



APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

The regular council meeting was held Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Murphy presiding and Councillors Duggan, Bernard and Curtis present also Jillian Trainor-West Prince Graphic and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn. Councillor Williams and Councillor Cahill were absent due to work.

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried for the approval of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held December 11, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of confirmation was received from the Farm Review Board and mediation has been offered.

A letter was received from Hon. Robert Mitchell stating the new Municipal Government Act became effective December 23, 2017.

A letter was received from Darlene Rhodenizer, Provincial Infrastructure Manager, stating that the Gas Tax Municipal Strategic Component will be open for applications until the third Friday of March 2018. Council discussed that they would like to develop more of the subdivision.

A letter was received from the West Prince Chamber of Commerce requesting sponsoring the Chamber Ambassador of the Year with a gala evening.

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to sponsor the West Prince Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award in the amount of \$400.00.

BUSINESS LICENSES AND/OR PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Nil

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Duggan said that there was nothing new to report but there is activity on Main Street and there will be more information later.

FIRE AND POLICE

Councillor Curtis read the fire report (see attached) and the police report.

During the month of December members spent 179 patrol hours in the town with 20 calls for service including - 1-Assault, 1-Driving while Prohibited, 1-Mischief, 1-Traffic complaint, 1-Abandoned Vehicle, 1-Mental Health Act, 1-Dog Act, 1-Environmental Protection Act and 12- False alarm.

FINANCE

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$37,299.01.

CAO REPORT

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

PARKS & LIBRARY

Councillor Bernard read the parks and library report (see attached).

STREETS & SIDEWALKS & RECREATION

In the absence of Councillor Tremblay Mayor Murphy read a report from Garth Davey (see attached). Mayor Murphy reported that after Tuesday the 9th, the sidewalk machine should be repaired as the part that is on order should be in.

Mayor Murphy said that Lennie's Heavy Equipment Ltd. submitted a price of \$667.00 to put the culvert back the way it was on Princess Street before he did the ditching. The property owner had concerns that the driveway was narrower than before the new culvert had been installed.

The motion was made by Councillor Bernard seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to hire Lennie's Heavy Equipment to add a culvert for \$667.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Murphy asked if council would council be interested in sending a letter off to government to lobby for the new cannabis store. The Mayor said it should be a free standing structure so he thought the government would build it and run it.

Councillor Duggan felt that it was not out of the way to request it here and also added that we have an aging liquor store that needs to be replaced and that the town doesn't have a great government presence.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried for the CAO to apply for Alberton to be the site for the new cannabis store and to request a larger government service building to incorporate a new Access PEI and to replace the aging liquor store.

Staff Sgt. Hewitt arrived at the meeting.

RESOLUTION 1:

The resolution was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to accept the first reading of the Official Plan to amend the Town of Alberton's Official Plan (Date: January 24, 2017), as it pertains to the classification of land use zones and dwelling types to ensure compatibility with the new Development Bylaw (see attached).

The resolution was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to approve the first reading of the Official Plan to amend the Town of Alberton's Official Plan (Date: January 24, 2017), as it pertains to the classification of land use zones and dwelling types to ensure compatibility with the new Development Bylaw (see attached).

RESOLUTION 2:

The resolution was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to accept the first reading of the request to repeal the Town of Alberton's Development Bylaw (Date: March 2012) in its entirety and replace it with a new Development Bylaw (see attached).

The resolution was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve the first reading of the request to repeal the Town of Alberton's Development Bylaw (Date: March 2012) in its entirety and replace it with a new Development Bylaw (see attached).

BYLAW 211-1-2018 FOR GENERAL BORROWING

The resolution was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to accept the first reading of the General Borrowing Bylaw, Bylaw #211-1-2018.

The resolution was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve the first reading of the General Borrowing Bylaw, Bylaw #211-1-2018.

Councillor Williams arrived at the meeting.

BYLAW 212-2-2018 TO ESTABLISH TAX RATE GROUPS

The resolution was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to accept the first reading of the Bylaw to Establish Tax Rate Groups, Bylaw #212-2-2018.

The resolution was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to approve first reading of the Bylaw to Establish Tax Rate Groups, Bylaw #212-2-2018.

BYLAW 214-4-2018 TO REGULATE RESERVE FUNDS

The resolution was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Curtis and carried to accept the first reading of the Bylaw to Regulate Reserve Funds, Bylaw #214-4-2018.

The resolution was made by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Duggan and carried to approve first reading of the Bylaw to Regulate Reserve Funds, Bylaw #214-4-2018.

BYLAW 213-3-2018 TO ESTABLISH FEES

The resolution was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Williams and carried to accept the first reading of the Bylaw to Establish Fees for Various Municipal Services, Bylaw #213-3-2018.

