawson.

“Many thanks for meeting with us yesterday to discuss the Alberton Library.”
As we discussed yesterday, I have attached a copy of our "Agreement for the Operation of a Public Library." This is the documentation which highlights the specific responsibilities of the province (i.e. providing the library materials and staff) and the municipality (providing the space and furnishings). The Agreement is also signed by both parties.

You will probably notice when you read the document that in Section 5, the establishment of a Community Library Board is mentioned. This section reflects the time that the Agreement was originally drafted. Since the Agreement's publication, it has become the practice in the majority of our locations for the local Town Council to assume ownership of the municipal responsibilities of maintaining the library building. While some Library Boards continue to exist (i.e. Montague) they act more as an advisory body and have no decision-making responsibility regarding the facility/space.”

The Stone Station was used by Alberton Historical Preservation Foundation and the lease was not signed as presented and agreed upon. I feel it would be a benefit to have the library located at the Stone Station for ease of access for parking and accessibility.

At this time I would entertain a motion to enter into an agreement with the provincial government for the operation of the library.”

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to move the library to the Stone Station and sign an agreement for the operation of a public library with the provincial government.
Councillors Cahill, Williams, Duggan and Bernard voted yes and Councillor Tremblay voted no.

Mayor Murphy said that at a later date he will appoint a councillor for the library as recommended in the email from Grace Dawson and the Minister.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to work with the existing board to find a use for the old library building.

Mayor Murphy said the decision made does not look down on the excellent job of the existing board and in the media Councillor Curtis said he would resign from the library board if someone would take over the library.

Councillor Curtis returned to the meeting.

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to go to a committee of the whole and have a five minute break.

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

Councillor Williams left the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

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

A subdivision plan for lands of Leonard O’Meara for Lot 15-1 was received and sent to Derek French for review. He contacted Wayne Tremblay, P. Eng. PEILS, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. A letter was received from Mr. Tremblay with the following recommendations –
1. The Town of Alberton should consider closing the portion of Prince William Street north of PID 31138 to PID 9811 if it is not needed for a public right of way. As part of this right of way has been used as part of an airfield, if closed, should be conveyed to the adjoining property owners.
2. The owners of PID 568030 and 568063 should be made aware that there is a public right-of-way running between their respective properties.
3. The owner of PID 606178 should be made aware that there is a public right-of-way running through the property.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to follow the recommendations made by Wayne Tremblay, P. Eng. PEiLS, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal listed above.

Councillor Williams returned to the meeting.

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

First Section of Trail

Asphalt Trail Specification

Access to Northport

Trail Access to North Port

Fox Run Trail Along Alberton Creek

* sidewalk specification from City of Ottawa

A software package was used to create an image of the proposed asphalt trail. This section would be lit using decorative lighting fixtures.
Along Alberton Creek to the Point

Alberton Creek

Southern Tip of Fox Run Trail

At this location
- Shore Access
- Floating Dock
- Future Development: Alberton Paddling Club

Southern Tip to Dock Pond
Fox Run Trail – Trail Loops

Boardwalk to the Fox Farming Monument

Community Picnic Shelter

Trail Loops

Fox Farming Monument

Green Space Inside Trail

At the location of the current Macierzynski Property (Thomsons Inn), the center will extend Deck Creek and be adjacent to the ball field and elementary school. A self-serve bulletin and parking area. The village of Lower built the building shown for the late Rosalie Degheer Park on the Normal State.
Green Space

- Beach Volleyball
- Tree Planting
  - Native Trees (Oak and Maple) along the entire trail
- Picnic Area
- Playground
- Bark Park

Green Space – Beach Volleyball

Benches and Shelters

Educational Placards

Land Access to Build

- Easements for Properties
  - PID 533076 (School board)
  - PID 306940 (Wendell and Shirley Wallace)
  - PID 858816
  - PID 920892 (Randy Jeffrey)
  - PID 513531 (Joanne and Janet Weeks)
  - PID 853866 (Brady Sanders)

- Purchasing of Properties
  - PID 30973 (Robert Inman)
  - PID 31021 (MacCormack Hospitalities)
Capital Cost of Project

Cost Breakdown:
- Land Purchase
  - MacCormack Property
  - Farm Land (Robert Ileman)
- Trail Construction
- Boardwalk Construction
- Lighting
- Picnic Shelter
- Benches, Shelters and Placards
- Green Space

Funding Partners

- Town of Albernon
- Province of Prince Edward Island
- Government of Canada
  - Canada 150

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to present!
The Alberton Summer Day Camp program concluded on August 21st, 2015. The camp ran for 6 sessions during late July and August and between 6-10 children participated on any given day. The camp program provided an opportunity for the children to be physically active and also offered arts and crafts related activities. Taylor Wallace, our summer student, did much of the planning for the camp. He also assisted with the Active Start Program, maintenance of recreation facilities and minor soccer. Taylor finished his work term on August 21st, 2015.

