



**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2017**

The regular council meeting was held Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Cahill, Williams, Duggan, and Tremblay present also Frances Ready, James Smith, Jillian Trainor, West Prince Graphic, Staff Sergeant Hewitt and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn. Councillor Curtis is away and Councillor Bernard is on vacation.

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held June 12, 2017.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Cahill asked how the negotiation of the streets with the government was going. Mayor Murphy said it was ongoing with some government staff on vacation.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

Council reviewed a letter with a request for funding from PEI Family Violence Prevention Services and said it should be requested at budget time.

A request was received from Zetland Lodge for a donation to paint the outside walls. Council said they do not wish to set a precedent so the request was denied.

Staff Sgt. Hewitt left the meeting.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The application received at the last meeting from Westech to haul a building for seasonal housing was discussed. The planners reviewed the application and stated that communal housing use is not presently permitted in any zone in our bylaws. Council will discuss this with the planners when they come back in September.

A property development application was received from Nicole Rayner to renovate at 472 Church Street for multiple occupancy, with single rooms, a large bathroom and a kitchen. Council asked where the parking was. Communal housing is also not allowed at this location and the application was put on hold.

A property development application was received from Esther Saunders located at 9 Pope Street for a storage building 6 feet 2 inches by 10 feet.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to approve the property development application from Esther Saunders for a storage building 6 feet 2 inches x 10 feet.

A request was received from J.C. Handyman for a deck and wheel chair accessible entrance extending out 8 feet. Council set aside the application as they want to know the width of the existing sidewalk before a decision is made.

A business license application was received from Matthew Wedge for Island Rod & Rifle Inc. to be located at 491 Main Street to retail outdoorsman equipment including fire arms and ammunition.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to approve the business license for Island Rod & Rifle Inc. providing it meets all federal and provincial regulations.

A business license application was received from Mark McKinnon for Marks Mobile Canteen.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to approve the business application for Mark's Mobile Canteen.

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to approve the business license application for Go Girl Fashions, a ladies boutique in a bus one day a week or once every 2 weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION

Councillor Tremblay reported for recreation and read the schedule for the Communities to Country Celebrating 150 Years August 25-27th.

Madison Albert is working in the recreation office for 8 weeks as a summer student. All soccer, softball and Active Start programs are started. The recreation staff painted the lamp poles on Main and Church Streets and ramps at the library and ball field.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Duggan had nothing else to report for Economic Development other than the business licenses just approved.

ENVIRONMENT

Councillor Williams reported for Environment, no complaints and no new developments.

FINANCE

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$226,138.15.

Copies of balance sheets, income statements and trial balances for the general and sewer accounts were distributed for June and July.

There were no tenders received for the Clean Water Waste Water storm water enhancement project that was approved for funding.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried to discuss with the government the Clean Water Waste Water storm water enhancement project for ditching to see if they could do it.

Councillor Williams submitted last month's report for Environment (see attached).

FIRE AND POLICE

Mayor Murphy reported for fire (see attached) and read the police report in the absence of Councillor Curtis. Members responded to 17 calls for service which are broken down as follows: 4 traffic complaints, 3 mischief, 1 assault, 1 criminal harassment, 1 fraud, 1 driving while prohibited, 1 motor vehicle collision, 1 animal call, 1 off-Highway Act, 2 - 911 Act and 1 false alarm.

LIBRARY SERVICES AND PARKS

Councillor Bernard was unable to attend tonight and her report was circulated (see attached).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Mayor Murphy said that repairs to the sidewalks are completed and negotiations with government concerning ownership and responsibility of streets are still on going.

CAO REPORT

Susan Wallace-Flynn read her CAO report (see attached).

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried for a 5 minute break.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for payment of lagoon work as directed by the Department of Environment from the Gas Tax fund.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to get prices for two heat pumps for the town hall.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to pay the additional fee of \$1,500.00 to CBCL for the Clean Water Waste Water storm sewer ditching project.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to give \$50.00 to the coaches when the ball and soccer equipment is returned.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to hire Stantec for the lagoon upgrades.

