



**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

The regular council meeting was held Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Cahill, Williams, Curtis, Bernard, Tremblay and Duggan present also Kim Beaton, Leanne Meggison, April Perry, Frances Ready, Constable John Russell, Melissa Heald, West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Bernard said she had a couple of letters from the skateboard committee to present and mentioned conflict of interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for approval of the minutes from the regular council meeting held August 8, 2016.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Duggan asked if the 55+ games committee had replied back with further information. An update is in the recreation report.

Constable Russell read the police report. There were 153 hours of policing services including 36 calls for service that included : 6-Traffic complaints, 3-Fail to stop at accident scene, 1-Impaired driving, 2-Assault, 1-Break and enter, 1-Uttering threats, 4-Mischief, 3-Disturbing the peace, 2-Being unlawfully at large, 1-Suspicious person, 1-Fail to comply with undertaking, 1-Contolled Drugs and Substances Act, 1-Sudden death, 2-Mental Health Act, 1- Liquor Act, 1-Litter Act and 5-False alarms. Three check points were conducted during the month with members checking over 300 vehicles and issuing two written warnings. Councillor Cahill asked if the RCMP will continue to sit by Alberton Elementary some mornings on an on –going basis. Constable Russell left the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Councillor Bernard left her seat to make a presentation. Councillor Cahill said that Councillor Bernard stated that she was in conflict and should remove herself as councillor to present to council the same as he had to remove himself when something comes up with the fire department. Councillor Bernard felt that she was not in conflict and asked what a conflict was. Mayor Murphy read where an individual on council has declared a conflict on a particular matter; they should recuse themselves and refrain from participating in the discussion or lobbying for that matter at any time in their capacity as a member of council. In that case, if a council is being asked to consider new or different levels of support for a matter which a conflict has been declared, the member should not be present.



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

April Perry read two letters to council from the Skate board committee (see attached).

Councillor Williams commended the committee for the amazing fund raising efforts and will attend the fund raiser on September 24th. She said the land at the ball field was donated by veterans and she feels that out of respect no project for the property should be involved in conflict. She said that she is also a mother and loves children and she supports all activities that get children outdoors, as this skate park would, but as a councillor she finds herself questioning how the town could intervene as requested when procedures and regulations have been somewhat overlooked and have become evident now that grant money appears to be available. She understands that grant money is available but the committee cannot apply because first the land owners must apply and second half the money for the project has to be in hand to apply. She said that we know that the estimated cost is a minimum of \$40,000.00 as stated at the initial presentation but we have no idea of the final cost, a lay out plan for the project or what our involvement from here on out would be. She said that besides the money that is needed to make up the other half of the requirement for the grant we don't know what the committee is asking of the town. She stated she is not sure how the finances going forward would change hands because the council is in new territory with this. She said it is a different situation as a community group has fundraised money but how does the town take that over. She asked if this does become a municipal project where does that extra money come from because the 2016 budget was approved in March or perhaps it could be tabled and looked at in the 2017 budget. Councillor Williams said there is also a \$500.00 request for a fundraiser and she quoted from the presentation that the only expense to the town would be the yearly insurance and that the committee would fundraise the rest. She said that she was at a loss for words when the public approaches her with the negative comments on how council should be supporting the skateboard committee when actually council has done what was asked of them in the first place. Councillor Williams said that the public is not aware that so far the skate park is a private project not a municipal one so she wants to know how we proceed in peace.

Councillor Curtis said that there might have been a precedent set with the playground equipment for the station park. The skateboard committee needs to raise \$20,000.00 before they can proceed to apply for a grant.

Mayor Murphy suggested the committee reach the \$20,000.00 mark and come back for the town to apply for the grant.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to support the skate park fund raising for \$500.00, if available from the recreation budget for the Alberton Fall Family Fun Day.

Councillor Bernard returned to the meeting and April Perry, Leanne Meggison and Kim Beaton left the meeting. Ray Millman arrived at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Transportation Infrastructure and Energy stating that the skateboard park application was not approved for funding.



A request was received from Krystyna Pottier, representing the West Prince Physician Welcome reception committee with a request for a donation in the amount of \$150.00.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to support the West Physician Welcome reception request for funding in the amount of \$150.00.

