



APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016

The regular council meeting was held Monday, August 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Williams, Cahill, Bernard, Curtis and Duggan present also Nikola Cameron-West Prince Graphic, Staff Sgt. Gill, Frances Ready, Rick Hardy, Lennie Skerry, Donna Ramsay, Paul Beattie and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for the approval of the agenda with the addition of committee of the whole.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held July 11, 2016.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Sergeant Darrell Gill read the police report (see attached) as he had to leave the meeting. There were 177 hours of service in July. The calls for service were broken down as follows: Sudden Death – 1, Hit and Run collision -1, Disturbances -6, Mischief -3, Harassment -1, Suspicious persons/vehicles -3, Assault -3, Erratic and impaired driving -3, Dog Act -1, Motor Vehicle collisions -2, Crime Prevention & Assistance -4 and False alarms -2. Ken Spenceley, Prince County District Commander moved and Sergeant Gill will be the Acting District Commander. Mayor Murphy requested that they step up patrols around the fire hall as there was damage around the fire hall as outlined in an email from the fire chief. He also said there is an issue with the playground next to the library as it gets nosier after 9:00 PM.

Paul Beattie and Rick Hardy from the Masonic Lodge gave a presentation. Paul Beattie said the lodge is the second oldest building in Alberton and was constructed in 1867. He said that they recently paraded down Main Street and Mayor Murphy was the receiving officer. He said the members have to take an oath to look after the poor and distressed but the government is now taking that over. Upstairs is the lodge, downstairs used to be a stable. Downstairs was in need of repair so they scraped, filled cracks and painted the ceiling, walls and trim. The Masons are not allowed to solicit for their own lodge but can take donations. They installed a submersible pump and they have a nice updated kitchen. Paul Beattie said they want to turn the downstairs into a senior's centre. Rick Hardy spoke next and said that just driving around Alberton he counted 136 senior apartments. He talked to two senior representatives



Lennie Skerry and Donna Ramsay and they want a place for seniors. Rick Hardy said that it needs an entrance, accessible bathroom and a wheel chair accessible entrance. They have an antiquated heating system so they would need to install a heat pump. They will find out in February if they get approval from a New Horizon's grant. Rick Hardy said they could have cards, music, crafts, old movie and popcorn night. The Masons will initially run it and then the seniors will eventually run the program themselves. Councillor Cahill asked about the cost they have requested for the renovations and was told \$28,435.00 but the limit on the grant from New Horizons is \$25,000.00. He said that the council is welcome to have a tour of the Masonic Lodge. Mr. Beattie said that he would like the Town of Alberton to be at the ribbon cutting if this all happens next year.

CORRESPONDENCE

A request was received from the 55 Plus Games Society for Alberton, Tignish and O'Leary to host the 2017 games.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to let Cletus Dunn know that the town is interested in hosting the PEI 55 Plus Games in 2017 but they need more information and they need to know the cost.

Mayor Murphy read a letter from Danielle Gillan regarding municipalities that have a Municipal Property Maintenance/Unsightly Premises Bylaw. The letter stated it has come to the Department's attention that some municipalities may seek to enable municipal staff to enter onto property to undertake the cleanup, upon the passage of a resolution to that effect by Council. He noted that while the Charlottetown Area Municipalities Act and City of Summerside Act do include such authority, the Municipalities Act currently does not.

A request was received from Carol Mayne, Chair of the Host Committee of the U18 Canadian Women's Fast pitch Championship to borrow the temporary fence for their event.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to work out an arrangement to loan the temporary fence to O'Leary and/or Charlottetown.

A letter was received saying that the request for a grant from FCC AgriSpirit Fund for bunker gear was turned down.

Two quotes for minor renovations to the town hall were received –

J.C. Handyman for \$2,878.50 plus \$500.00 and G.E. MacNeill Contracting Ltd. \$7,831.80.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to hire J.C. Handyman to do renovations to the town hall.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to give a \$50.00 donation to the coaches for ball and soccer at the end of the season.

Mayor Murphy said he talked to our local MLA regarding the main intersection at the corner of Church and Main Streets. He said the intersection needs to be straightened, realigned or a 4 way stop put in as you have to get in the middle of the intersection to see what is coming.



The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to lobby the government to straighten the intersection at the corner of Main and Church Streets at the suggestion of the MLA.

Councillor Duggan also suggested that the bad hollows on Main Street need to be resurfaced.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried that if the funds are there to widen Argyle Street from where the government stops.

Mayor Murphy wants the water issue on Central Street checked.

Council said that if more fill is available to put more fill on the property recently purchased and then get the topsoil put back.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

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

A request was received from Wallace Shellfish to connect his building to the municipal sewer system. The permit was approved in December 2015 for a storage building. The request will be put on hold until we hear from environment. Councillor Curtis requested it be referred to the committee of the whole.

Councillor Williams returned to the meeting.

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

A property development application was received for PID #740233-000; the original application in October 2015 was for a storage building now the new application is for a guest house with new electrical, new landscaping, an addition 8 feet X 19 feet and new septic tank. Council noted that the property is land locked and therefore could not be approved until the owner can provide access to the property.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried that we don't issue the permit for PID # 740233-000 because it is in the by-laws that they can't issue a property development permit for a land locked property.

