



MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

The regular council meeting was held Monday, June 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. with Deputy Mayor Cahill presiding and Councillors Donnie Bernard, Connie Bernard, Claudia Gallant, Kelly Williams and Blair Duggan present also Francis Ready, Mike Murphy, Jim Smith, Krystyna Pottier, Kathryn Curtis, Hubert Lihrmann and Susan Wallace-Flynn, CAO. Mayor Gordon was absent due to sickness.

Deputy Mayor Cahill called the meeting to order.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Claudia Gallant declared a conflict of interest if 472 Church Street comes up. Hon. Ernie Hudson arrived at the meeting and Deputy Mayor Cahill asked if he would like to speak as he had another meeting to attend. Hon. Hudson said that at the last meeting he had stated that whenever possible he would attend the council meetings as Alberton is the only town in his district. He said that a week ago today he had a great tour of Western Hospital and heard about the challenges and also positive comments about the new palliative care and the expansion of kidney dialysis. Deputy Mayor Cahill thanked Hon. Ernie Hudson and he left the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Kelly Williams, seconded by Councillor Connie Bernard and carried for the adoption of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held May 13, 2019.

Pat Murphy arrived at the meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

NIL

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

NIL

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Tina Richard with the West Prince Ball Association to request the use of Alberton ballfield for their home field this year. Deputy Mayor Cahill said that a certificate of insurance showing them added as additional insured was required as outlined in the minutes from the April 8, 2019 information from the insurance company and motion made at that council meeting. Councillor Kelly Williams said she had some concerns that people can't use the ballfield now unless the additional insured issue is address as soon as possible. Councillor Kelly Williams said she drafted a letter to send to our insurance company to rectify this. She said that over the last few years we have put a lot of money and equipment into the ballfield. Councillor Kelly Williams read the letter she had written to address the concern with our current insurance policy so the use of the ballfield is not an expense to individuals.

The motion was made by Councillor Connie Bernard, seconded by Councillor Blair Duggan and carried to allow Councillor Kelly Williams to send a letter off to the insurance company.

Councillor Kelly Williams said the mayor was not at the meeting to discuss or sign this letter.

The motion was made by Councillor Kelly Williams, seconded by Councillor Claudia Gallant and carried not to charge Tina Richard's team but take from the recreation budget to cover the cost for lime for one practise and one game per week.

A letter was received from the Alberton Community Gardens and walking track for support for maintenance and to pay the electricity for two lights for future use and that the opening be part of Canada Day.

The motion was made by Councillor Connie Bernard, seconded by Councillor Blair Duggan and carried that council keep the maintenance up and pay the electricity for two lights for the walking path and that the official opening be part of the Canada Day festivities for the walking park.

Krystyna Pottier said she understood the issue of the fence, they have funds left and the committee will pay for whatever fence the insurance company and council is okay with.

A letter was received from M. E. Callaghan Junior High School requesting a financial donation for a prize.

A request was received for a donation for prizes from Westisle Composite High School.

The motion was made by Councillor Connie Bernard, seconded by Councillor Blair Duggan and carried to support M.E. Callaghan and Westisle with the same donation as last year.

A letter was received from Cathy Gillis in support of the new walking track.

A letter was received from Elaine Burrows that as a former resident of Alberton for 35 years she was appalled by the unanimous decision of council not to raise the Pride flag.

A letter was received from the City of Summerside to request that council support them in their recently passed Confederation Bridge Toll Policy to offer support to Senator Percy Downe to eliminate the toll on the Confederation Bridge. Council wants to think about it more and discuss it at the next council meeting.

A letter was received from the Rural Municipality of Greenmount/Montrose to offer to share their Gas Tax Allocation with other municipalities recognizing that Green mount/Montrose residents' use of other municipal assets in the area.

A request was received from Pat Murphy to request permission to have the fire department do a controlled burned at the former dump property owned by the town located in Huntley. He purchased the house next to the Irving Service Station and plans to tear it down. Councillor Kelly Williams and Councillor Connie Bernard left the room due to a conflict of interest.