Alberton Day passed on August 14th. Most popular events were the Free Bowling, the Amazing Race Alberton Challenge, the Chocolate Bar Bingo and, the Street Dance. 80 people or more attended the street dance. In future years it may draw more people if Alberton Day was held on a Saturday. It was held on a Friday this year by request of the Alberton Business Association as businesses were open during the street dance until 9pm. Chase the Ace in Tignish the same evening may also have had an effect on Alberton Day participation. Final expenses for Alberton Day were $930.44.

Alberton Summer Sports concluded with a number of tournaments. Our U-12 Softball Tournament took place August 8th and was successful with a number of donations from local businesses and help from volunteers to make the day run smoothly. Children from visiting and home teams were fed and also earned medals. August 15th was a U-10 Soccer Tournament. 10 Soccer games were played between the two fields at the school and parents helped to serve bbq hotdogs. The U-14 provincial softball tournament took place over labor day weekend with a total of 9 teams involved in the tournament. There were 2 games on Friday, 12 games on Saturday and 4 games on Sunday. Many improvements took place at both softball fields previous to the U-14 provincial tournament. New electrical was installed at Memorial Field and the ramp leading up to the bathroom as well as the decks around the canteen were freshly painted. Sinks and a countertop were also installed into the canteen at Memorial Field and volunteers sold hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks and snacks out of the canteen all weekend. New bases were also installed at Memorial field. New gravel was spread on the school field. Volunteers also assisted the recreation department with field maintenance between softball games.

The Teens Hit the Gym program in cooperation with Terry Adams and Iron Haven Gym is scheduled to begin again on September 18th. In May and June there were 8 teens in the program and we hope to grow participation to 10 or 15 participants for the fall and winter. The program has received a grant of 500$ from Participaction and Coca-Cola. This will allow us to offer the program free of cost to teens as well as providing a few unique fitness workshops for teens throughout the fall and winter.

Children in Alberton have started back to school and the After School Program is planned to begin again the week of September 21st. The recreation department is currently seeking volunteers for the K-Grade 1 program and the Grades 2-3 program. The recreation department is also waiting to hear back on which afternoons the gym will be free before cementing plans for
the program. The program was popular in May and June with approximately 18 children in the K-Grade 1 program and between 22 and 28 children in the Grades 2-3 program.

The Terry Fox Run will take place on September 20th at 1pm. The run/walk is 5km long and will begin at the Stone Station Gazebo and the entrance to the Confederation Trail. Participants will walk 2.5km, turn around, and return to the starting point. Callie Getson will volunteer with the Terry Fox Run and will be stationed at the halfway point to provide water to participants and cheer them on. Carrie Louise with CIBC bank will also volunteer and will help with Registration. The run is being advertised around town and letters requesting support for the run have been sent out. There was also an article about the upcoming Terry Fox Run in the West Prince Graphic. In addition to the September 20th run, Jessica Dorgan-Trail and Jacquie Lidstone will host a “Little Fox Run” during the Kids West play group on September 18th. Preschoolers will have the opportunity to do a small walk/run around the center and to raise pledges for the Terry Fox Foundation. Colleen Parker of the Phillips residence has also expressed interest in doing a short walk with senior residents the week of the Terry Fox Run.

A Healthy Living Group will meet at Alberton Town Hall Wednesday Evenings at 6pm. The group will begin on the 16th of September. Participants will alternate between an activity such as walking or cycling and making a healthy recipe indoors.

The Annual Hide and Go Seek Tag event at the exhibition grounds will take place again this year. The Prince County Exhibition Committee have given the go ahead for the event and it will take place in October on either the 24th or the 25th. Alberton’s Recreation Department will partner with the Western Sports and Recreation Council to host the event.
Alberton Town Council Meeting
Fire Report August 10-September 14/2015

There were 7 calls for service:
2 medical first responder calls
2 mutual aid calls
1 grain field fire
1 residential fire alarm
1 commercial fire alarm
1 motor vehicle collision

Chris LeClair our Deputy Fire Chief has resigned from the department.
Brett Dumville has completed a course in high angle rescue.