



MINUTES FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD THURSDAY JUNE 27th, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M.

The special council meeting was held Thursday June 27th, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Gordon presiding. Councillors Donnie Bernard, Connie Bernard, Kelly Williams and Deputy Mayor Blair Duggan were also in attendance. Also present were guests from Municipal Affairs Christine MacKinnon and Kevin McCarville, as well as members of the press Eric McCarthy and Jillian Trainer. Donna Thomson was also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gordon called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The first order of business was the appointment of an Acting CAO. The motion was made to appoint Donna Thomson to the position of CAO. It was moved by Councillor Duggan and seconded by Councillor Connie Bernard. All were in favour.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Councillor Kelly Williams declared a conflict of interest for the next item on the Agenda: the sale of the Alberton Fire Department truck. Councillor Williams left the room. Mayor Gordon advised we received 3 bids from the fire truck tender process. A motion was called by Councillor Connie Bernard to accept the highest bid. The motion was seconded by Councillor Donnie Bernard. All were in favour. The successful bid was by Peter O'Brien. Councillor Williams returned to the room.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gordon read out the interim committee members and declared he had a conflict with the Environment and Finance committees. A list of the committee members was submitted.

Connie Bernard asked to speak. She read out a statement in regards to her tendering her resignation from council effective June 28. Mayor Gordon thanked Connie for her service, and Councillor Williams offered her thank you as well.

A request was read from Prince county exhibition to sponsor a horse race. Deputy Mayor Duggan questioned what the amount was last year. It was decided to obtain more information and have it for the July 8th council meeting.

Mayor Gordon addressed the issues faced by having only a mayor and 2 councillors going forward. He explained that the 2 guests from Municipal affairs had met with the council prior to the Special meeting and they had laid out guidelines for moving ahead. Mayor Gordon explained that a by-election process would be run to fill the 4 vacant council seats. A date for the by-election and appointment of a Municipal Electoral Officer will be announced at the July 8th Regular meeting. Christine MacKinnon from Municipal affairs explained that council calls the date and then it will be managed by municipal election officials. MacKinnon also explained the provisions in the Municipal Government Act for the Minister to allow a council to proceed with fewer than the stated number, and said that Municipal Affairs were there to help and advice. Mayor Gordon also explained that the issue of his outstanding sewer bill would be dealt with by Deputy Mayor Duggan who will find a mediator to facilitate between the Mayor and the town.

Adjournment: The motion was made by Councillor Williams and seconded by Connie Bernard and carried to adjourn the meeting.