The motion was made by Councillor Blair Duggan, seconded by Councillor Claudia Gallant and carried to grant permission to approve the request from Pat Murphy to have the old house burned at the former dump in Huntley if the fire chief and Fire Marshal deem it acceptable and the fire chief can do it with the least disturbance to the neighbours.

Pat Murphy said he could haul it to the old dump and burn it there but it adds to fossil fuel to truck it to Wellington. Councillor Kelly Williams and Councillor Connie Bernard returned to the meeting. Staff Sgt. Hewitt arrived at the meeting.

Tammy Gallant submitted a letter to see if a mini home would be allowed on Emma Drive. The new lots are not for sale yet.

The motion was made by Councillor Connie Bernard, seconded by Councillor Blair Duggan and carried to allow the mini home to be put on a lot in the Emma Drive subdivision.

Cowan did an inspection of all town properties and gave a risk management report with a deadline of the end of September to comply and a copy will be given to the maintenance man to ensure the deadline is met.

Deputy Mayor Cahill read an email from the engineer with an update on the lagoon and today or this week Curran and Briggs will be leaving with the job completed and the town and Northport are extremely pleased.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE AND POLICE

Councillor Gallant reported for fire (see attached).

Staff Sgt. Hewitt read the police report and said the hours for April were 127 hours but now the hours for May are missing this month also a new member will be starting on July 7th. During the month of May the RCMP members responded to 23 calls for service which are broken down as follows: 3-Mischief, 2-Traffic complaint, 2-Mental Health Act, 2-Assist Provincial Agency, 1-fail to provide breath sample, 1-Impaired driving, 1-theft of motor vehicle, 1-Theft under \$5000, 1-Uttering threats, 1-Distributing the peace, 1-Fail to comply with probation order, 1-Off-highway Vehicle Act, 1 Family Relations Act, 1-Motor vehicle collision, 1-Fail to remain at accident scene, 1 Trespass act, 1-Assist general public and 1-False alarm. Deputy Mayor Cahill mentioned there were four wheelers again he counted eight going up Main Street Saturday evening between 7 -9 p.m. Staff Sgt. Corporal Hewitt suggested the police be contacted

to be given the names of the vehicle owners and then left the meeting. Councillor Claudia Gallant said effective June 30th she will be moving out of town limits and will be resigning her seat as councillor. Deputy Mayor Cahill thanked Councillor Claudia Gallant for serving on council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Connie Bernard reported for Economic Development (see report).

SIDEWALKS & STREET LIGHTS

Councillor Donald Bernard said he nothing to report for Sidewalks and Street lights. Krystyna Pottier and Kathryn Curtis left the meeting.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Councillor Kelly Williams read the report from Alberton Public library and the events coordinator.

FINANCE

Councillor Blair Duggan reported for finance.

The motion was made by Councillor Blair Duggan, seconded by Councillor Connie Bernard and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$284,279.51.

REPORT FROM CAO

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PLANNING BOARD/PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The motion was made by Councillor Connie Bernard, seconded by Councillor Kelly Williams and carried to approve a business license application from J.W.C Pawn and Wholesalers for 469 Main Street.

A subdivision plan was reviewed for Michael and Leona Murphy to subdivide PID 31401 to two lots. A letter was received from the government that stated there could be two options for the owners of PID 31401 should the developer wish to proceed with an immediate plan to subdivide the property now, they would deal with the town to whatever approvals are needed under the Town's policies and bylaws to open/make improvements to the street in order that the new lot has frontage on a serviced section of public road. The letter also stated that she would anticipate that the Town usually stipulates that any expenses related to road improvements (survey, road construction costs, etc.) related to subdivision development are the responsibility of the proponent/developer. Should the property owners wish to wait until the streets in Alberton are formally transferred to the Province, they would be required to submit a request to this department seeking permission to make improvements to that section of road in order to facilitate their subdivision/development. The Province would coordinate with the Town to ensure the Town's development bylaws were taken into consideration. If the request was granted, the owners would enter an agreement with the Province that would permit the proponents to establish the access for the new lot and to open/make improvements to the public street so that the new access is located on an improved section of road. Like the previous option, the costs related to this would be borne by the proponent/developer. Deputy Mayor Cahill read Section 4:18 of the Zoning and Development Control