A letter was received from the Senior's Secretariat stating that the application for funding for sidewalk installation on Dufferin Street has been turned down.

An email was received from Robert Morrissey stating that the deadline for the Canada 150 Community Fund is October 31, 2016. The CAO was asked to check with the recreation director regarding the Canada 150 grant for Canada Day for next year. Councillor Bernard asked to apply to resurface the basketball court at the ball field with road grade asphalt. The CAO will try to get more information from Robert Morrissey's office on what is eligible under the Canada 150 Community Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE AND POLICE

Councillor Tremblay read the fire report. There were 3 emergency first responder calls and 1 residential alarm. Councillor Tremblay asked if the fire department could use the lot just purchased behind the fire hall for a rink. Mayor Murphy said the zoning would have to be checked.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Bernard had nothing to report for economic development.

ENVIRONMENT & SEWER UTILITY

Councillor Curtis said he had received a letter from Maritime Select Lobster to request a hook to the Northport sewer system for expanding the business and they want two bathrooms in the building.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to investigate this request from Maritime Select Lobster.

LIBRARY AND PARKS

Councillor Duggan read the library report (see attached).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Councillor Williams said that she was looking into street signage for the corner of Poplar and Main Street. A PIF grant was approved for Dufferin Street.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to accept the sidewalk tender as prepared for Dufferin Street and the replacement of broken pads.



FINANCE

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$87,415.55.

RECREATION REPORT

Mayor Murphy read the recreation report (see attached). He asked if there were any concerns or ideas.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to sponsor the Senior 55+ Games in the amount of \$500.00 and permission for Amanda Jendrick to be the staff liaison to the host committee.

The recreation director requested \$2,000.00 funding for a festival October 27-29th. Mayor Murphy requested that this request be put on hold until he obtains more information. Council requested the amount spent to date on recreation for the next council meeting.

The CAO read her report (see attached).

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve cell phone allowance in the amount of \$30.00 for the temporary fulltime maintenance man.

The Mayor stated that he had received a call from Thane Clark that Westech has received a terra gas permit issued by the province for a field in Alberton and St. Roch. Councillor Tremblay said that we should be notified when they are spraying. Councillor Curtis said we should ask for a copy of the environmental rules for wind speed, etc.

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

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Tremblay and carried that there needs to be clarification on the previous request for a storage building to be connected to the municipal sewage on whether it is a storage building or if the owner is operating a business and if so get the land rezoned.

Councillor Williams abstained from the vote.

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



Mayor Murphy and Council Members,

As you are aware, we are in the process of fundraising for a Skate Park for the youth of Alberton and surrounding areas. Recently we have hit some road blocks when trying to apply for grants for the Alberton Skate Park. The reason for this is because this isn't a municipal project but rather a fundraising committee project as of right now. After speaking with ACOA officials, funding sources and with the MP for the area, we have been advised this needs to be a municipal project in order to be considered for funding.

Council has already agreed to take ownership, provide the land and pay the insurance costs when the fundraising is complete but we need this to be a municipal project in the fundraising stages. At this point, the land is owned by the town, it is zoned recreational, it was an existing skate park area and used on occasion for recreation purposes, it used to be a wooden structure skate park that needs to be replaced and expanded. In the end the skate park will be owned by the town.

We have the ACOA official's full support and they believe that the town should be on board with us. The town has nothing to lose, you can't get a better deal than this and the town can't lose by joining you by getting the administrator to apply for the grant says our MP. Our MP said the ACOA grant should be applied for ASAP.

The committee has already worked very hard and fundraised close to \$8000 in 2 months which is a tremendous amount in that time period. We are asking the Town to take on this project and for these funds and all future fundraising moneys to be deposited into a separate town account and the committee will continue to fundraise and work hard to complete this project. We are not asking you to help with the fundraising, we are more than willing to do so ourselves along with our volunteers.

So tonight, we are asking you to make a motion to make this project an initiative of The Town of Alberton and for the administrator to apply for the ACOA grant ASAP and to apply for other grants that apply to this project.