The resolution was made by Councillor Bernard, seconded by Councillor Cutis and carried to approve the first reading of the Bylaw to Establish Fee for Various Municipal Services, Bylaw #213-2-2018.

BYLAW 215-5-2018 TO ESTABLISH MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Council discussed a limit for the grants and agreed that grant funding to any individual, organization or event in any one year be set at a maximum cash value of \$1,500.00 for both cash donations and/or grants in kind. Council has the discretion to increase this maximum for extraordinary, one of a kind project if the annual budget allows.

The resolution was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to accept the first reading of the Bylaw to Establish Municipal Grants, Bylaw #215-5-2018.

The resolution was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Bernard and carried to approve the first reading of the Bylaw to Establish Municipal Grants, Bylaw #215-5-2018.

BYLAW 216-6-2018 to REGULATE REMUNERATION OF COUNCIL & APPOINTEES

Council discussed the bylaw and need more information on the part of the model bylaw that states "The Commission shall be made up of 2-3 members, who shall not be a member of council or municipal staff."

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

December Fire Report

Medical first responder calls -12, Car fire -1, Mutual aid calls -1, Structure fire -1, Odor investigation -1.

Congratulations to firefighter Logan Profit on passing his level 1 firefighter exam. Monthly training -Jaws of life training.

Submitted by Deputy Chief Shannon Dumville.

CAO REPORT DECEMBER 11, 2017 TO JANUARY 8, 2018

Did MCEG claim for six months this involved checking all invoices to determine which ones were capital assets and eligible for the grant. This was a lengthy process but wonderful to get the grant.

Prepared new bylaws required under the new Municipal Government Act and there are more that need to be completed.

Rolled over the Simply Accounting to 2018 and working on year-end audit preparation.

I contacted Municipal Affairs for a sample bylaw for the closure of Prince William Street (a section which was never developed as a street) which is required before the approval of Leonard O'Meara's subdivision. This was recommended last year by the planner and lawyer but could only be done after the new Municipal Government Act became effective which happened on December 23, 2017. Unfortunately Municipal Affairs did not have a draft but referred me to other municipalities which had them. I drafted a street closure bylaw and sent it to Municipal Affairs for their input. Samantha Murphy, Manager, Municipal Affairs recommended that I speak to Alan Aiken with TIE and he got back to me and recommended that it would be much less complicated to do this now before the final paperwork is completed to turn the streets over to the government as they would require a cul-de-sac and would follow highway traffic regulations. It would be difficult and possibly impossible to meet the cul-de-sac requirement so the best solution is to finalize the bylaw and proceed with a planning board meeting and a public meeting. The bylaw I drafted needs more work before 1st reading. Samantha Murphy also said we may need to seek legal advice.

Started preparation of the January sewer invoices and annual utility report.

The sidewalk machine broke between Christmas and New Year's and unfortunately the part is on order and still has not arrived. We received a few calls but everyone was very understanding once the reason was explained. It looks like the part and technician might be here tomorrow.

Parks and Library Report

First of all I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Parks Report

- Nothing new for parks report.

Library Report

- Kelly our Branch Technician at the Library would like to say a huge Thank You to Garth and Joni for all their hard work with keeping our library clean and a safe environment for 2017.
- December was a slow month because of all the hustle and bustle with getting ready for Christmas.
- January is Alzheimer Awareness month "Healthy Brain Activities "are planned for January 17th at 11:00am
- There will be a month long reading resolution challenge going on. The winner who has completed a bingo line reading challenges wins a basket of goodies.
- January 23 Tuesday is Family Literacy Game night which will be a fun night along with prizes.
- Extra Story Time is added to Wednesday's at 1:00 pm for ages 3-5 along with the supervision of their caregivers.
- Please feel free to check out our survey on our Facebook page to look at our current operating hours if you wish to participate.

REPORT FOR EVENTS BY GARTH DAVEY

The Christmas house decorating contest was held on December 18th with 1st prize going to Wilson and Pamela Corrigan located at 579 O'Brien Drive, 2nd prize going to Gerald and Sylvia Aylward at 40 Dufferin Street and 3rd prize presented to Trevor and Shelley O'Meara at 29 College Street.

This year we also created a commercial competition with the award going to Saunders Variety.

The schedule is being finalized for the 55+ games which will be held here on January 29th. A storm date of February 2nd is in place to compensate for inclement weather.

REPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT

After discovering some funding opportunities available through the federal government for projects in the Town, I met with Sharon Gallant of Alberton and Area Development Corporation to see if there was interest in pursuing an idea for a new project. During our meeting, Ms. Gallant inquired if I would be interested in sitting with the AADC as a representative for the Town. After discussion with Mayor Murphy, I have agreed to do so. The AADC is expected to hold a meeting later this month.