



**APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.**

The regular council meeting scheduled for Monday, February 13th, 2017 was postponed until Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00 P.M. due to a blizzard. Mayor Murphy presided and Councillors Bernard, Duggan, Tremblay, Williams, Curtis and Cahill were present, also Ray Millman, Nikola Cameron-West Prince Graphic, Eric McCarthy-Journal and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Bernard 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 Duggan, seconded by Councillor Cahill and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held January 9, 2017.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Ray Millman asked what had happened to his job as maintenance man. His position was temporary full time, as advertised in the Journal Pioneer July 14, 2016 and the temporary position ended. The rest of his comments were HR matters, which council informed him are not to be discussed in public.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Infrastructure Secretariat stating the Municipal Strategic Component of the Gas Tax program is now accepting applications with a deadline of March 17th.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to apply for a Municipal Strategic Component Gas Tax grant for the lagoon.

A letter was received from Donna Campbell regarding a Special Olympics event to recognize Janet Charchuk for training for snow shoeing at the World Games in Austria.

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to celebrate Janet Charchuk's achievements with a budget of \$200.00.

A letter was received from Richard Anderson, Island Office Solutions with an offer to upgrade the photocopier to a heavier sized machine with the same quarterly cost of \$285.00 but a reduction from 17.6 cents per copy to 10 cents each and black and white from 2.2 cents to 1.5 cents.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to upgrade the town's photocopier to a new lease.

A request was received from the West Prince Graphic to place an ad congratulating the Medicine Shoppe on their 5th anniversary.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to go with an ad for \$59.70 from the West Prince Graphic congratulating the Alberton Medicine Shoppe on their 5th anniversary.

BUSINESS LICENSES/PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

A person interested in purchasing a property at the end of College Street wanted to know about the extension of the street to access the property. Mayor Murphy read the minutes from May 26th, 2008 which stated "that in order for any subdivision to be approved it must meet all the requirements of Section 17 of the Town of Alberton Zoning and Subdivision Control Bylaw, at the developers' expense and the street be built to current provincial government standards." Mayor Murphy also read Section 4.12 Access from the bylaws "No development permit shall be issued unless the lot or parcel of land intended to be used or upon which the building or structure is to be erected abuts and fronts on a street." Council decided to collect more information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FIRE AND POLICE

Councillor Tremblay reported for fire and police. Mayor Murphy left the room and Deputy Mayor Cahill took over. Councillor Tremblay read the police report. District RCMP members spent 235 hours providing policing services to the town. Members responded to 21 calls for service which included; 8 – False alarm, 2 – Disturbing the peace, 2 – Mental Health Act, 1 – Assault with a weapon, 1 – Drug trafficking, 1 – Theft, 1 – Break & Enter, 1 – Harassing communications, 1 – Traffic complaint 1 – Motor Vehicle Act, 1 – Off-highway Vehicle Act and 1 – Trespass Act. Mayor Murphy returned to the meeting. Councillor Tremblay read the fire report (see attached).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Bernard reported for economic development (see attached).

ENVIRONMENT

Councillor Curtis said that there were no environmental issues to report.

LIBRARY AND PARKS

Councillor Duggan read the library report (see attached).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Councillor Williams said there was nothing to report. She said that O'Meara's Heavy Equipment is doing a fantastic job cleaning Main Street.

FINANCE

Councillor Cahill reported for finance.

The motion was made by Councillor Cahill, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$263,795.60.

RECREATION

The Mayor said that we are still working on hiring a recreation director. He attended the annual general meeting of Jacques Cartier Arena Inc. and the arena is still operating in the black.

CAO REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to apply for the summer student program.

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

January 2017 Fire Report

8 MFR

6 Utility/Pole Fires

2 MVCs

1 Flue Fire

1 Debris Fire

1 Structure Fire

1 Mutual Aid

20 Total Calls

January was a very busy month with the amount of calls and training on new fire tactics. Four of our members attended a course at the Fire School on this topic. We are still researching different options for a tanker truck and hope to have this completed in the near future.

Sincerely,

Chief,

John Ellsworth

Economic Development Report for February 2017

The town would like to announce another new business that opened up on main street Alberton. Great Finds is located at 459 Main Street. The store hours are Monday to Saturday 9-5. Michael Scanlan is the owner and operator of Great Finds. Michael has informed me that his business is a buy, sell and trade business that consists of antiques and quality used goods. The Town of Alberton would like to thank Great Finds for choosing Alberton for the location of his business. We would also like to wish Great Finds all the best with his new business.

Connie Bernard

**Alberton Public Library
Monthly Report**

Reporting to: Councillor Blair Duggan

Period: Month of January 2017

Operations: No issues

Programs: One year in new building; Had a book launch by local author; Celebrated Alzheimer Awareness Month, and Let's Talk with programs; Partnered with KidsWest for Family Literacy and Valentines for Veterans project.

Planning: February-Family Violence Prevention Week presentation

Kelly Gillis
Branch Technician
Alberton Public Library

CAO REPORT
January 9, 2016 to February 13, 2017

I attended a Clean Water Wastewater session on January 12, 2017 at Access PEI in Summerside. The letter stated that failure to attend the session may result in forfeit of project payments.

I collected sewer revenue in the amount of \$52,879.27 from January 10th to February 9th.

On January 19th Jesse McDougall, Asset Management Assistant with PEI Infrastructure Secretariat came to Alberton to locate and record locations of manholes at the lagoon and on other streets. We walked the entire lagoon and other areas searching for manholes and were quite successful. He also looked at the as builts and other maps for the sewer lines in town.

On January 31, 2017 I attended a session entitled Return to work (Safety Matters @ Work) at the Rural Action Centre with facilitator, Kelly Heydens.

The first week of February I prepared schedules and reports for the audit. The auditors arrived on February 6th and finished on February 7th.

Interviews were conducted for maintenance and recreation director. Devon Arsenault started work as maintenance man on February 7, 2017. I gave Devon a tour of Alberton to show him where the sidewalks, lagoon and lift station were located and areas we do snow removal.

On February 7th at 7:30 pm Mayor Murphy and I attended the annual meeting of Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena Inc. at the arena. We also had a tour of the kitchen which was upgraded. The financial statements for their year-end are in your packages and they ended with a surplus.

New Census data shows that the population of Alberton increased 0.9% from 1,135 in 2011 to 1,145 in 2016.

The electric panel and pumps for the lift station were due to arrive the end of last week.

Happy Valentine's Day!