



APPROVED MINUTES FROM REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.

The regular council meeting was held Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Gordon presiding and Councillors Donald Bernard, Connie Bernard, Claudia Gallant, Blair Duggan, Kelly Williams and David Cahill also Francis Ready, Shirley Phillips, Nicole Saunders-Doyle, Hon. Ernie Hudson MLA, Staff Sgt. Gill and his replacement Sgt. Logan, Jillian Trainer - West Prince Graphic - Eric McCarthy, Journal Pioneer and staff Susan Wallace-Flynn.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gordon called the meeting to order and welcomed our MLA, RCMP, residents and press.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Claudia Gallant declared a conflict of interest if 472 Church Street comes up, Councillor Kelly Williams and Councillor David Cahill declared a conflict for numbers 4, 5 and 7 under new business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The motion was made by Councillor Blair Duggan, seconded by Councillor David Cahill and carried for the adoption of the minutes from the last regular council meeting held April 8, 2019.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Councillor Blair Duggan asked if we heard back from IWMC about extra carts for the apartments at 472 Church Street. IWMC only issues carts based on the tax assessment and they are assessed on open space and apartments and not for what it is being used for.

Mayor Gordon talked to Mayor Basil Stewart and if they get a by-law enforcement officer he asked if we could use the officer as needed. Mayor Gordon suggested another letter be sent to a business person on Main Street regarding garbage.

Councillor Claudia Gallant left the room during the discussion of 472 Church Street.

Mayor Gordon said the workers are told to take the garbage to dumpsters at Howards Cove.

Minister Ernie Hudson said he will bring it up with Minister of Environment tomorrow and asked if Summerside approached Government regarding a bylaw enforcement officer. Councillor Claudia Gallant returned to the meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS/DELEGATIONS

NIL

READING OF CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Alberton Historical Preservation Foundation regarding unsightly properties at 461, 472 and 428 Church Street in close proximity to the museum and Heritage Centre.

A letter was received from a person interested in purchasing the service station located at 476 Church Street with a request to lease the land next to it for parking.

The motion was made by Councillor Blair Duggan, seconded by Councillor Connie Bernard and carried to lease the land for \$50.00 per year with the condition that the fish vendor and seasonal vegetable stand be able to continue to use the land.

A letter was received from Cory Doyle and Nicole Saunders-Doyle regarding the unsightly property at 472 Church Street. Nicole Saunders-Doyle said the last tenant threatened her.

A letter was received from John Lane, Watershed coordinator to ask if our maintenance man could assist with foraging wall projects at Alberton, Deblois and Bloomfield Schools for three hours at each school.

The motion was made by Councillor Kelly Williams, seconded by Councillor Claudia Gallant and carried that if Garth wants to do it he can go to the schools.

A letter was received from PEI Transgender Network and Pride PEI to fly the Pride PEI Flag on May 17th. Councillor Kelly Williams said she spoke to a couple of people and Pastor Ross Morrison had expressed concern and if we fly this flag anybody could ask to fly a flag fly for another cause that we might not support. She said we don't put up a fire department flag and the poles we have are not meant for organizational flags. Mayor Gordon asked the rest of council for their opinion. Councillor Connie Bernard said we should not take our flags down and it could be someone else next week. Councillor Claudia Gallant said the three flag poles we have are designed for what is flying on them and should not be used for anything else. Councillor Blair Duggan said if there was another spot in town that would be fine. Councillor Donald Bernard suggested they contact Holland College to see if that pole could be used. Councillor Cahill said he agreed with the other council members.

The motion was made by Councillor Blair Duggan, seconded by Councillor Donnie Bernard and carried not to fly the Pride Flag on the town flag poles.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FIRE & POLICE

RCMP Sgt Logan is replacing Sgt Gill and he read the RCMP report. During the month of April members responded to 20 calls for service which are broken down as follows: 2 - Traffic complaints, 2 - Off-Highway Vehicle Act, 2 - 911 Act, 1 - Liquor Control Act, 1 - Mental Health Act, 1 - Family Relations Act, 1 - Mischief, 1 - Motor Vehicle collision, 1 - Trespass Act, 1 - Animal call, 1 - Assist general public, 1 - suspicious person and 5 - False alarm.

Councillor Claudia Gallant said the R.C.M.P. hours for April were not in the report.

Stg. Gill agreed the hours were not in the report this month but more members will be coming in June, July and August. Councillor David Cahill said ATVs are still an issue. Stg. Gill said ATV's are a constant issue in the west and if any community members know who is driving the ATV's to contact the RCMP as they can't chase them. He also suggested calls to Crime Stoppers can be anonymous. The RCMP members left the meeting.

Councillor Claudia Gallant reported for fire (see attached).

Councillor Kelly Williams and Councillor David Cahill left the room due to a conflict of interest.

The motion was made by Councillor Claudia Gallant, seconded by Councillor Donald Bernard and carried to tender the 1989 Ford Tanker as well as the spare engine and the highest or any tender not necessarily be accepted.

