

MINUTES FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD MONDAY NOVEMBER 9TH, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

The regular council meeting was held Monday November 9th at 7:00 P.M. with Mayor Gordon presiding. Also present were Councillors Williams, Councillor Adams, Councillor Curtis, Deputy Mayor Duggan, CAO Donna Thomson, Leona Lane as well as Jillian Trainor from the West Prince Graphic. Councillor O'Brien joined via conference call. Councillor Murphy was absent.

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

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Gordon declared conflicts for Councillor Williams for Fire, and Councillor O'Brien for Health.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gordon called for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Councillor O'Brien and it was seconded by Councillor Williams. The motion carried.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Mayor Gordon called for a motion to adopt the minutes from the October regular council meeting, the Special Council meeting October 26th, as well as the Planning Board minutes from November 9th. The motion was made by Councillor Adams and was seconded by Councillor Curtis. The motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A) from Commercial to Single Unit Residential;

i. The next item was the 2nd reading of the Development Bylaw Amendment #2020-6 (rezone of 557 Main Street)

Mayor Gordon called for a motion for the second reading of Development Bylaw Amendment #2020-6. The motion was made by Councillor Williams and seconded by Councillor Curtis

Council Meeting #2

SECOND READING Date: __November 9th, 2020_____

Moved by Councillor: __Councillor Williams_ __

Seconded by Councillor: _Councillor Curtis_ _ __ Motion carried

Whereas an application was received to rezone PID 615039 located at 557 Main Street from Commercial (C1) to Single Unit Residential (R1);

And whereas the owner is relocating the commercial business that was at this location;

And whereas the owner is turning this property back into a house;

And whereas this application requires an amendment to the Development Bylaw Zoning Map (Appendix

Be it resolved that the Development Bylaw Amendment #2020-6 be read a second time.

Mayor Gordon called for a motion to approve the second reading of Development Bylaw Amendment #2020-6
Council Meeting #2
SECOND READING Date: _November 9th, 2020
Moved by Councillor: _ Deputy Mayor Duggan
Seconded by Councillor: _Councillor Adams Motion carried
Whereas an application was received to rezone PID 615039 located at 557 Main Street from Commercial (C1) to Single Unit Residential (R1);
And whereas the owner is relocating the commercial business that was at this location;
And whereas the owner is turning this property back into a house;
And whereas this application requires an amendment to the Development Bylaw Zoning Map (Appendix A) from Commercial to Single Unit Residential;
And Whereas the Development Bylaw Amendment #2020-6 was read a second time at this council meeting;

Be it resolved that the Development Bylaw Amendment #2020-6 be hereby approved.

Mayor Gordon called for a motion to adopt the Development Bylaw Amendment #2020-6

Adoption of the Development Bylaw Amendment #2020-6

Development Bylaw Amendment # 2020-6
Second Reading DateNovember 9 th , 2020
Moved by Councillor _Councillor Curtis
Seconded by CouncillorCouncillor Williams Motion carried
Whereas an application was received to rezone PID 615039 located at 557 Main Street from Commercia (C1) to Single Unit Residential (R1);
And whereas the owner is relocating the commercial business that was at this location;

And whereas the owner is turning this property back into a house;

And whereas this application requires an amendment to the Development Bylaw Zoning Map (Appendix A) from Commercial to Single Unit Residential;

And Whereas the Development Bylaw Amendment #2020-6 was read and approved at two separate meeting of council held on different days;

BE it Resolved that the Development Bylaw Amendment #2020-6 be formally adopted.

ii. Response from Lawyer re Dump Property Disposal

Mayor Gordon turned the floor over to CAO Donna Thomson to over the correspondence with our legal team in regards to the possibility of tendering the Huntley Dump property.

The CAO explained that the lawyers did research on the disposal of the property in particular researching the transfer of the liability of the property being made known to any potential buyer. They indicate that the property can be sold and that the agreement can be clear on these points.

Mayor Gordon called for a motion from council on tendering the property for sale. Deputy Mayor Duggan made the motion to tender the property, it was seconded by Councillor Williams. The motion carried.

