



APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The regular council meeting was held Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Murphy presiding and all councillors present also Claudia Gallant, Frances Ready, William Gillis, Tom Murphy, Melissa Heald - West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order.

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried for the approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held October 13, 2015, the special council meeting held October 28, 2015 and the emergency meeting held November 5, 2015.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Duggan said that the tender for extra snow removal hourly rate had not been accepted.

PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received to request a donation for the Christmas Caring Campaign.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to donate the same amount as last year to Kids West instead of a Christmas meal for council.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to pay the registration fee for anyone wanting to attend the FPEIM semi-annual meeting in Tignish on November 14, 2015.

A letter was received from ERC Concepts Ltd. regarding a refund of municipal taxes. Another letter was received from ERC Concepts Ltd. requesting the installation of a sidewalk on Dufferin Street and a grade on the sidewalk on Main Street for scooters.

Mayor Murphy noted that there is a ramp by the pharmacy.

A letter was received from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure to acknowledge the request for a flashing speed sign at the entrance to Alberton.



A request was received from Joey Carragher suggesting that the creation of a gradual slope at the entrance of JC Handyman, the same as the PharmaChoice could get rid of his step. Joey Carragher will be contacted for more information.

A letter was received from Guy Chaisson, Tignish ATV Sportsmen Riders Club with a sample letter to be sent to Hon. Hal Perry regarding ATV's. Council supported the idea of a trail system for ATV's but not all the restrictions outlined in the letter. Councillors Duggan and Williams will work on a letter to support the trail system and will e-mail it to the rest of council for approval before it is sent out.

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried that Councillor Duggan and Councillor Williams work on a letter to support the trail.

A letter was received from Alberton Library Ltd. stating they no longer oppose the library moving to the Stone Station.

BUSINESS LICENCE AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & STREET LIGHTS

Councillor Tremblay reported that everything was good with streets and that there were no problems.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Councillor Bernard read the attached recreation report.

FIRE AND POLICE

Councillor Curtis read the attached fire report. The police report was not available.

Councillor Curtis left the room.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Duggan read the attached report.

ENVIRONMENT AND SEWER UTILITY

Councillor Williams said there was nothing to report. Councillor Williams said that customers whose sewer accounts are overdue will be sent letters with a forty-eight hour notice that their service will be disconnected.

Councillor Curtis returned to the meeting.

FINANCE

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$121,638.51.



NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Murphy gave first reading to the zoning amendment and official plan map amendment for PID number 18820-000 from Residential (R1) Zone to General Commercial (C1) Zone under the Town of Alberton Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw.

Whereas an applications was received from Geoffrey and Amy Irving PID number 18820-000 for a zoning amendment from the Residential (R1) Zone to proposed General Commercial (C1) Zone under the Town of Alberton Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw #2-2015; to amend the text and map.

Be it resolved that zoning bylaw amendment #2-2015, a bylaw to amend the Town of Alberton Zoning and Subdivision (Development) Bylaw be hereby read a first time.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to proceed with the rezoning request from Geoffrey and Amy Irving, PID number 18820-000 on Main Street.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to accept the first reading of the zoning amendment and official plan map amendment for PID number 18820-000 from Residential (R1) Zone to General Commercial (C1) Zone under the Town of Alberton Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve the first reading of the zoning amendment and official plan map amendment for PID number 18820-000 from Residential (R1) Zone to General Commercial (C1) Zone under the Town of Alberton Zoning and Subdivision Control (Development) Bylaw.

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

Councillor Williams left the meeting to go to work.

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

The recreation director has completed her six month probation period and it was recommended that she be hired full time with benefits and a raise.

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to give the recreation director a full time offer with \$1.00 per hour raise and benefits including RRSP and health plan.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to hire O'Meara's Heavy Equipment Ltd. on an as needed basis for snow removal.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to get the backhoe bucket extended for snow removal purposes.



The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to give the casual office workers \$13.00 per hour.

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

Recreation Report – November 9th, 2015

Regular programming which began in September and October continues through November and into December. The Alberton Wellness Group runs on Wednesday evenings with 6-8 regular participants. The After School Program runs Tuesdays and Wednesdays for Grades K-3.

In the K-Grade 1 program there are 11 regular participants and in the Grades 2-3 program there are 20 regular participants. The Teens Hit the Gym Program runs on Fridays with 6 to 7 regular participants. Exercises and/or Games/Crafts run at the Phillips Residence for seniors Each Monday and Friday. There are between 8 and 12 regular participants.

Our Ladies Craft Night on October 9th was a success with 9 Ladies Participating. The Recreation Department will host another Ladies Craft Night on November 27th and participants will make a sock snowman. The cost of the program is 10\$ per participant. A number have already registered for the November 27th date.

The Recreation Department held bowling and craft events on PD Days, October 22 and October 23rd. On October 22nd 16 children participated and on October 23rd 15 children participated. Another bowling/craft event is scheduled for November 6th, the next PD day.

The Annual Hide and Go Seek Tag event at the exhibition grounds took place on October 23rd this year and was a great success. Alberton's Recreation Department partnered with the Western



Sports and Recreation Council to host the event. 75 children participated in the game. They and their parents were treated to a healthy snack of granola bars, fruit, and hot chocolate.

The Recreation Department will hold a 5km Hot Chocolate run/walk on November 21st in honor of RBC National Sports Day. Participants will begin at Town Hall; walk a distance on the confederation trail and return. Participants will be treated to a hot chocolate and also receive a certificate of completion for the event.

The Alberton Walking Club has started up again. The group walks in the Alberton Elementary School Gym Monday to Friday from 4-5pm. The group currently has 2-5 regular participants but their numbers are expected to increase as the weather worsens.

Alberton has been given a grant of \$1000 to implement the Pace Car Program with Parachute Canada. The program will promote pedestrian and bicycle safety in the community. Local drivers can post a sticker on their vehicle that states they are a Neighborhood Pace Car. Pace Car drivers pledge to drive the speed limit and pay special attention to pedestrians, cyclists and other drivers. Before launching the program in late November or Early December, Alberton will partner with local RCMP to survey local driving speeds, etc. Both a Before and After survey will be submitted to Parachute Canada as part of the program. The Recreation Department is also working with the school board to provide a short presentation on the pedestrian/bicycle/and bus safety for Grade 4-6 students at Alberton Elementary. Students will also receive a copy of the Pace Car Pledge for their parents to sign if they wish. The community of Stratford is also participating in the program.

The Recreation Department will apply for a Celebrate Canada Grant again this year to aid with the cost of Canada Day celebrations. The due date for the grant application is November 16th.



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Fire Report October 13-November 8/15

There were 6 calls for service.

2 Motor vehicle collisions

3 Medical first responder calls

1 Power pole fire

On November 14 the fire department is hosting a banquet at Briarwood, all town council members and guests are invited to attend RSVP Jason Milligan (902)214-4397.

Economic Development

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Recently we had the closure of a prominent long term business in our town. This is a devastating blow to other business owners, residents and the town.

I would like to see council working with the business association to try and attract new business into the main street. Although I have chatted with local business owners on an informal basis I have never been involved with the business association. I do not recall council having any representation with the business association, but I feel it is urgent that we support them and work together as a community.

I am requesting council's approval to start attending Business association meetings. We must all work together before more businesses are lost.

I feel as a council need to put an extra effort into residential development in our sub division and town. We need more people in our community to have enough support to keep our retail going.

I would like councillors to get an update on any negotiations regarding the drainage ditch easements with the neighboring land owners.

I would like to suggest we discuss the present bylaw offering tax incentives for construction in town.