



MINUTES FOR SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD OCTOBER 3RD AT 7:30 P.M.

The special council meeting was held Thursday October 3rd, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. with Mayor Gordon presiding. Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Duggan, Councillor Williams, Councillor Alan Curtis, Councillor Chester Adams, Councillor O'Brien and Staff CAO Donna Thomson. Councilor Mike Murphy was not in attendance. Jillian Trainor from the West Prince Graphic was also in attendance.

Call to order:

Mayor Gordon called the meeting to order.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:

Mayor Gordon declared a conflict for item G (IV), Councillor Mary Jean O'Brien declared a conflict for item g (iii) and Councillor Kelly Williams declared a conflict for Fire and for the property development application for Wallace Shellfish.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Curtis to approve the agenda. All were in favour.

Adoption of Minutes:

A motion to adopt the minutes from the Planning Board meeting held on Sept. 25th was made by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Adams and carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- Mayor Gordon provided updates on the shed that is to be removed from old Jeffrey property on Albion Street. A tender for removal has gone out – no responses as of meeting time.
- Staffing update – the CAO staffing process has started. The applicants can apply and the applications are sent to a dedicated email address that only the hiring committee can access. The deadline for applications is October 14th.

- Electric Vehicle Update - Maritime Electric submitted the application to NRCAN. They were able to do a submission for 50 charging stations. We will know more in November if the application was successful.
- Mayor Gordon gave an update on the Huntley dump property. When the CAO called about the contamination report, she was told the \$100 report would only identify which areas contain contamination. A more detailed report of what the contaminates are would cost the town \$10,000-15,000. Council decided to step back from pursuing a sale of the property at this time.
- At the previous meeting, Sypce Hair Design had inquired about a wheelchair ramp for their shop. The CAO contacted the PEI Council of Disabilities and they sent the specifications for ramps. Based on the area in question, a permanent type ramp would not be feasible in that location. Motion was made by Councillor Williams and seconded by Deputy Mayor Duggan and carried to let the CAO research fold up aluminum type ramps and relay the information to the shop.
- Mayor Gordon went over the cost of painting lines in the Independent parking lot. The CAO contacted the company who did the lines for the Rink for a quote. IT would be \$10/space if going over existing lines and \$12/space if the spaces had to be measured. Council discussed whether there were any lines to go over, and determined there were no lines in place currently. Discussion was held on whether it would be worth it, especially given the lateness in the season. Deputy Mayor Duggan remarked that the Handicap spaces might need to be refreshed.

Councillor O'Brien mentioned that there are no expectant mothers parking spaces marked and that other grocery store parking lots have these spaces. Council agreed that it would be good to have at least one of these spaces. Deputy Mayor said maybe it was something the business owners could do and in other locations the store chain owns the parking lot, but here it is town owned. Councillor O'Brien asked what the cost would be. Mayor Gordon said we would table the discussion on lines till the spring and that the CAO could follow up with the store owners to see if they would be interested in putting the expectant mother's parking space(s).

- At the previous meeting, it was discussed about surplus gas tax money to be allocated to a project. The consensus was to use the money for the Emma Drive Sub division project as further work will be required. The CAO spoke to the Gas Tax officers and they indicated that would be fine, but it would need a resolution of council.

Mayor Gordon called for a motion :

Motion:

Date: October 3rd,2019

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Duggan

Seconded by: Councillor Curtis

WhereAs the town of Alberton has gas tax funds to allocate to a project;

And WhereAs the Emma Drive Subdivision extension has future work to be done;

Be it Resolved that Alberton town council direct the province of PEI to allocate project money to the Emma Drive subdivision extension.

All were in favour.

Planning Board Recommendations:

The Planning board committee meeting was held Sept 25th The applications reviewed and recommended for approval were:

- Application from Hector MacLeod to add an extension to his house and to update wiring and insulation

Mayor Gordon called for a motion on the application. Deputy Mayor Duggan moved to approve the application. It was seconded by Councillor O'Brien and carried.

Councillor Williams left the room for the next application as she was in conflict.

- Application from Wallace Shellfish to add an extension to a storage building located at 69 Elder street.

