



APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

The regular council meeting was held Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Tremblay, Bernard, Curtis, Williams and Duggan present also Frances Ready, Jillian Trainor-West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Williams said she would leave the room when a quote from her father for work in town was discussed. Councillor Cahill arrived at the meeting.

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 November 13, 2017, special council meeting held November 20, 2017 and public meeting held December 6, 2017.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

PRESENTATIONS OR DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Joey Carragher with a request for a letter of support to the PEI Liquor Control Commission for a liquor license for the Sidewalk Grill.

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to support the application from Joey Carragher for a liquor license for the Sidewalk Grill.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION

Councillor Tremblay read the economic development and events report (see attached).



LIBRARY SERVICES AND PARKS

Councillor Bernard read the library report (see attached).

Eric McCarthy from the Journal Pioneer arrived at the meeting.

FIRE AND POLICE

Councillor Curtis read the police report.

During the month of November 2017, RCMP members spent 184 hours providing policing services to the town with 27 calls for service. The calls included - 3-Assault, 3-Mental Health Act complaints, 2-Fail to Comply with Probation Order, 2-911 Act, 1-Impaired driving, 1-Uttering threats, 1-Fraud, 1-Mischief, 1-Disturbing the peace, 1-Traffic complaint, 1-Motor vehicle collision, 1-Fail to stop at an accident scene, 1-Suspicious person, 1-Dog Act, 1-Fire Prevention Act and 6-False Alarm.

Councillor Curtis moved the adoption of the police report. The fire report was not available but Councillor Williams reported that the fire department voted in Kolby Murphy as a member and Logan Profit got his Level 1 Certification.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Duggan said that there was nothing new to report in economic development. He said he attended the meeting with the consultants on the new town plan.

ENVIRONMENT

Councillor Williams reported for environment (see attached).

FINANCE

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$176,191.53.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to give CAO, Susan Wallace-Flynn a Christmas bonus of \$500.00, casual office worker Diane Broderick \$100.00 and maintenance man Garth Davey \$100.00.

Honorariums were distributed. Financial statements for general and sewer including balance sheets, income statements and trial balances were distributed for November.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried that as a council fill out an official complaint about Westech to the Department of Agriculture Farm Practice Review Board.



NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to give \$500.00, the same as last year, to Kevin Gillis for keeping the town's website maintained.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to order 1,000 town pins at .619.

The new provincial model by-laws were discussed. The bylaws that have to be in place before our budget meeting and after the new Municipalities Act is proclaimed include – To Establish Tax Rate Groups, To Regulate Reserve Funds, To Authorize General Borrowing, To Establish Municipal Grants and To Establish Fees for Various Municipal Services.

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

Mayor Murphy read quotes from Lennie's Heavy Equipment Ltd. for ditching and culvert replacement on Poplar Street \$7,935.00 and Prince William Street \$12,305.00. Other contractors were contacted for a price but were too busy to take on any more work.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried that Lennie's Heavy Equipment Ltd. be hired to ditch sections of Poplar Street and Prince William Street if it can be finished before December 31, 2017.

Councillor Williams returned to the meeting.

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 Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to return from a committee of the whole.

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



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EVENTS

Garth Davey

During the month of November I approached the retail agency that looks after the former Home Hardware location at the corner of Main and Church Streets to see what the plans were for renting out the 11,000 square foot space and to offer assistance. The building needs numerous upgrades.

The house decorating contest will be held December 18th and this year we have added a business decorating contest. No registration is necessary.

January 29th is the date set for the 55+ Regional Games with a storm date of February 2nd. The events and registration form will be ready for early in January.

Library and Parks

Library report for November-December

-Everything is going great at the library
-November was a bit more low key but still busy overall.

-For December the library is looking at doing a book swap. The book swap will take place during operating hours throughout the month of December. People can swap or buy donated books. Great little idea for Christmas. Get your children involved by getting them to picking out a book at home that they may want to swap so they can find that special book for one of their friends, siblings or family member. Kids do not have much money of their own to spend on gifts, so this would make for a great opportunity for them to feel like they are giving to others by buying something all on their own. Also a great idea for senior, adults or teens to swap a book for our upcoming winter storm days.

