



**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting was held Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Curtis, Bernard, Tremblay and Duggan present also an RCMP Constable, Ray Millman, Tom Murphy, Chris LeClair, Frances Ready and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn. Councillor Williams was absent due to work.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held January 12, 2015.

Councillors Duggan, Bernard and Tremblay voted yes and Councillor Curtis was absent from the room on a telephone call and did not vote.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Cahill arrived the meeting.

Mayor Murphy said a news release stated there will be new two doctors for West Prince and also some of the primary health services at Western Hospital will be moved to O'Leary during renovations at Western Hospital.

There was a meeting with the fire districts last Thursday and Mayor Murphy said he was happy to get last year's fire dues arrears cleared up. There was an email from Bonnie McNally, Financial Officer, Municipal Affairs and they had a meeting with the Alberton Fire District committee. Mayor Murphy said that town council was not invited to the meeting, but the Alberton Fire District will now agree to comply with payments using the calendar year. Mayor Murphy said that it took nearly a year to get this straightened out and he hopes that we can move on for a smoother year.

There was a letter from Canada Post Corporation about the changes being made to public postal services.

There was a letter from Environment, Labour and Justice about water testing that was done by Westech. Council is still not sure what homes were tested.

Mayor Murphy said that we had a meeting with representatives from Alberton Fire District, Greenmount/Montrose and Northport regarding fire dues. They agreed to bring the contracts to their councils and return the signed copies by March 31st. Mayor Murphy also told them another option is an

addendum that the government provided us with that they could sign to have the payments for fire dues paid directly to the town.

There was a letter from Maritime Electric asking to list the priority of replacement of lights. Councillor Tremblay will look after it and Councillor Duggan offered to help.

There was a letter from Building Canada and the application is still being looked at.

Mayor Murphy noted that this was the Regals 100th year as a hockey team and said it should be acknowledged in some way. Councillor Bernard will look into this.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

There was a request from Cathy Aylward and Michael Aylward to have 578 Main Street rezoned to commercial. Mayor Murphy said the Planning Board had a meeting and recommended that the rezoning proceed.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to proceed with the rezoning request from for 578 Main Street.

The public rezoning meeting will be held March 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. and if there is no opposition the first reading will be done at the regular and annual council meeting on March 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and the second reading will be done at a special council meeting on March 10, 2015.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to approve a property development application from Wayne Wallace for a swimming pool 33 feet X 18 feet and fence.

A property development application was received from ERC Concepts Ltd. for a storage building 12 feet x 24 feet.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to approve the storage building 12 feet X 24 feet for ERC Concepts Ltd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENVIRONMENT & SEWER UTILITY

Mayor Murphy reported for environment in the absence of Councillor Williams. Mayor Murphy read the Environment report (see attached).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Duggan read the Economic Development report (see attached).

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & STREET LIGHTS

Councillor Tremblay reported for Streets, Sidewalks and Street Lights. Snow removal is going well.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Councillor Bernard read the Recreation and Community Involvement report (see attached).

FIRE

Councillor Curtis read the Fire report (see attached). Mayor Murphy said that the second last storm he got a call regarding all the entrances to the Phillips Residence being blocked with snow and they needed them shovelled. Mayor Murphy suggested that the Alberton Fire Department could help and eight men volunteered their time and shovelled it out.

FINANCE

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to pay the bills in the amount of \$71,603.05.

POLICE

Councillor Curtis read the Police report. Policing hours within the Town of Alberton for the month of January were 166. There were 16 calls for service which were broken down as follows:

Residential Business alarms - 4

Mischief/Damage to Property - 1

Welfare check -1

Internet fraud - 1

911 Calls - 1

Driving while Disqualified -1 charge

Liquor related – 1

Persons reported missing -1

Motor vehicle collisions -1

Highway Traffic related -1

There were three Check stops conducted during the month with approximately 210 vehicles checked for various infractions. Four summary offence tickets were issued as a result.

There were a total of 13 charges under the Highway Traffic Act, 1 under the Liquor Control Act and 3 written warnings. The majority of the charges were for non-use of seatbelts and speeding.

NEW BUSINESS

A request from the PEI Bait fishers for a donation will be discussed at budget time.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ray Millman wanted to know when they would be blowing snow on the side streets (Railway Street) as the snow blower had broken down.

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

During the committee of the whole Councillor Curtis left the room due to a conflict of interest regarding the Alberton Railway Station.

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

Council received a letter from Robert Henderson, Minister of Tourism and Environment to give notice of his intention to designate the Alberton Railway Station, 10 Railway Street as a heritage place under the Heritage Protection Act.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to send a letter of appeal to the Department of Tourism regarding heritage designation for the Alberton Railway Station located at 10 Railway Street.

Councillor Curtis returned to the room.

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve the job description for the Recreation and Events Planner position, with adjustments.

Councillor Tremblay declared a conflict of interest on the recreation and events coordinator job due to family members that applied.

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to advertise for a Recreation and Events planner for 37.5 hrs per week at \$14.00 per hour.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to pay \$220.50 to the government for half a season to plow the end of Prince William Street.

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

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

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Sewer and Environment

-Are there any updates on the upgrading of culverts/storm drains?

-Are there any outstanding bills for sewer?

-Residents of Alberton have approached me in regards to the water testing etc. from Westech Agri Services for the upcoming 2015 fumigation season. I can clearly see from our correspondence packages that Mayor Murphy has been conversing with this company through numerous letters and I thank him for his efforts. It is written that water testing for 2015 has been completed in January and the results will be forwarded to the Department of Environment, Labor and Justice by the end of February and a copy of these reports should be available for councils review at that time.