Mayor Gordon called for a motion. It was moved by Councillor Adams to approve the application and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Duggan. Motion was carried. Councillor Williams returned to the meeting.

- Application was received from the Phillips residence to convert 6 apartments to 12 Community care rooms.

The CAO noted that the original application was for 5 converted to 10 but the Administrator called to update it. The application will be moved to the October 15th Regular meeting if the architect completes the fire Marshall's requirements for Building code, sprinkler and fire alarm certificates.

- Application received to change the zoning at 461 Church st PID 31583 from Commercial to R3 to allow 2- 2-3 units . This requires an ad in the paper and a public rezoning meeting. The public meeting can run for both this application and for the rezoning of the Medicine shoppe (from the Sept 15 Regular meeting) Council gave the CAO the go ahead to run the zoning ads for the rezoning of PID 31583 and 595876.

Introduction of New Business:

- The next item on the agenda was Snow Tenders. The colder weather will soon be upon us and we need to place an ad for the tenders. Mayor Gordon called for a motion.

Councillor Williams made the motion to place an ad in the Journal for snow tenders. It was seconded by Councillor O'Brien and the motion carried.

- Sewer Line Flushing – We need to have the sewer line flushed since our maintenance man is off. The fire department will come and assist with providing water. Ron's plumbing will come and do it, but they aren't cheap. A previous employee Ray Millman has done it before and offered his assistance for a few days if needed. Deputy Mayor Duggan questioned how that would work with Workers Compensation. Mayor Gordon said the CAO can contact WCB and see if it's allowable. Councillor Williams mentioned that if we are getting the volunteer fire department to assist that we might want to consider paying them for their time. The CAO will check and see what was done in previous years, and it will be carried forward to the October Regular council meeting.

Councillor O'Brien left the meeting for the next item.

Town Council has been hearing that the Western Hospital may be losing a doctor in January. We also hear that the doctor will be moving to the O'Leary Primary Care Centre. That will give O'Leary 4 doctors and leave one in Alberton. However the remaining doctor will be taking maternity leave in the near future. Our CAO contacted the Western Hospital Administrator Paul Young and he did say that the person in charge of Primary Care is Christina Phillips. Both Paul and Christina had a scheduling conflict and were unable to attend tonight's meeting. But he did extend an invitation for Council to attend the Western Hospital Annual General meeting on October 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Gordon said he will try and meet with Paul before the next council meeting.

Councillor O'Brien returned to the room.

Mayor Gordon excused himself from the room for the next item on the agenda.

- Deputy Mayor Duggan explained that he, Councillor Williams and Councillor Curtis and the CAO Donna Thomson had met with a mediator that the town had hired. They met with him on Sept 12th for a full day session. The amount owed in principal was \$3035 and the compounded interest was \$39,263 for a bill totaling \$42,298. Duggan explained the mediation process of how the mediator met with the councillors and the "resident" Gordon separately until the 2 sides reached a settlement. The mediator report delved into how the bill had accumulated to the level it did and the background from both the resident and the town's sides. He explained that there was a Council in Whole meeting on Sept 25th (without the Mayor) where the mediator went over the report for council.

The Memorandum of Settlement outlined the details of the deal reached.

The resident will pay the Utility \$3,035 for the annual sewer rate owing for each year from 2001 to 2019. This payment will be made not later than October 12, 2019. The Resident will pay to the Utility an account overdue penalty of \$5,000. The penalty will be interest free and paid in five equal instalments of \$1000, each payable by September 30, 2019; January 31, 2020; March 31, 2020; June 30, 2020; and September 30, 2020, respectively.

Councillor O'Brien asked what the town residents would see of this report. Deputy Duggan said it would be a public document. The CAO mentioned it would be put on the website. Deputy Mayor Duggan then called for a motion to vote on accepting the Mediators report and memorandum of settlement. The motion was made to accept by Councillor Adams and seconded by Councillor Curtis. All voted in favour of accepting the settlement terms.

Mayor Gordon returned to the meeting

Mayor Gordon called for a motion to adjourn. Councillor Williams made the motion; it was seconded by Councillor O'Brien and carried to adjourn the meeting.