Councillors Duggan and Williams returned to the meeting.

A property development application was received for PID # 999466-000 to install a swimming pool with a fence around the pool.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to approve the permit for PID #999466-000 to install a swimming pool with a fence around the pool.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAO REPORT



See attached report.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to apply for 150th Celebration Garden Grant.

LIBRARY SERVICES & PARKS

Councillor Duggan read the library report (see attached).

Mayor Murphy asked if the trim on the windows at the library had been painted and it is completed.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Councillor Williams reported that the storm drain work is being done by the government. She said she had received some anonymous complaints from a few residents over the summer regarding fast traffic on Elder Street. We will check with the province regarding signage and call the RCMP regarding more patrols. Mayor Murphy mentioned Weeks Drive in need of a Dead End sign. Councillor Williams mentioned complaints regarding people parking on Main Street instead of the funeral home parking lot.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Bernard reported on economic development. She said there was nothing new to report.

ENVIRONMENT & SEWER UTILITY

Councillor Curtis said that according to the press the town was receiving a grant for an updated lift station.

RECREATION

Mayor Murphy read the recreation report (see attached).

FINANCE

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$18,855.51.

Mayor Murphy asked if we could look into getting an air conditioner/heat pump for the town hall while the renovations are being done. Councillor Duggan said that he would rather wait until budget time. Research will be done on the cost and where it should be located.

A request was received from the Rural Youth Fair to borrow the temporary fence for September 10th.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to approve the request from the Rural Youth Fair to borrow the temporary fence.

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

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



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

Mayor

Administrator

**CAO REPORT
July 12, 2016 TO AUGUST 8, 2016**

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

July 12 and 13th I received several complaints about long grass at a residence I called the real estate company and the property manager to try and get it cut.

Researched the property development permit for the property that had changed use from a storage building to a house. Contacted the plumbing and electrical inspectors and checked on septic tank. Property is also land locked. I am also researching an application to connect to the sewer for a property owner that had applied for a storage building.

Interviews were held, police back ground check completed, references checked and Ray Millman was hired as temporary full time maintenance man.

I noticed a grant available from 150th Celebrate Gardens for red and white tulips and need permission to apply.

Before I applied for PIF grant I checked and was told to apply separately for sidewalks and skate park equipment. If only one project is approved dollars cannot be transferred to the other. I contacted a representative from the skate park committee to get a price and applied for \$35,000.00 for the equipment.

LIBRARY REPORT

July & August 2016

Operations -There are no operations issues.



Programs- Summer Reading Club three days per week. PEI Literacy Tutoring Program two days per week.

They are seeing an increase in tourism traffic using the Wi-Fi. Planning - Enjoying the month of August.

Recreation Report – August 8th, 2016

Alberton Softball U-12, U-14, and U-16 teams continue to play games and practice at Memorial Field throughout August and into September. Our team volunteers requested that we NOT put in a bid to host a provincial's tournament in September this year as teams raised a significant amount of money at the Scotiabank Tournament in June which has not yet been used. Also, parents stated that it would be difficult to find volunteers for a September tournament. A U-6 Soccer Jamboree will be hosted in Alberton on Saturday August 13th and a U-10 Soccer tournament will be hosted in Alberton on Saturday, August 20th. The recreation department is approaching local businesses about providing coupons or donations for the kids for both soccer tournaments.

The Multi-Sport Program continues on Monday Mornings. Between 6 and 10 children usually attend to play a variety of games outside at Alberton Elementary School. One 4 week session of Art Camp finished on the 26th of July. 11 Children were registered for the 1st session and paid 25\$ per child for the 4 weeks. They made paintings, drawings and, a variety of crafts which were on display for parents on the final day. There were 11 new children registered for the new session which began on August 2nd. The library program now runs on Wednesday and Friday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings. Between 1 and 4 children regularly attend the program.

As well as assisting with summer sport and camp programs and regular field maintenance, summer students in the recreation department have been painting the fence, windows, and trim at the Stone Station. They also touched up the ramp at Memorial Field and have been weeding some of the flower boxes and flower beds.

The Alberton Business association will be holding their annual Multicultural festival on August 13th. The recreation department will assist with the festival, providing washer toss and other games during the afternoon. There will be no Alberton Day this year as attendance was poor at last year's events, instead, the recreation department will assist with the Multicultural festival and host other events on the same day, including the U6 Soccer Jamboree, in hopes of bringing more people to Alberton.



Camp Kildare has been using office space at Town Hall for their summer student, Keshia Biggar. Camp Kildare will host an Arts and Crafts event on August 11th for children. The recreation department will assist with this event.

July 2016 Fire Report

3 MFR

2 Vehicle Fires

1 Mutual Aid (fire in Wellington)

6 Total

July was a very quiet month call wise. The open house went very well with everyone commenting on how well equipped the department is. Hopefully this is something we can continue in the future.

Chief,

John Ellsworth