Thank You in Advance,

Alberton Skate Park Committee:

Connie Bernard, Karen Murphy, Kim Beaton, Melissa Williams, Leanne Meggison, April Perry and Emanuel Bernard

To the Town Council and Mayor Murphy,

The Alberton Skate Park Committee is hosting an Alberton Family Fall Fun Day on Sept 24th from 10-2. This event is geared towards kids and families of all ages. We will be having Mike the music man (Michael Pendergast), Petting Farm animals such as goats and bunnies, Characters, Two Bouncy Castles, Scooter Depo and Scooter Demonstrations, EMS Teddy Bear Clinic, Alberton Fire Department, Police Cruiser, Face Painting by Ashton Fraser, BBQ, Kids West craft table and games, Fishing game to adopt their own teddy bear, games and more. This event is one of our big fundraisers for the Alberton Skate Park. All proceeds made that day will go directly towards the equipment for the Alberton Skate Park which will be put on town property and when it is in place the town will own it. You all are aware that we have started fundraising for the skate park. We need a minimum of \$40,000 to put this park in place. Over the past two months we have been very busy with many different fundraisers. We have fundraised so far \$7,622.30 which we are very pleased with. Our goal was to reach \$5,000 by the end of August and we have went past that. This fundraiser family day event is going to cost us \$800.00 or a little more. We will be charging \$5 per person, ages 2 and under free or \$15 per family. The monies made that day will go directly towards the Alberton Skate Park. The Alberton Skate Park Committee is asking for your help by being our Sponsor for this Alberton Family Fall Fun Day. We are asking if the town could sponsor us



for \$500.00, we the committee would pay the rest. Why we are asking you for your help is because when we are done in the end the town will own the Skate Park. The committee would also like to make this event an annual thing in Sept and monies made each year will go directly to up keeps of the skate park. The committee would organize and run this event each year if you will allow us. We would also like to ask permission to call upon the rec director for a volunteer from time to time if she wishes to join us. In the end we the Alberton Skate Park Committee are asking for your help in being our Sponsor of \$500, to allow the committee to run and organize this event each year and last to allow the rec director to be a volunteer when she is able to.

Thank You from the Alberton Skate Park Committee,
Connie Bernard, Karen Murphy, April Perry, Kim Beaton, Melissa Williams, Leanne Meggison, Emanuel Bernard

CAO REPORT August 9, 2016 to September 12, 2016

On August 10, 2016 we received free millings for the lagoon driveway from the end of the pavement to inside the gates at the lagoon. This will be much appreciated during the muddy season when checking the lagoon.

Prepared financial statements, collected sewer revenue, made deposits and other day to day office duties.

I called the government engineer overseeing the Argyle Street culvert replacement regarding the possibility of the town widening and paving the remainder of the street as per the motion made at the August council meeting. I was advised that it would take months to get the easements and legal work completed and he felt that when they completed the job that it would be quite impressive.

August 24, 2016 the engineer overseeing the government storm drain installation called and the grass that was damaged at the lagoon has been hydro seeded and is already coming up, also new posts have been installed and new fence where the fence was removed at the lagoon. In the next few days the asphalt will be installed on Poplar and Argyle Streets and the shoulder material which will be crushed asphalt will be installed. The sidewalk on Poplar Street has also been replaced.

Our maintenance man cut the hay and long grass on the new town lot behind the fire hall and we have received thanks from the public.

Took off 4 days' vacation during the week of August 29th to September 2nd and off for 4 more days of vacation from September 6th to 9th.

Recreation Report – September 12th, 2016

The Soccer program was Alberton's most popular program this summer. On August 13th we hosted a U-6 Soccer Jamboree. Approximately 60 children and their family and friends attended the event. The event was sponsored by the Independent, Huntley Horizon and, Murphy's Irving. Each child at the event received a bottle of water, a coupon for a free baby soft serve cone, a fruit snack and a jumbo freezie. Brochures advertising the Alberton Multicultural Festival held later that day were also distributed.



Alberton hosted a U-10 Soccer tournament on Saturday, August 20th. Approximately 80 children attended as well as their family and friends. This event was sponsored by the Independent and all the children received bottles of water and BBQ. The Alberton Fire Department kindly allowed the Rec. Department to use their BBQ for the event. When the soccer program ended, the final week of August, all teams, U-6, U-8, U-10 and Active Start received Medals provided by Tim Hortons.

