



APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

The regular council meeting was held Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Williams, Duggan, Curtis, Bernard and Tremblay present, also Father Arthur Pendergast, Frances Ready and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order.

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held April 10, 2017.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried for the adoption of the minutes from the council meeting held April 10, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Father Pendergast said he and Jim Wells were co-chairs of the Centennial Committee in 1973. He said he was recently at Canadian Tire and he liked the corral for the carts. He then went to Independent in Alberton and noticed they needed a corral. He spoke to Mr. Bray about the possibility of having a corral. Mayor Murphy said he would take it under consideration and take the request to Loblaw's. Father Pendergast left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Allan and Janet Adams to request a second driveway at their house located at 338 Main Street to Powers Lane which is adjacent to their property. They also requested to fill in the ditch from the proposed driveway to the intersection of Main Street and Powers Lane.

Council wants to know where the ditch leads to, the exact location of the proposed driveway and which way the water would run.

A letter was received from Pat Hughes, Engineer with CBCL stating that the new lift station is now operating.

A request was received from Floyd Handrahan for a donation for project Love for Rwanda. This was not approved.

A letter was received from Krystyna Pottier to support the proposed rezoning request from PID #19125-000.

A letter was received from M.E. Callaghan School to request a donation.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to give M.E. Callaghan School a donation in the amount of \$50.00 for school prizes.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

An application was received from Nicole Saunders-Doyle and Corey Doyle located at 6 Railway Street to build a two 2 car garage 31 feet by 36 feet attached to the house.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to approve the property development application from Nicole Saunders-Doyle and Cory Doyle for a two care garage.

An application was received from Rachel Rennie at 311 Church Street for a pool 18 feet by 33 feet with surrounding deck, security fencing and locked gate. Councillor Bernard left due to a conflict of interest.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to approve the property development application for a pool, deck, fencing and locked gate at 311 Main Street.

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

An application was received from Leonard O'Meara for an addition to his house 10 feet 6 inches by 26 feet and a deck 20 feet by 32 feet at 90 Prince William Street.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to approve the property development application from Leonard O'Meara at 90 Prince Williams Street for an addition to his house and deck.

Councillor Williams returned to the meeting.

An application was received from Westech to move a building to the property for seasonal housing.

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to get more information on the property development application from Westech.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIBRARY SERVICES AND PARKS

Councillor Duggan reported for library services and parks (see attached).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Councillor Williams reported on Streets and Sidewalks, nothing except what is on the agenda for later. She said she attended the annual FPEIM meeting and there is an Information session Wednesday from 7-9 pm at Holland College in Alberton on the new Municipalities Act.

ENVIRONMENT

Councillor Curtis reported on Environment, the new lift pump is now in operation.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Bernard reported on economic development (report attached). Councillor Duggan asked if our real estate agent would advertise the seven year tax refund on the lots in our subdivision.

FIRE AND POLICE

Councillor Tremblay reported on Fire and Police (fire report attached). The RCMP spent 179 hours providing police service. The 28 calls for service were broken down as follows: 5 - Mental Health Act, 3 - Off-road Vehicle Act complaints, 3 - Mischief, 3 - Disturbing the peace, 3 - False alarm, 2 - Drug Possession, 2 - Abandoned Vehicle, 1 - Assault, 1 - Distribute image without consent, 1 - Uttering threats, 1 - Traffic complaint, 1 - Well-being check, 1 - Trespassing Act and 1 - Family Relations Act.

CAO REPORT

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

FINANCE

Councillor Williams reported for finance in the absence of Councillor Cahill.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$21,489.69.

RECREATION

Mayor Murphy reported for recreation, there is a girl starting next Monday for 3 months.

Mayor Murphy requested a five minute break.

An RCMP Officer arrived at the meeting and left as the police report was already done.

Mayor Murphy gave second reading to the remuneration by law.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to accept the second reading of the remuneration by-law to increase the remuneration to \$8,000.00 per year for the Mayor and \$4,000.00 per year for Councillor.

Councillors Tremblay, Bernard, Curtis and Williams voted yes and Councillor Duggan voted no.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to approve the second reading of the remuneration by-law to increase the remuneration to \$8,000.00 per year for the Mayor and \$4,000.00 per year for Councillor.

Councillors Tremblay, Bernard, Curtis and Williams voted yes and Councillor Duggan voted no.

Mayor Murphy gave first reading to the Official Plan amendment for PID #19125-000 located at 126 Dufferin Street. The land use of PID # 19125-000; located at 126 Dufferin Street is designated as Community Uses, hereby excluding it from its former designation of Low Density Residential.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Tremblay and carried to accept the first reading of the Official Plan Amendment #1-2017 for PID # 19125-000 located at 126 Dufferin Street.

The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to approve the first reading of the Official Plan Amendment #1-2017 for PID # 19125-000 located at 126 Dufferin Street.

Mayor Murphy gave first reading to the Zoning Bylaw Amendment #1-2017 for PID #19125-000 located at 126 Dufferin Street. The zoning of PID # 19125-000; located at 126 Dufferin Street is designated as Public Service and Institutional (PSI), hereby excluding it from its former designation of Residential (R1).

The motion was made by Councillor Tremblay, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve the first reading of the Zoning Bylaw Amendment #1-2017 for PID # 19125-000.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to accept the first reading of the Zoning Bylaw Amendment #1-2017 for PID #19125-000.

Mayor Murphy updated council on streets and the possible transfer of streets to the Province of Prince Edward Island.

In 2008 to 2010 previous councils had requested that the government take over the streets.

The Town of Alberton has 9.45 kilometers of non-designated streets.

