



APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The regular council meeting was held Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Curtis, Bernard, Tremblay, and Williams present also Frances Ready, Ray Millman, Melissa Heald - West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn. Councillor Cahill was absent due to unforeseen circumstances and Councillor Duggan had an emergency and would be late.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order.

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 in regards to a subdivision plan.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried for the approval of the minutes from the January 11, 2016 council meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Ray Millman said a letter should be sent to the business owners and people from Holland College regarding parking on the street all day and taking parking spaces from customers.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Alberton Historical Preservation Foundation with a request for funding for 2016.

Eric McCarthy from the Journal Pioneer arrived at the meeting.

A quote was received from P. Wood and Associates to review the official plan. Council asked for more prices before a decision is made.

Councillor Tremblay left the room due to a conflict of interest on the next item.

A letter was received from the W.J. Phillips Ladies Auxiliary to request a donation. Council has a policy that if any organization has collected from the residents and businesses they do not receive a donation. Councillor Tremblay returned to the meeting.

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

The subdivision plan of lands of Leonard O'Meara was discussed. An email was received from planner, Derek French to state that it is okay as long as PID no. 568030 and PID no. 743708 have access to a public road and is subject to approval by the Department of Transportation as well.

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to follow the above recommendation from the planner.

Councillor Williams returned to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STREETS, SIDEWALKS & STREET LIGHTS

Councillor Tremblay reported that everything is fine.

FIRE AND POLICE

Councillor Curtis read the January fire report (see attached). The December report was not available on paper last month (see attached). The RCMP responded to 16 calls and had 269 hours of service.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Councillor Bernard read the recreation report (see attached), also the winter carnival schedule is attached.

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

The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve the new positions for the fire department Chief John Ellsworth, Deputy Chief Tom Murphy, Secretary, Jacqueline Lidstone, Captain, Emile Bernard, Captain, Darrell Graham, Captain, Shannon Dumville, Captain, Jason Milligan and Safety Officer, Leonard Fraser.

Councillor Williams returned to the meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Duggan said there was nothing new to report for economic development and asked if there will be a meeting, or will we wait for the official plan. Mayor Murphy said we would wait for the official plan review.

ENVIRONMENT AND SEWER UTILITY

Councillor Williams said that there is a new contact for the environment, George Somners. On February 4, 2016 she attended a meeting with Mayor Murphy, Morley Foy, Department of Environment, Ron's Plumbing and Susan to discuss future plans for lagoon sewer system and hints for the future.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$18,786.76.

The financial statements including the balance sheet, income statement and trail balance for the sewer account were distributed.

The CAO read her report (see attached).

NEW BUSINESS

The motions was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to extend the snow removal operators hours until the next council meeting.

Mayor Murphy appointed new committees (see attached).

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

January Fire Report 2016

4- Medical

3- Flu Fires

1-Snowmobile Accident

1-MVC

9-Calls Total

The Alberton Fire Department Command for 2016 is as follows:

Chief: John Ellsworth

Deputy Chief: Tom Murphy

Secretary: Jacqueline Lidstone

Captain: Emile Bernard

Captain: Darrell Graham

Captain: Shannon Dumville

Captain: Jason Milligan

Safety Officer: Leonard Fraser

As newly elected chief of the Alberton Fire Department, I would like to say I am very honoured and look forward to serving the members and working with council for 2016.

Chief John Ellsworth Alberton Town Council

Fire report December 7- January 10/2016

There were 11 calls for service

7 Medical first responder calls

1 Motor Vehicle collision

1 Home alarm

1 Structure fire

1 Car fire

The Alberton fire department responded to 131 calls during 2015.

Recreation Report – February 4th, 2016

A Ladies Craft Night ran on January 22nd and 9 attended. Participants enjoyed making mosaics with paint chips. Another Ladies Craft Night will take place in March and will have an Easter themed craft.

28 people have signed the Pace Car Pledge and have received Pace Car window clings for their vehicles. Participants were entered into a draw to win a 10\$ PC gift card. The winners were Laura Mills, Norma Adams, and Brian Delaney. Pledge forms will be available at some of the winter carnival events and the Recreation Department also plans to bring pledge forms to Westisle Composite High School.