F) Reading of Correspondence

Mayor Gordon went over the correspondence received:

- i. Letter from Municipal Affairs
- ii. Letter from Eastlink
- iii. Letter from MRSB re Audit



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Municipal Affairs Division PO Box 2000, Charlottetown Prince Edward Island Canada C1A 7N8

> Ms. Donna Thomson, CAO Town of Alberton PO Box 153 Alberton, PE, COB 1BO

October 28th, 2020

Dear Ms. Thomson,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the following bylaw:

 Dangerous, Hazardous and Unsightly Premises (Bylaw #2020-03, adopted October 13th, 2020)

A copy of the above noted bylaws have been filed in accordance with the *Municipal Government Act*, s.129. Enclosed are the filed bylaws.

Please be advised that it is the responsibility of the municipality passing a bylaw to both ensure that the subject area covered by the bylaw is within the jurisdiction of the municipality and that the procedures for the passage of a bylaw under the *Municipal Government Act* have been complied with.

Note: If you haven't already, consider having a lawyer review the bylaw to ensure that it meets the MGA and other Legislative requirements, for example: 8. Enforcement Standards 8.1 compared to the Summary Proceedings Act.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Regards,

Tracey Allen

Senior Municipal Advisor, Municipal Affairs

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October 27, 2020

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October 20, 2020

Mr. David Gordon, Mayor Town of Alberton 3 Emma Drive Alberton, P.E.I. C0B 1B0

Dear Mr. Gordon:

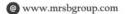
The following points are a result of the recently completed audit of the Town of Alberton for the year ended March 31, 2020. This letter is not intended to attest to the overall adequacy of internal controls in place but rather only to point out items noted as a result of our audit testing. These points are not intended to reflect on the integrity or ability of any staff or Council member, but rather to assist in the improvement of internal controls and efficiency of operations. We would like to thank the town administrator for her assistance and cooperation during the audit.

Minutes

During our review of the minutes, it was noted that during the year the minutes were no longer being signed. It is important to ensure that at each subsequent meeting when the minutes are approved, that they are signed by the Mayor and a councilor. This will help to ensure that the minute details are complete and accurate.

Bookkeeping

During the year, several expenses were paid by one entity (ie Town) that related to another entity (i.e. Sewer). In order to have the expense reported in the proper entity, they should be posted through intercompany accounts in Sage. We noted that these entries were sometimes being posted to an expense account in the wrong sage file, instead of being posted through the intercompany accounts. It is important to ensure that the invoices are posted in the sage file to which they relate. It is also important to check on a regular basis that these accounts are balanced.









Mr. David Gordon October 20, 2020 Page 2

While reviewing the invoices, it was also noted that the account allocation was not being noted on all invoices. It is important to ensure that the invoices are marked approved, posted, paid, and with the account allocation. These will help to ensure that all invoices are expenditures of the Town and Utility, and have been recorded in the correct accounts.

It was noted that there a number of stale-dated items on the bank reconciliations. Each month the bank reconciliations should be reviewed, and any stale-dated items be reversed. This will ensure the cash position is accurately reflected in the financial data.

We thank you for the opportunity to conduct this year's audit. If you have any questions on the above or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

MRSB Chartered Professional Accountants Inc.

Mayor Gordon then spoke that before moving on to New Business, he would let Leona Lane do her presentation to council rather than making her sit through the whole meeting. Mrs. Lane then took the floor. She spoke about the possibility of the town letting the Cascumpec Water Shed use the property either by the Home Hardware or in behind the Fire Hall for planting wild flowers to attract bees and butter flies. She explained that the group want to apply for funding that would give them money to buy the seeds from Veseys that would be appropriate for what would grow in the area. Councillor O'Brien questioned how long the area would need to be used for the project. Mrs. Lane said ideally it would be for a period of at least 2 years and up to 5 depending on the proposed usage of those properties. Deputy Mayor Duggan questioned on how much of either property would be utilized. Mrs. Lane said that the \$2000 grant would seed 2 acres. Deputy Mayor Duggan wondered if the wetter part of the land would work. Mayor Gordon spoke about those lots being cut and was wondering if a clear area would be designated so that the person cutting would see to leave that area.