Councilor Williams

Economic Development
February 2015 Report

No new developments last month.

I have met with Mayor Murphy in January to discuss his goals towards economic development in the town.

As a first step I would like the committee of all council to have a round table discussion on methods to increase development.

I would ask the administrator to arrange a time when all or most of council can sit down to discuss this.

I am going to meet with the existing business owners to also get their suggestions.

We will also need to decide if any money is going to be budgeted to economic development for incentives, advertising, etc.

Lastly I would like to ask that the new rec, activities director position have a responsibility to investigate economic development projects.

Recreation Report - February 9, 2015

To start off I would like to inform the public that we will be soon advertising for a new Recreation Director/ Event Planner. As you know Selena is not with us no more since she has accepted a new job with Special Olympics PEI. We wish Selena all the best with her new Job and believe that she will do well with it. Without a Rec Director for the past month we have been a bit limited on the activities that were offered in our Town.

I was in contact with Go West PEI to see if they could help us out a bit until we fill the New Rec Directors position. Go West helped us out by offering the After School Curling Program for grades 3-6 at the Alberton Curling Center. This program started on Jan 26th from 2:30-3:45 which will be offered on every Monday for 6 weeks. There were a total of 20 kids that signed up the first day and I do believe that more has signed up since. The kids were able to travel from school on the bus to the program with permission from their parents. The kids had a great time on their first day.

The Pee Wee Memorial Hockey Tournament was held at Jacque Cartier Rink on Jan 30, 31 and February 1st. Due to poor weather on the 31st they had to cancel on that day and reschedule most of those games for a later date. Weather was good for the other two days and I hear that there was a big turnout for the tournament and it was a success as usual. This is a big event that takes place every year in our community and it's great to see such great support for this tournament year after year.

Alberton Community School started on Jan 5th and it will run for a total of 10 weeks. There are three types of guitar lessons offered which are beginners, jamming and advanced. Mandolin, fiddle, digital photography, rug hooking, line dancing, painting and dominos. There is a good attendance and overall

about 75 people are taking part.

I was in touch with the Alberton Library and Laney tells me that people can call the Library at any time to see what programs are offered each month. There is a book club that is offered once a month. Childrens Story time runs on a weekly basis on every Wednesday at 10:00 am. On March Break there will be a craft station set up on Monday March 16th at 1:00 for the kids of all ages.

Our MLA Pat Murphy will be offering a free pancake breakfast for Islander Day Feb 16th from 8:00am - 12:00 pm at the Elmsdale Community Center. There will be face painting for the kids, a coloring table for the kids and the best kids' entertainer around which is Mike the Music Man. The kids' activities will be offered from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Breakfast will start being served at 8:00 am. Transportation can be provided. Please call 853-5954 or 853-3665 if you need a ride to and from this event. The event is free of charge and is sponsored by our MLA Pat Murphy.

I myself Connie Bernard am planning on offering a Chocolate Bar Bingo which will be held at the Alberton Curling Club. I am hoping to offer this one night in February. I will be posting it on Facebook for advertising and I will also be letting the Alberton Elementary School know what date it will be so they can put it in their school newsletter to inform the kids in our community. This event will be free of charge.

Up West Winterfest was scheduled for Jan 31st - Feb 8th 2015. Some events were rescheduled and extended because of a few days that were canceled because of bad weather. This event had so much to offer. There was Winter Wonderland at the Rodd, Winter Trout Derby at the Alberton Pond, West Prince Biathlon at the Rodd, Free Bowling in Tyne Valley with meet and greet with Special Olympians, Scotia Bank Athletic Banquet at the Rodd, Dennis Motors Snowmobile Run in Ellerslie, Seniors day at the Rodd, Try Archery in Lennox Island, The Snowman Contest for all Elementary schools in West Prince, Pei Pond Hockey Championship youth Division and Adults Division in West Point, U13 Fun Curling at Maple Leaf Curling Club, Midnight snowshoeing at Trout River, West Prince Pub Night featuring Perry Batten, Julie Arsenault, Robyn Macrae and Hillbillies N Hipwaders, Big Break winter golf challenge, Archery in Lennox Island, Trivia Finals at the Rodd, Winter Brunch at the Rodd and Canadian Tobogganing Championship at the Rodd. These events were a great success and a lot of people really enjoyed themselves. I just wanted to thank the Town of Alberton also for sponsoring the cost of travel for the seniors to get to and from Mill River for the Up West Winterfest fun day for the seniors.

I would like to inform the public that we are working on filling the Rec Directors position. We are sorry that there was no Winter Carnival this year. Our Rec Director had full intensions on putting one on this year but she is no longer with us. I know that this event is something that the people in our town look forward to every year. I myself and many others were disappointed that this event could not take place but we were very fortunate to be able to have many other activities going on in our community. Once again our apologies and we are working on filling the Rec Directors Position.

Alberton Fire Department

Monthly Report -January 11- February 8/2015

There were 14 calls for service

11 Medical First Responder

1 Motor vehicle Collision

1 Flue Fire

1 Mutual Aid Call

The Fire Department got our new tanker in service.

Stephen LeClair has completed a course in Hazmat Awareness, Bradley Gallant and Brett Dumville have completed their First Responder course and are now able to attend first responder calls. Kelly Williams, Josh Harris, John Ellsworth and Shannon Dumville have completed their Fire Instructor course. This course is an IFFSAC red seal course and is recognised by the Pro Board for fire instructors and certifies them to teach firefighting anywhere in North America.

Level one and Level Two are being courses have started in west prince and are held at Alberton Fire hall. We have more qualified instructors in Alberton than any Fire Department on PEI

Tom Murphy