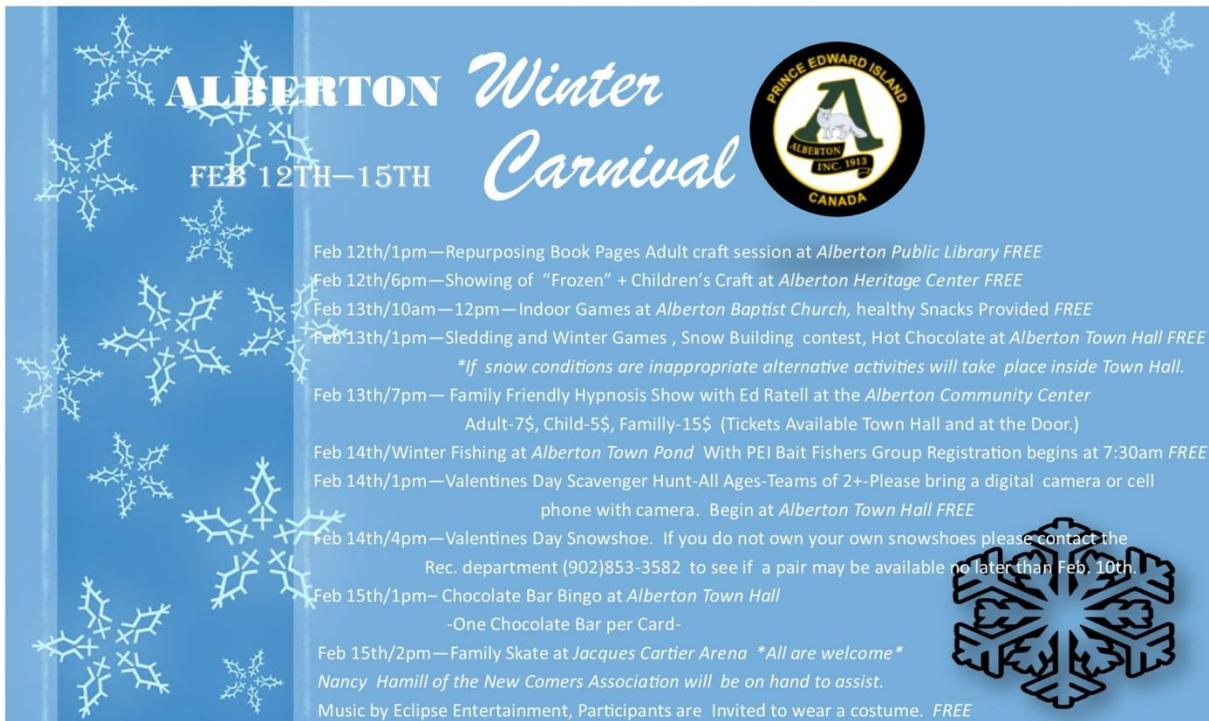
The Alberton Walking Club continues to walk indoors at Alberton Elementary each day from 4pm to 5pm. The Western Recreation Council is running a Nordic Walking Group on Fridays at Westisle Composite High and it is hoped that we might be able to borrow their Nordic Walking poles to take to the Walking Club. If there is interest in Nordic Walking among participants this may become a regular arrangement.

Sessions at the Phillips have been seeing increased attendance. The seniors enjoy chair exercises as well as arts and crafts and Bingo.

The Alberton Public Library has been moved into the Old Stone Station and an Opening Celebration was held on January 30th. The Celebration was well attended. MLAs Pat Murphy and Robert Morrissey were present as well as Mayor Murphy and members of council, Blair Duggan and Allan Curtis. Grace Dawson who is in charge of library and archives for the province was there as well. Melissa Heald of the Graphic attended and took pictures as did Eric McCarthy of the Journal Pioneer. There were some short speeches regarding the new library and everyone enjoyed refreshments.