Bylaw that states – 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 upon a public street. Mike Murphy said he will do it anyway and does not give a darn. Councillor Claudia Gallant said she has no expertise in this area but what has to happen, sewer line would have to be extended and streets extended to government standards. Mike Murphy said it sounds like everyone is doing everything to stack stuff against this and said he has paid taxes for years. Mike Murphy said he needs answers as a \$65,000.00 mini home is coming and he needs an answer whether he has to bring it in or get rid of it. Deputy Mayor Cahill asked if he had a legal boundary line agreement as the survey plan he submitted stated that in order for this plan to be valid it is necessary to prepare and execute the legal boundary line agreement between parcel 31401 and parcel 31393 as shown on this plan. Councillor Blair Duggan said it would be nice to support but we have to follow the by-laws. Deputy Mayor Cahill told Mike Murphy that public input was over. Mike Murphy said do you not understand he was up against a rock and a hard place.

The motion was made by Councillor Donald Bernard, seconded by Councillor Blair Duggan and carried to check with who puts the road in, does it have to be paved and try to see to this as quick as possible but it has to meet our by-laws.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Blair Duggan, seconded by Councillor Kelly Williams and carried to amend the 5 year budget.

The motion was made by Councillor Duggan, seconded by Councillor Gallant and carried to approve the 2018-2019 financial statements.

Mike Murphy left the meeting. A flag policy was discussed and council agreed it was not needed. Councillor Kelly Williams said she had not intended to make waves when the flag was discussed at the last meeting and asked the reporters to sharpen their pen when reporting news. Councillor Donnie Bernard said maybe at the park or another location.

The resolution was made by Councillor Blair Duggan, seconded by Councillor Connie Bernard and carried that Alan Hardy, Alan Curtis and Robert Carruthers be named for Independent Commission for the Remuneration Bylaw.

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BYLAW

2nd Reading Bylaw to Establish Municipal Grants

The resolution was made by Councillor Claudia Gallant, seconded by Councillor Kelly Williams and carried to accept the 2nd reading of the Bylaw to Establish Municipal Grants.

The resolution was made by Councillor Blair Duggan, seconded by Councillor Claudia Gallant and carried to approve the 2nd reading of the Bylaw to Establish Municipal Grants.

The resolution made by Councillor Claudia Gallant, seconded by Donald Blanchard and carried to formally adopt the Bylaw to Establish Municipal Grants.

INQUIRIES BY MEMEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Nil

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

Following the meeting Susan Wallace-Flynn CAO submitted her letter of resignation to council after 35 years with the town.

Monthly Fire Report May 2019

- Fire Calls: MFR – 14, MVC – 1, Alarm – 1, Grass Fire – 1 Total: 17
- Training: In May the AFD held 2 training sessions, 1 fire training and 1 medical training. On May 7 2019, a controlled burn was conducted on the training house on the Mill River East RD. We trained on the effects ventilation can have on fire spread, as well as flow paths. On May 28 2019, medical training was held at the hall. Practices various scenarios such as: CPR, patient assessment, taking blood pressures.
- New equipment: 1 2019 Freight Liner pumper tanker!!!
- As mentioned under new equipment, our new tanker has arrived. It's a 2019 Freight Liner pumper tanker. It was on Thursday June 6 2019. Upon testing and training with the truck it has already met and exceeded all of our expectations!!! The Alberton Fire Department members would like to take the opportunity to thank Town Counsel as well as Susan Wallace Flynn for making this a smooth and quick process. We are all very pleased. The 1989 Ford Tanker has been taken out of service and is free to be put up for tender at counsel's earliest convenience. There will be a spare engine in that tender to go along with the truck.

Report submitted by: Chief Shannon Dumville

ECONOMIC REPORT

Great news, we have a new business coming in town on Main Street Alberton which is called JWC Pawn & Wholesalers. The owner is Jyllisa Gaudet and she will be offering different wholesale items at remarkable prices for the public. Everything from tools, toys, some clothing, apparel and items people love! They will also offer pawn cash loans and a buy sell and trade through their pawn section. Their main goal is to save our locals money!! The store will always be holding different things at great prices. One thing they plan to keep in stock is yoga wear and fishing oil cloths. They will also supply quality staples for trap building at low cost. They also hope to get more trap building supplies for the local fishermen and fish marts. Keep your eyes and ears opened for their grand opening. .