Parks report for November-December

-Both parks are still being used but starting to dwindle down because of the fall weather.

I'd also like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy Happy New Year.

ENVIRONMENT AND SEWER UTILITY REPORT

Merry Christmas to all Council, Mayor and Susan from Derek Leo and I.

Tuesday December 5th, 2017 I became aware of complaints of smell from Westech compost and fertilizer mix of seaweed/lobster bodies from Westech. I learned complaints had been coming into town office since Thursday November 30th, 2017. Susan describes her experience here in the town office with the problem. As lead captain of a fire call that day where a smell was thought to be a propane leak was



confirmed to be smell coming off piles of material on Westech fields. I emailed all of council to keep you aware. I called James Young from environment and Shawn Schofield an employee of the department of environment returned my call explaining that the material was being spread that day- hence the smell around town. I reminded both gentlemen of our meeting on June 19, 2017. When we met here at town hall to come up with the solution of having fertilizer etc. compostable material delivered, spread and tilled within a reasonable 48 hours. It seems this rule isn't being met so I am asking council if you would join me in sending an official complaint to the department of agriculture. Agriculture Waste Management has Best management practices online @<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/legislation/farm-practicesact> which states manure should be going into storage, not on fields from November to mid-April and also do not spread on frozen, bare or snow covered land. I assume lobster bodies and seaweed can fit into this category. Residents in town are irate and asking council to help them. This official complaint would be a start.

Sewer-overdue accounts are being collected by Susan and I believe there are still a few past due accounts. Lift station has been repaired.

CAO REPORT NOVEMBER 14, 2017 to DECEMBER 11, 2017

Did bank reconciliation for the sewer account for November and printed copies of the balance sheet, income statement and trial balance.

On November 22nd I attended an Employments Standards seminar at the Alberton Rural Action Centre.

I attended a meeting at the Aubin-Arsenault building in Charlottetown on November 29th from 7 – 9 pm regarding the new Municipalities Act which is expected to be proclaimed before the end of this year. The bylaws that have to be in place before our budget meeting and after the Act is proclaimed include – To Establish Tax Rate Groups, To Regulate Reserve Funds, To Authorize General Borrowing, To Establish Municipal Grants and To Establish Fees for Various Municipal Services. We have a procedural bylaw but it will also have to be redone. The bylaw To Regulate Remuneration of Council and Appointees also has to be redone before any remuneration is paid in 2018 and also the election being held the first of November will also have to be considered in the payment schedule. There are others including elections bylaw but I think we can do them later in the New Year. There will not be an annual meeting but the new budget plus a Capital budget must be completed by March 31, 2018 and some sort of public input or presentation before the March 12th council meeting. I have attached several information sheets from the meeting to this report.

Contrary to popular belief the obnoxious smell that hit Alberton on Thursday, November 30th and started a series of telephone calls from Friday until December 6th was from a mixture of seaweed/shell compost mixture being stock piled and later spread by Westech. I received many calls from businesses, residents and even the RCMP. I made numerous calls and spent several days on the telephone to the Department of Environment and Department of Agriculture concerning this ongoing situation. According to the Best Management Practices PEI manure application calendar – November to mid-April manure should be going into storage, not on fields. Do not spread on frozen, bare, or snow-covered



land.” I was told by staff at the Department of Agriculture that most farmers abide by this but if they don’t it is a recommendation only and cannot be enforced.

I have been working very hard at the overdue sewer customer list and am pleased to report that to date since November 14th I have been able to collect \$5,844.64 and we had to go as far to serve notice that the backhoe was going out.

A problem occurred at the lift station which required an area directly in front of it to be dug up and repairs made. Fortunately this was able to be done on December 5th before the rain and before the ground was frozen.

I applied for payment under the CWWF for the storm water project which is now completed. I am almost finished of the MCEG application to apply for a refund on a portion of capital purchases from April 1 until September 30, 2017.

Merry Christmas to everyone and their families!