The Alberton Winter Carnival is scheduled to take place between February 12th and February 15th. Scheduled events include a showing of "Frozen" and a children's craft at the Alberton Heritage Center, Indoor Games at the Alberton Baptist Church, a Winter Fishing Derby at the Town Pond, Family Friendly Hypnosis show with Ed Ratell, Family Skate and much more. Outdoor activities are weather dependent and may be replaced with an indoor activity or postponed until conditions are more suitable. The Winter Carnival Schedule is featured in the Penny Saver. The schedule will also be in the West Prince Graphic at a cost of 85\$+HST as well as an article focusing on the Hypnosis show.

Big Brothers Big Sisters have asked if the Town would like to enter a team into the Bowl for Kids Sake event which takes place in early March. If anyone on council is interested in forming a team and fundraising for the event they are asked to contact Amanda with the recreation department



The poster features a blue background with white snowflakes. On the left, the text reads "ALBERTON FEB 12TH-15TH". In the center, "Winter Carnival" is written in a large, white, cursive font. To the right is the Alberton logo, a circular emblem with "PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND" at the top, "ALBERTON INC. 1913" in the middle, and "CANADA" at the bottom. Below the title, a list of events is provided, each with its date, time, location, and whether it is free. A large, stylized snowflake graphic is positioned in the bottom right corner.

ALBERTON *Winter Carnival*

FEB 12TH-15TH

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
ALBERTON INC. 1913
CANADA

Feb 12th/1pm—Repurposing Book Pages Adult craft session at *Alberton Public Library* FREE
Feb 12th/6pm—Showing of "Frozen" + Children's Craft at *Alberton Heritage Center* FREE
Feb 13th/10am—12pm—Indoor Games at *Alberton Baptist Church*, healthy Snacks Provided FREE
Feb 13th/1pm—Sledding and Winter Games , Snow Building contest, Hot Chocolate at *Alberton Town Hall* FREE
**If snow conditions are inappropriate alternative activities will take place inside Town Hall.*
Feb 13th/7pm— Family Friendly Hypnosis Show with Ed Ratell at the *Alberton Community Center*
Adult-7\$, Child-5\$, Family-15\$ (Tickets Available Town Hall and at the Door.)
Feb 14th/Winter Fishing at *Alberton Town Pond* With PEI Bait Fishers Group Registration begins at 7:30am FREE
Feb 14th/1pm—Valentines Day Scavenger Hunt-All Ages-Teams of 2+-Please bring a digital camera or cell phone with camera. Begin at *Alberton Town Hall* FREE
Feb 14th/4pm—Valentines Day Snowshoe. If you do not own your own snowshoes please contact the Rec. department (902)853-3582 to see if a pair may be available no later than Feb. 10th
Feb 15th/1pm—Chocolate Bar Bingo at *Alberton Town Hall*
-One Chocolate Bar per Card-
Feb 15th/2pm—Family Skate at *Jacques Cartier Arena* *All are welcome*
Nancy Hamill of the New Comers Association will be on hand to assist.
Music by Eclipse Entertainment, Participants are Invited to wear a costume. FREE

**CAO REPORT
JANUARY 12, 2016 TO FEBRUARY 8, 2016**

I continued to prepare for audit.

The audit was booked for February 1st to 3rd.

On January 27th attended a meeting with the new fire chief to discuss fire budget etc.
I completed paperwork for the final claim for the grant from ACOA.

I completed paperwork for the final claim for Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena for the grant from ACOA.

Collecting sewer revenue from the invoices mailed out in early January.

I attended meetings with new fire chief, Alberton Fire District, Greenmount/Montrose and Department of Environment.

I received a couple telephone calls to compliment us on the new library and express thanks for the library being open on Saturdays.

On January 30th I received a call at 6 am that the backhoe was broke down on Main Street during the middle of clean up after the storm. Special thanks to Leonard O'Meara for fixing it on site.

In 2015 the town had 21 employed including EDA and summer students.

COMMITTEES

Micheal Murphy – Mayor

David Cahill – Deputy Mayor

FINANCE - Councillor David Cahill

STREETS & SIDEWALKS - Councillor Kelly Williams

ENVIRONMENT - Councillor Alan Curtis

FIRE AND POLICE - Councillor Rosetta Tremblay

LIBRARY SERVICES & PARKS - Councillor Blair Duggan

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Councillor Connie Bernard

RECREATION - Mayor Micheal Murphy

HR - Mayor Micheal Murphy