Councillor David Cahill and Councillor Kelly Williams returned to the meeting.

ENVIRONMENT

Councillor David Cahill reported for environment. He said that the Westech hearing will be May 28th and May 29th and some of the council members will attend. Curran & Briggs will be bringing equipment to the lagoon tomorrow as we now have the permit from Environment and now need a permit from IRAC which we will possibly receive by tomorrow.

FINANCE

Councillor Blair Duggan reported for finance.

The motion was made by Councillor Blair Duggan, seconded by Councillor David Cahill and carried to pay bills in the amount of \$23,402.13.

RECREATION/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Kelly Williams read the events report from Garth Davey (see attached). Councillor Kelly Williams asked how we are getting along with a recreation assistant. Mayor Gordon said that something was in progress with a program. Councillor Williams read the library report (see attached).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Connie Bernard had nothing to report for economic development.

SIDEWALKS & STREET LIGHTS

Councillor Donnie Bernard reported for sidewalks and streets and said there are twenty sidewalk pads to be replaced and the streetlights will soon be fixed on Main Street. Councillor Williams asked when the streets would be swept.

Minister Ernie Hudson said soon and he said normally the budget is passed but there was no budget this spring. He said regarding the Post-secondary, EDA and summer student jobs there are no contracts signed until the funds are approved but Government realizes it has to take place.

CAO REPORT

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

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PLANNING BOARD/PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The motion was made by Councillor Claudia Gallant, seconded by Councillor Blair Duggan and carried to approve the private lane name for George McNeill off Elder Street, Oaklyn George Lane.

The motion was made by Councillor David Cahill, seconded by Councillor Donald Bernard and carried to approve the final property development permit for G.E. M. Apartments as the stamped architect plans for the rest of the building were submitted.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made by Councillor Kelly Williams, seconded by Councillor Claudia Gallant carried to register for Rural Beautification for \$20.00.

The motion was made by Councillor David Cahill, seconded by Councillor Kelly Williams and carried to purchase 12 hanging baskets at \$35.50 a pot from Kool Breeze.

Councillor Kelly Williams and Councillor David Cahill left the room due to a conflict of interest. Shirley Phillips and Nicole Saunders-Doyle left the meeting.

The resolution was made by Councillor Claudia Gallant, seconded by Councillor Connie Bernard and carried to transfer \$48,000.00 from the fire reserve account for a down payment on the new fire truck and \$10,000.00 donation from the Club.

The following quotes for financing were received for the new fire truck –

CIBC 5 years - 3.937%, 10 years - 4.29% and 5 year term for 10 year amortization 4.089%

Tignish Credit Union Interest rate variable at Prime plus 1.00% currently 4.95%

RBC 5 years – 4%, 5 year term over 10 year amortization 4.25%

The resolution was made by Councillor Donnie Bernard, seconded by Councillor Claudia Gallant and carried to borrow the funds for the fire truck from CIBC for a 5 year term 10 year amortization at 4.089%.

The resolution made by Councillor Claudia Gallant, seconded by Councillor Connie Bernard and carried to apply for funding for a water softener from the Rural Growth Initiative and Revitalization Program.

Councillor Kelly Williams and Councillor David Cahill returned to the meeting.

The resolution was made by Councillor David Cahill, seconded by Councillor Blair Duggan and carried to withdraw the application to the Municipal Strategic Component fund for Phase 2 for the UV Light until Phase 1 is completed.

Council requested that Municipal Affairs be contacted to find out the difference between a donation and a grant in reference to the Bylaw to Establish Municipal Grants.

Mayor Gordon gave first reading to the By-Law to Establish Municipal Grants.

The resolution was made by Councillor Blair Duggan, seconded by Councillor Claudia Gallant and carried to accept the first reading of the By-Law to Establish Municipal Grants.

The resolution was made by Councillor David Cahill, seconded by Councillor Donnie Bernard and carried to approve the first reading of a By-Law to Establish Municipal Grants.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Mayor Gordon said that as a result of the lagoon work the Community of Northport and the Town of Alberton would each appoint a three person committee plus the Mayor to discuss the lagoon project. The committee appointed from Northport includes Mayor Wendy McNeill, Lisa Fraser, Karen Milligan and Peter Bolo. Mayor Gordon appointed Councillor Blair Duggan, Councillor Kelly Williams and Councillor David Cahill.

Mayor Gordon also appointed a committee to amend the council honorarium bylaw (Remuneration Bylaw) to ask if the bylaw be amended so council can be paid if they miss a council meeting for a family emergency, work commitment or sickness. (Council shall, in accordance with section 82(3) of the Act, appoint an independent Remuneration and Allowances Commission, so this requires a resolution).

A letter was received from Katheryn Curtis regarding the walking track and a request for the official opening to be part of Canada Day celebrations. Council has questions about the lighting which was never approved by council and will bring it back to the next meeting to discuss further. Councillor Kelly Williams asked if we could meet with this committee and said it is not a council project but the previous council did give permission to use the land. Mayor Gordon said it could be used for a track for kids for remote cars and agreed to meet with the committee.