Mayor Gordon said the council would take the information and discuss whether those areas would work for the proposal. Leona thanked the council for their time and she left the meeting.

Mayor Gordon then asked the council what their thoughts were on this. Councillor O'Brien noted it would be good for the environment. Deputy Mayor Duggan noted that it would be perhaps a good fit with developing walking trails. Councillor O'Brien questioned whether parking would be an issue if it was behind the fire department. Mayor Gordon suggested Chief Dumville would need to be asked for his input. Councillor Williams cautioned that beside the home hardware is zoned Industrial and if someone approached us looking to put someone on that land that the hard work of the committee would be lost. Deputy Duggan also suggested the parcel the town owns across from Hospital. Councillor O'Brien thought it would nice if it were in a place that was visible to showcase the beauty of the wildflowers. Council agreed to consider it and to move on to the next item on the agenda.

G) Introduction of New Business

 Mayor Gordon introduced the next item on the agenda – Fire Department Honorariums. Councillor Williams left the room as she was in conflict with the next 2 items.

Mayor Gordon called for a motion to pay the Fire Department Honorariums in the amount of \$31,000 as per the list provided by Chief Dumville. The motion was made by Councillor Curtis and seconded by Councillor Adams. The motion carried.

ii. Request for funding from Fire Department

Mayor Gordon moved to the next item on the agenda. The fire department submitted a request for a donation to go towards the purchase of a vessel to be used to set up a Search and Rescue as well as permission to apply for funding for the purchase of the boat.



To: The members of Alberton Town Council

From: The members of the Alberton Fire Department

Re: additional Funding

Good Evening.

As many of you are aware of the recent tragedy that occurred off fox island. The fire Dept. Has conducted a review of our response too that incident and have determined that our current water response capability was not adequate to the task that we are asking of it. WE have consulted subject matter experts and have determined that a zodiac would be the most versatile craft to enhance our water response capability as the fiberglass dory that we currently have is neither designed nor rated for what we are asking from it. With the steady increase of pleasure boaters enjoying the waterways it is not unusual to see between 150-200 water craft of various sizes and types on the water on any given weekend.

We have approached Federal and provincial officials to help us identify and secure funding to obtain a zodiac that is rated and equipped for water responses. We have received a positive

response from provincial officials and are now asking our municipal council for financial support. This support would be over and above our annual budget as we had not envisioned or included this project in out budgetary forecast.

This zodiac would of course become a town asset and be used as a regional tool for the west prince mutual aid group that Alberton is a member of.

We are asking for your support in the form of a \$5000.00 donation specifically for the zodiac project.

Thank you for your consideration and should you have any question please contact us at your convenience.

Best Regards

Members of The Alberton Fire Department.

Mayor Gordon called for a motion to approve the \$5000.00 donation. The motion to approve the donation was made by Deputy Mayor Duggan and seconded by Councillor O'Brien. The motion carried and Councillor Williams returned to the meeting.

iii. Request from Prince County Exhibition – Tax Forgiveness

The Cao received an email from the PCE requesting municipal tax forgiveness due to loss of revenue due to Covid 19.

Dear Ms. Thomson;

As you are no doubt aware, the Alberton Prince County Exhibition was not able to take place this year due to COVID restrictions and social distancing requirements. This was difficult for our volunteer Board, as while we continue to have many expenses, the revenue we typically generate from the Prince County Exhibition to offset some of these expenses was not present. While every year presents new challenges and we continue as best as we can to run on a shoestring budget, this particular challenge has us exploring other options and avenues wherever possible to reduce our expenses.