Also just a few updates and reminders:

-Our lots on Emma Drive division is coming along great and will soon be up for sale. Keep your eyes open for the for Sale signs.

- A reminder of our Municipal Property Tax Incentives

For home builders, for a period of three years, newly constructed homes built in the town will be exempt from municipal property taxes to commence when construction is completed. The deadline for the refund for the tax incentive for new homes will be six months after the three years are up. This policy is effective 13 March, 2017.

Any new residential construction within the Emma Drive subdivision will be exempt from municipal property taxes for a period of seven years. Construction must be started within 12-18 months of purchase of the lot. This policy is effective 13 March, 2017

Any newly constructed business will be exempt from municipal property taxes for a period of two years to commence when construction is completed or with the purchase of an existing business. The applicant must meet all Provincial regulations and Town bylaws. The applicant must submit an application before construction begins. This does not apply to residential rental units. To apply for the tax exemptions, please contact the town office.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Summer Registration for leagues is now finalized with a good turnout in most age groups. Summer student Elon Wilkie has started and will be supervising and assisting the various teams. We are in discussion over additional programmes for youth during the summer break. A Senior's Communitis is being held later in June to develop programming for the 55+ demographic in Town. Canada Day events have been organized for July 1 at Stone Station Park and all members of Council are invited to attend.

Picnic tables and park benches have been put out. Repairs to gates and posts at both softball fields have been undertaken.

ALBERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Reporting to: Councillor Kelly Williams

Period: Month of May 2019

Operations:

No issues. Thank you to Maintenance staff.

CAO REPORT May 14, 2019 to June 10, 2019

I responded to telephone calls, made deposits and other day to day office duties also prepared financial statements balance sheets, income statements and trial balance for general and sewer accounts.

I called Samantha Murphy, Manager of Municipal Affairs as requested last month and she said there is no difference between a grant and a donation , she said it is all tax payers dollars however she said there is a way we can categorize in the bylaw and offered to come up for a training session.

Wanda LeClair will be finished of her RJI program on June 21st and has been working hard on the ball/soccer registrations and recruited more children for the teams that were short, along with reception duties.

Douglas Doucette started under an EDA project on May 13th for 12 weeks with maintenance and Elon Wilkie started on May 27th under a Skills program for 14 weeks for recreation.

May 23rd I recorded minutes for a meeting with Robert Morrissey MP and Mayor Gordon and Councillor Donald Bernard.

May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. attended the meeting with Mayor Gordon, Councillor Donald Bernard and Councillor Connie Bernard and Krystyna Pottier, Kathryn Curtis and Garth Davey from the walking track committee.

Saturday, May 25th and Sunday May 26th I worked on reports required for the auditors coming on Monday, May 27th.

Monday, May 28th two auditors arrived from MRSB for the audit (which I really enjoy) and I emailed material as requested to the third auditor working from home. It normally takes 2 days on site but we stayed until 5:30 p.m. and they completed it in one day.

May 28th attended the Westech Supreme Court appeal at Summerside Courthouse with Councillor Williams, Councillor Donald Bernard, Marie Gavin and Eileen Kinch. It was completed at 4 p.m. and thankfully we did not have to go back the next day. The Judge said she would take some time to review it and the court would notify us when she reaches her decision.

May 29th at 7:00 p.m. attended the meeting regarding the lagoon with representatives from Alberton and Northport councils. Finalized loan for new fire truck with CIBC.

June 3rd 10 am until noon attended a Record of Employment session at the Rural Action Centre facilitated by Wendy McGrath with Service Canada.

Sydney Rennie has been approved under a summer student project and will start with recreation on June 24th if he has finished his exams or the following Monday if not.

Met with Stacy MacAusland, inspector for WSP weekly to get updated on the Emma Drive subdivision project which will possibly be paved this week.

Michelle from MRSB reviewed the 2018-19 financial statements with council at 3 p.m. today.