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

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

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

Monthly Report for Environment and Sewer
July 10, 2017

My apologies to Mayor and Council for my absence this evening, but I am away with my family for a little summer camping get away for vacation.

It has been a busy month for environment and sewer. Susan informs me that the work at the lagoon has been completed and payment for same will be addressed under new business. The lift station is working as it should be with no new issues and the signage is still in place for the work that has been done there. Susan is also busy with sewer bills this month.

I prepared a presentation for the meeting that was held at the town office on June 19, 2017 in regards to the lobster body issue from the West Tech farm which was addressed last month as well as other concerns. In attendance at the meeting was Thane Clark, Greg Wilson Manager of Environment land management, environment division, Sebastian Ibarra Department of Agriculture, Susan Mackinnon Department of Agriculture, and from the town, Mayor Micheal Murphy, myself, Councillor Curtis and Susan. Please see the minutes from this very productive meeting and note that all in attendance felt that 24-48 hours was a reasonable amount of time for the lobster bodies to be tilled under when they reach the fields to rectify this problem in the future. We are still awaiting final approval from Minister Robert Mitchell.

July 1, 2017 I had the privilege to be the MC of Alberton's Canada Day Celebration at the gazebo by the town pond. Premier Wade MacLauchlan and Hon. Pat Murphy were there to express their Canada day remarks as well as serve the cake. Janet Charchuk, our snowshoeing gold medalist from the 2017 Special Olympics in Austria was there and spoke. The Myles Getson Memorial citizen of the year award was presented by Norma Getson to Roger Gavin. He was quite surprised as his mother got him to the event by telling him that he was to accept an award for his brother. Musical entertainment by Joey Doucette and Kirk Bernard was lovely and Roscoe the Clown entertained the children. The Alberton Fire department was there as well with 2 fire trucks and 6 members to block half of the parking lot for the event.

July 6, 2017 I attended the Annual Water Shed meeting at the heritage center in Alberton as per invite to our council by John Lane. This group has done some wonderful work over the past year. Hon Robert Mitchell, Minister of Communities, Land, and Environment was the guest speaker and he discussed the new water act as well as other topics. Hon Pat Murphy was there as well and spoke on the support of his department of the government with EDA and student summer jobs with this group and how the watershed group is a very valuable group.

Monthly Fire Report July 2017

Fire Calls: medical – 5, Fire alarms – 3, Structure fire – 1, Power pole – 1, MVC - 1

Total – 11 Training: none summer off. Equipment: 3 sets of bunker gear, 1 pair of boots

Deputy Chief: Shannon Dumville

For the Month of June and July Library and Parks report I will start off with the Library report.

The summer reading program for ages 3-12 is going well and will continue for the rest of the summer. The reading program is held on Tuesday's at 6:30pm for preschool kids, Wednesday at 10:30am for ages 6 to 8 year olds and 1:00 pm for ages 9-12 year olds. Drop in and visit your local library, maybe sign a book out, sit and relax by reading a book while your kids play at the playground next to the library. At our Library there are also computers for kids and people to use at any time during operating hours. On August 25th from 2-4pm in part of the library there will be part of the Canada 150 Celebration event taking place at the library which will be a show of fine arts, crafts and written work of art.

-As for our Parks. We have a beautiful Playground Park for all ages located next to the Library.

-In the Alberton Park located by the library/ gazebo there will be a Canada 150 Celebration taking place on August 25, 26 and 27th. The Recreation report will give you more details on that weekend.