In light of the above, we are writing to you to request that our municipal tax amount, being \$1,476.42, be forgiven / we be exempt from paying this amount. We understand that this is a big request, and that it will no doubt require a great amount of consideration by the Mayor and Town Councillors. We would appreciate if you would put this request forward to them. If they have any questions or concerns that we can address in any way, we would be happy to do so.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Management Committee,
Prince County Exhibition Board of Directors

Councillor O'Brien questioned if the Covid money the town would be receiving could be used toward something like this. Councillor Curtis questioned whether they had applied to the Province for a Grant in Lieu of taxes. The CAO couldn't answer that and Mayor Gordon asked the CAO to see if they had applied on this or if they even knew about the Grants. The CAO agreed to follow up and if necessary update council at the December meeting.

iv. Honorarium for Planning Board Resident Members

Mayor Gordon explained that in the past the resident members have not received any type of compensation for their membership on the board. He also explained that there are more meetings now with the way the permits are done now. Council discussed whether all members should receive an honorarium. It was decided that since the council members on the board already receive honorariums as councillors that this shouldn't apply to them. Mayor Gordon called for a motion to pay the residents on the board after a discussion about the amount to pay them. Deputy Mayor Duggan made the motion to pay each resident on the board an honorarium of \$500 each. The motion was seconded by Councillor Adams and the motion carried. Deputy Mayor Duggan questioned if we should add to the motion to pay them in December. Mayor Gordon asked for a motion to pay the resident honorariums in December. The motion was made by Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Williams and that motion carried.

v. The municipality of Montrose-Greenmount have offered to distribute a portion of their SAFE RESTART funds to the municipalities of Tignish, O'Leary and Alberton.

The CAO went over the offer which would see each municipality receive \$2,384.67 to be used for COVID related expenses. Councillor Williams asked if we had extra masks if people entering wanted a mask but had none. The CAO assured that yes we did have masks available, but that more masks could be purchased and a station set up by the hand sanitizers. The mayor called for a motion to accept their offer. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Duggan and seconded by Councillor Williams. The motion carried.

The Municipality of Montrose-Greenmount also approached our CAO to see if the town hall of Alberton could be used as a first point of contact for residents of their municipality as they currently do not have a town office. The new MGA states that each municipality must provide an access point for residents. They sent a contract for services which would see residents come to our town hall, the CAO or receptionist would then provide them the CAO of Montrose-Greenmount's contact information. Councillor O'Brien questioned if there would be a cost to us in regards to providing the service. Donna Thomson explained that there would be very little impact on our time — if it was something we could help with , we would help out, but If it would

something requiring the CAO, the staff here would forward to Dave Pizio. She cited that since 2009 they have only issued 35 permits, and if their residents wanted to fax or copy something, that we would receive the revenue generated from that. Mayor Gordon called for a motion to enter into the agreement. Deputy Mayor Duggan made the motion , it was seconded by Councillor Williams and the motion carried.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Application 29-20 from West Tech to swap out a trailer used for staff housing. They want to switch out a 12x36 with 16x48. Planning board recommends approval. We would approve a developmental permit and they need to apply to the Province for a permit as they are zoned Agricultural. Mayor Gordon called for a motion to approve a Development Permit. The motion was made by Councillor Curtis, seconded by Deputy Mayor Duggan and the motion carried.
- 2. Councillor Williams excused herself for this item as the application involved her property.
 - Application 30-20 was submitted for a prebuilt 12x20 Storage shed. Planning board recommended approval. Mayor Gordon called for a motion to approve the permit for 90 Prince William Drive by Derek Williams. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Duggan and seconded by Councillor Curtis. The motion to grant the permit was approved and Councillor Williams returned to the meeting.
- 3. Mayor Gordon declared a conflict for the next item. Deputy Mayor Duggan went over the application .The next application 31-20 was received from Chris Gordon to build an attached 2 car garage with bonus room to his house. They are only seeking approval to pour the concrete slab and in the spring, they will apply with the drawings of the proposed garage. The consolidation process has been started with the property being signed over and the plot plan showing the consolidation will follow before the permit is granted. Planning Board recommends approval. Deputy Mayor Duggan called for a motion to approve the application. The motion was made by Councillor Williams seconded by Councillor Curtis and the motion carried.
- 4. Mayor Gordon returned to the meeting. Planning board recommends approval of the start of a rezoning from Single Unit Residential to Multi Unit Residential for 4 lots in the subdivision purchased by a local developer. The sale of the lots close in February 2021 and the developer plans on putting duplexes on the lots. As the town still owns them, the idea to have them rezoned prior to closing will allow the developer to be able to

begin construction once the sale closes. The developer also purchased 3 lots in the older section of the subdivision and would like PIDs 1054261 and 1057124 rezoned at the same time. Another lot was rezoned in 2017. The owner of the lots Leigh McKenna is agreeable to the rezoning being done prior to the sale in the spring. Mayor Gordon called for a motion to allow the CAO to begin the process. The motion was made by Councillor Curtis and seconded by Councillor O'Brien and the motion carried.