Whereas soccer concludes in August, Alberton Softball teams continue to practice and play games into September. Softball PEI awards provincials tournaments. U-12 and U-14 provincials tournaments were awarded to Ellerslie and Summerside for September 9th and 10th and U-16 provincials were awarded to Cornwall for September 16th and 17th. Alberton has offered to host a Softball tournament for the U-14 Softball boy's teams with teams in O'Leary, Alberton and Tyne Valley. The weekend of September 3rd was suggested, however, the teams do not play their final game until September 9th and many of the players were going away for Labor Day weekend. As umpires are difficult to find the weekends of the other tournaments, Alberton has agreed to host a tournament for the boys the weekend of September 23rd and 24th. All teams have agreed to confirm by September 12th whether or not they can participate. If all teams can participate, the tournament will consist of 6 or 7 games. So as not to interfere with the Alberton Family Fun Day being held by the Alberton Skate park Committee on the 24th, games will begin no earlier than 1pm on the 24th and will be played on both Alberton fields.

Summer camp program attendance was up this year with over 30 children participating in the multi-sport and art camp programs throughout the summer. A full day Back to School camp was held on September 2nd where participants made crafts and played games both at Alberton Town Hall and at Alberton Elementary School.

With the departure of summer students, the recreation department has, again, taken up seniors programs at both the Alberton Seniors Housing Complex and the Phillips Residence. Exercise is being offered on a weekly basis, whereas arts and crafts and bingo will be offered on a bi-weekly basis. David Barbour and friends will play music for the seniors at the Seniors Housing Complex on September 29th at 7pm.

The recreation department will host a fall market on September 10th and has been seeking vendors for the event. The Clohossey Farm Wagon which is in Alberton regularly on Wednesdays has registered to come, as well as a couple other vendors. There will also be Ball Hockey available for the kids. If the first event is successful, another fall market event may be hosted on September 17th.

A Ladies Craft Night will be hosted in the evening on September 16th at Alberton Town Hall. Participants will pay 10\$ which will go towards supplies for the craft. Participants will do decoupage crafts using Adult Coloring Pages.

Children returned to Alberton Elementary School on Tuesday, September 6th. The After School Program will start up again for children in K-Gr. 4 as soon as possible. September 23rd is a PD Day and a camp is being organized for this day to take place at both Alberton Town Hall and the Alberton Public Library.

As the recreation department did not host Alberton Day this summer, a festival is being proposed on October 27th, 28th, and 29th. Both October 27th, and 28th are PD Days so the children would be away from school to partake in festival events. Our Annual Hide and Go Seek Tag event would take place



during this festival as well as music and/or other entertainment. In 2015, Hide and Go Seek Tag drew over 75 participants. The Recreation department is seeking approval of a 2000\$ budget to begin planning for this event.

The PEI 55+ Games Society has requested that Alberton act as a co-host along with O'Leary and Tignish for the 2017 provincial games. Alberton hosted the regional games in 2013 and will be eligible to host again in February of 2017. The provincial games are a bi-annual event that would take place in either June or September of 2017, dependent upon the decision of a committee formed by the 3 communities. The provincial games were hosted in Montague in June of 2015 and over 400 seniors attended 18-21 recreational events. In order to participate as one of the host communities, Alberton would be required to sponsor the event with a donation of \$500 as well as assign a staff liaison to the host committee, likely recreation director, Amanda Jendrick. Events (i.e. Bowling, Curling, Card Games, and Golf) would be divided equally among the 3 communities as decided upon by the committee. The recreation department requests a motion from council to host the games, understanding the commitments described above. If any of the 3 communities opts out, the event will be offered to one or both of the remaining communities but a higher sponsorship amount will be required.

Alberton Public Library

Monthly Report

Reporting to: Councillor Blair Duggan

Period: Month of August 2016

Programs: Summer Reading Club three days a week and PEI Literacy Alliance Tutoring Program two days a week.

Seeing an increase in tourism traffic using the WIFI

Planning: Fall programming for children, adults and seniors.

Kelly Gillis
Branch Technician
Alberton Public Library