-The Town has also got a new addition to the Veterans Memorial Ball Field which is an existing skate park. The park is designed for scooters, skate boards and BMX bikes. The pad is built and the equipment arrived on July 18th. The park is getting lots of use and the kids are very happy with the park. The sponsor sign along with the rules sign is put up as well. There were two picnic tables donated by George MacNeill Construction. It would be nice to plan for a Grand Opening of the Skate Park. A few ideas that come to mind for a grand opening would be a BBQ, some door prizes and inviting Scooter Depo, our Mayor and Council, local MP and our MLA along with Go PEI ,to join in on the Grand Opening Day of the new Skate Park. If council has any other ideas to add for the grand opening your input would be greatly appreciated. It would be great to have council's approval to have the Grand Opening for the Skate Park on Saturday Aug 26 from 11-1 with a rain date for Sunday Aug 27 from 1-3, since that weekend Alberton will be also celebrating Canada 150 and having other events going on that Friday, Saturday and Sunday weekend as well. The skate park committee has agreed to use the left over funds for the grand openings to cover the cost of Hotdogs, Water, door Prizes along with advertisement costs.

CAO REPORT JUNE 13, 2017 to August 14, 2017

Did the general and sewer bank reconciliations and printed off reports for the general and sewer accounts for June and July. Collected sewer revenue in the amount of \$59,609.35 from June 10th to August 11, 2017.

I attended a meeting on June 19th with council, representatives from the Department of Environment and Department of Agriculture concerning complaints from residents concerning the smell coming from the lobster/shell compost mixture that was previously being stock piled by Westech.

Organized the musical and children's entertainment for Canada Day and arranged for the MC, speeches and cake and fishing derby. Thanks to Councillor Williams for being the master of ceremonies.

On June 20th I completed the Progress reports for the lift station and storm water enhancement projects. Completed and submitted the Declaration of Construction Complete for the lift station. Completed and submitted the 2017-18 Arena funding support program application. I submitted a claim for funding for the lift station to Clean Water Waste Water.

Arranged for Dept. of Environment, engineer and contractor to get approval for lagoon work which was started on June 26th with the engineer present and is now completed.

On June 26th Helen Peck (born on Gray farm) called and wants to donate a granite bench to be put near the monument with the names of her and her five siblings on it that served in World War 2. I spoke to a legion representative and they are pleased with the donation and will provide input on the location.

As requested the poles have been painted I contacted Blain Buchanan for a price for banners and the art work would be \$40.00 per hour plus \$130.00 per banner. The flower baskets have arrived and are on the poles.

A Canada 150 grant was approved in the amount of \$2,500.00 for an event at the trail on August 26th and I have Joey Doucette booked for musical entertainment.

I am working on events for an Art/Crafts/ Music weekend August 24-26th at the gazebo and library funded by a Canada 150 grant. Final program is in your boxes. Listen for the radio ads next week.

The issue of the old pumps at the lift station is still not resolved.

Tenders closed August 11th for culvert replacement and ditching under the CWW. We did not receive any tenders. Funding will be lost if the project is not completed this fall.

Contacted businesses and received \$800.00 in donations for the 55+ Provincial Games also found event chairs for all 6 events being hosted in Alberton. Many thanks to Prince County Exhibition for donating the dining hall for the reception free of charge as long as it is cleaned by noon the day after the event.

Number on payroll went from 3 to 11 during the summer. Kevin and Martina both finished their weeks on August 4th and Ricky Millar started on July 24th under Jobs for Youth for six weeks. Douglas Doucette started under an EDA project on July 24th for twelve weeks. Devon resigned on August 4th and I am advertising for a new maintenance person.

Many thanks to Recreation PEI for once again inspecting our playground, we received 94% compliance and have rectified the issues.

Thanks to Alberton Fire Department for the loan of the barbeque for the Under 8 soccer tournament we hosted for Alberton, Tignish, O'Leary and Tyne Valley on Saturday, August 11th and to the students that worked to make it a success even in the rain. Special thanks to Chris Shaw and his volunteers with the STAR program with Holland College that volunteered every Wednesday afternoon all summer to weed flower beds and other things to help beautify the town.