Until 2015 with the exception of Charlottetown and Summerside only six other municipalities maintained some portion of their streets including Montague, Georgetown, Borden/Carleton, Souris, Alberton and Kensington. 69 other municipalities do not do any roadwork.

In 2016 Montague deeded their streets to the Province. Last month Kensington started the process for the Province to take ownership of all town owned streets with the Town of Kensington. This just leaves four municipalities left that maintain their own streets.

The portion of the municipal (equalization) funding for streets is approximately \$87,845.00 per year. According to the 2016 audited financial statement the cost of street maintenance was \$95,300.00 and snow removal was \$65,000.00, please note that \$22,275.00 was for the parking lot and sides of Main Street. As you can see the expenses are much greater than the grant.

In addition to capital upgrades, resurfacing, patching potholes and snow and ice control, if ownership of the streets was transferred to the Province it would also include responsibilities for storm water management, ditch maintenance, signage and sweeping the streets. This would allow the town to direct capital dollars in the budget to other areas. The disadvantage would be that the town would no longer have control over street maintenance and capital priorities.

Councillor Curtis asked how you develop a subdivision and create one. He asked if government would follow the plan. He said it would be less control and government would have the control. Councillor Curtis said it was an important decision. Councillor Duggan said that the developer has to pay to develop new streets.

Mayor Murphy said it would be nice to decide if they were going to give them up before the next snow removal contract.

Mayor Murphy advised council to email Susan with any questions they want more information on.

Mayor Murphy changed council portfolios to the following –

Recreation & Special Events	Councillor Tremblay
Police & Fire	Councillor Curtis
Environment	Councillor Williams
Economic Development	Councillor Duggan
Public/Property & Library	Councillor Bernard
Finance/Deputy Mayor	Councillor Cahill
Streets & Sidewalks	Mayor Murphy

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

**Alberton Public Library
Monthly Report**

Reporting to: Councillor Blair Duggan
Period: Month of April 2017

Operations: Wonderful. Thank you.

Programs: Earth month related programs for children, adults and seniors. Recycled paper all month and gift prize drawn for names entered of those who brought recycled/cloth bags for their library books.

Planning for summer reading program to be held Tuesday at 6:30pm for preschool and Wednesday at 10:30 for 6-8 year olds and at 1 pm for 9-12 year olds, throughout the summer.

Kelly Gillis
Branch Technician
Alberton Public Library

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing new to report for this month but I would like to remind everyone that if planning on building a new house in town you may want to consider our lots on Emma Drive. The lots on Emma Drive have a 7yr Municipal Tax refund on newly built houses. If considering building a new house in another part of town, you would receive a 3yr Municipal Tax refund. Alberton is a booming spot these days and it is a great place to raise your family or settle down to retire. If planning on building a house in town please contact the town at 902-853-2720 for all information on our Municipal Tax refund

Monthly Report Alberton Fire Department

Fire calls: Medical 8, Alarms 1, Flu fire 1, Motor vehicle collision 1: Total 12 calls

Training: April 1 Colby Murphy Level 1 firefighter

April 8-9 Shannon Dumville Hazmat awareness

Train the trainer.

April 22-23 Colby Murphy Level 1 firefighter.

Equipment: 2 thermal imaging SCBA masks
1 halogen bar
300 FT of 1 ½ fire hose
2 pairs of gloves
6 carabiners for ice rescue
1 helmet

CAO REPORT
April 11, 2017 to May 8, 2017

Did the general and sewer bank reconciliations and printed off reports for the general and sewer accounts for March and April. Collected sewer revenue in the amount of \$3,036.58 from April 10, 2017 to May 5, 2017.

Applied for and obtained the Fishing Preserve Permit for the town pond for fishing speckled and rainbow trout only.

I applied for a claim for sewer for Building Canada.

I made numerous calls and sent many emails to get the Canadian Ramp company to change the payment terms from 50% when ordered and 50% when shipped to payment after the skate park equipment is delivered and assembled.

I attended a 55+ meeting at the Career Development office in Bloomfield on April 12, 2017. I have funding letters to deliver for the September games.

I attended a meeting at Access PEI in O'Leary on April 18th to plan the summer soccer program.

On April 19th I attended an information session at Alberton Rural Action Centre How to Complete the Record of Employment facilitated by Edith Ferguson, Citizen Service Specialist with Service Canada.

We invited three car body shops to tender on painting the ¾ ton truck to a site meeting on April 24th at 11:30 am. No one showed for 11:30 am but one arrived later that day and no one brought in a quote.

Ordered free Kayak: Canadian History Magazines for Kids to distribute on Canada Day. The magazine is being provided by funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage.

On April 24th Mayor Murphy and I held interviews for the temporary summer recreation and events planner.

On April 26th I attended an Information session in Slemon Park on the Draft Building Code and Draft Water Act.

On May 3rd I called Todd LaBrech, Highway Asset Project Manager to check on the status of the storm water culvert replacement on Church and Reid Streets. He said the survey work would be done this year but it is a capital project and it will be done in 2018 as the Dock paving project is being done this year.

In being open and transparent due to an inquiry from a resident the mileage for 2016 for staff and council is broken down as follows – Susan Wallace-Flynn \$17.02, Amanda Jendrick \$87.40, Mayor Murphy \$24.25, Councillor Curtis \$110.01, Councillor Duggan \$53.03 and Councillor Williams \$312.57. I will circulate the sheet showing the details.

Watch for the 1,000 Canada red and white tulips coming up all around town! Thanks again to Vesey's Seeds Ltd. and their collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council for the free bulbs.