Minister Ernie Hudson said he would be happy to attend as many council meetings as possible if it was the wish of council.

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

Alberton Fire Department April Monthly Report

- Calls: MFR – 13, MVC – 1, Alarms – 1 Total – 15
- Training: On April 2 2019, we conducted training at our training on the Mill River East RD. Training was held on the effects on flow paths for live fires. On Tuesday April 30, we conducted medical training. Various different scenarios were held.
- Equipment: We had to replace the water softener in the hall; this is essential as the water at the hall is very hard and may cause damage to the furnace, pressure washer, etc. over time.
We also replaced 1 50FT length of hose.
- New Tanker we were in contact with Helie. The paint is complete and most of the decals have been installed. The truck is currently at the Freightliner dealership having the throttle installed as well as having the computer programed for pumping. When the truck returns to Helie they will complete the installation of the pump, then test it. Hopefully we will be hearing for them very soon. As for financing is concerned, it is our recommendation that we go with the 10 year plan as the budget won't accommodate the 5 year plan. Plans for the 1989 ford tanker as well as the spare engine for it, is our recommendation that the town of Alberton this up for tender.
- The Alberton Fire Dept. would like to congratulate Captain Emile Bernard on receiving his 30 years of service medal, Captain Kelly Williams, and Firefighter Johnny Perry, on receiving their 20 years of service medals in April. Thanks you very much for your years of service to the community of Alberton and the surrounding areas!!!

Submitted by: Chief Shannon Dumville

EVENTS REPORT FROM GARTH DAVEY

Since the last council meeting we have run registration for softball, soccer and Active Start program, coordinated a Roadside Cleanup event with Tignish and O'Leary, held the annual Garden Workshop at the library, offered a community presentation to the local UCW/ACW and did a presentation and installation of a forging wall at Alberton Public School. Work continues on the upcoming Diversecity Festival in July.

Alberton Public Library Monthly Report

Reporting to: Councillor Kelly Williams

Period: Month of April 2019

Operations:

No issues. Always appreciated. Tulips are making an appearance!!

Programs: April was busy with Earth Day and spring (Easter) events. Local author Angel Jendrick had a book launch for her second book on April 30th.

Ahead: Gardening Workshop and Seed exchange on May 7 at 7 pm. Filling your family bucket (a kindness presentation) on Saturday May 11th and a children's author will be visiting Alberton Library to discuss her book about the blue whale skeleton found off Tignish Shore on May 29th at 11 am. School field trips also happen in May and June.

Kelly Gillis
Branch Technician
Alberton Public Library

CAO REPORT APRIL 8, 2019 TO MAY 13, 2019

I responded to telephone calls, made deposits and other day to day office duties and am preparing for the audit which will be later this month.

April 10th I contacted 911 for numbering for the new 12 unit apartment building and this will require the driveway to have a private street name, so I also the contacted the property owner to let him know.

April 11th I received an email from the Department of Environment with instructions to arrange a location for the meeting with the various government departments, our engineer and the fishers that may be impacted by the closure necessary to do the lagoon upgrades.

April 12th I arranged for the meeting to be held at Holland College on April 17th at 2 p.m. I sent out the invitation to quote on financing for a loan for the fire truck to four financial institutions.

April 15th Mayor Gordon and I attended a meeting with the Newcomers Association. I attended an information session in the afternoon facilitated by Elizabeth Pederson, Occupational Health and Safety and it is mandatory to have a Harassment policy in place by the fall that includes what is being legislated by law.

April 16th finalized preparations for the meeting with the fishers regarding the lagoon upgrades.

April 17th at 2:00 p.m. attended the meeting at Holland College with the Department of Environment, DFO, Janeen from Stantec and fishers to hear a presentation on the planned upgrades to the lagoon and have any questions or concerns addressed. The meeting was very successful with great cooperation from the fishers.

April 24th Mayor Gordon and I met with a doctor who is possibly looking to relocate.

April 26th I attempted to take the afternoon off and just got to Summerside when Morley Foy, Department of Environment called and said we have to have a public meeting regarding the lagoon upgrades and permit. Mayor Gordon called and I started the process to arrange a meeting date to suit our engineer, representatives from Department of Environment and PEI DAF. I also emailed council to make them aware of the requirement to have a public meeting.

Make arrangements and prepared for the May 6th public meeting for the lagoon upgrades also attended the meeting and took minutes.

May 8th spend most of the day showing the Insurance inspector from Hyndman's town properties and checking construction dates, pump sizes on the lift station etc. for his records. I also prepared the agenda and emailed the package to council.

May 9th at 11:00 am was the closing for the invitation to quote for the financing for the fire cab and chassis. I emailed the fire chief and executive to ask for their recommendation for council on which term 5 or 10 years works for their budget for the truck loan.

Douglas Doucette started today for 12 weeks under EDA working with maintenance.

May 1913 the town was incorporated and I have attached the minutes from that first meeting as we celebrate 106 years!