J) **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PROPERTY - DAVID

We Sold another lot in the subdivision – one of the bigger lots at the back. That makes 12 sold to date.

ENVIRONMENT- MARY JEAN

Payments are trickling in and we have been seeing some action on over due accounts. Fall flushing has been done on the lines.

ECONOMIC – ALAN

Nothing to report



TOWN OF ALBERTON MAYOR'S POLICING REPORT OCTOBER, 2020

West Prince RCMP Detachment
"L" Division
Prince Edward Island



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The West Prince RCMP Detachment responded to a total of 16 calls for service during the month of October, 2020.

Prince District RCMP Members have thus far reported 190 hours providing policing services to the Town of Alberton during the month.

A short recompilation of the above-noted hours includes time spent conducting traffic law enforcement in the community; conducting routine traffic monitoring; responding to individual calls for service; conducting investigations and required follow-up from previous calls for service and investigations. As well, this may include time spent attending to community visits and school visits.

Prince District engaged numerous police resources on Halloween to prepare for the potential of a busy night. Numerous patrols were provided in Alberton and no issues were noted within the community on Halloween in relation to damage to property. Two members completed a foot patrol at peak Halloween hours and noted low activity within the community. Officers were in direct communication with Alberton Fire to support the Halloween Night Response.

The calls for service are broken down as follows:

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Traffic complaint	1
Impaired driving	1
911 Act	2
Suspicious person	1
Mischief	1
Criminal harassment	2
Disturbing the peace	1
Mental Health Act	1
Assist Provincial Agency	2
Assist general public	2
Items lost and found	1
False alarm	1

Provincial Statutes for the month:

Non-moving traffic violation	2
Cannabis Act violation	1
Speeding violations	2
Written warnings	5

Seven criminal record checks were completed for residents of the town during the past month.

Community Involvement

Five Traffic Check Stops were conducted in the town during the month involving close to 200 vehicles and resulting two charges under the Highway Traffic Act and three written warnings.

The Provincial Priority Unit and Prince District members conducted a Check Stop in the community on one Friday night initiative. Conservation officers were also on site to assist with ATV enforcement. Many vehicles were checked numerous verbal and summary offence tickets were issued, as well as, one charge under the Cannabis Act and seized cannabis that was in the vehicle.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

8/Sgt. Troy MacLean,

District Commander Prince District RCMP

902-436-9300

No Fire report was submitted but they did mention that Halloween was quiet.

STREETS/SIDEWALKS (Councillor Murphy absent) Mayor Gordon reported

Wheel chair accessible space in front of the Wang Le Family Restaurant. Donnie will look at the ones at the Independent Parking Lot next week weather permitting.

Streetlight being placed at the ball field in anticipation of an outdoor rink.

End of Poplar has been opened out to the French Lane – its wider than it was. They are looking at improving the walking portion as well. Deputy Mayor Duggan asked about a trail down College to the water as well. Mayor Gordon said we would check with the highways crew to see if that could be widened as well.

FINANCE - BLAIR

Deputy Mayor Duggan made a motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$313,826.15. He made mention of the 2 higher amounts in the bills – being the sidewalk payment of \$276,000 and the dog park of \$15,410. Councillor Adams seconded the motion and it carried.

RECREATION – KELLY

Kelly spoke about the great job the Recreation Director was doing. She mentioned her and a friend tried out the Disc Golf course and really enjoyed it. She said the Halloween event was great and that even with Covid we were adapting and still having fun events for the children.

She submitted the report from Kenan Wilkie. She said included in the report was a request for funding for the Christmas decorating contest. The request was for \$400 to encourage the Christmas spirit in town. The plan is for Christmas stockings for the top 3 winners with the stockings having gift cards and smaller items. She made a motion to grant the Rec department \$400 for the event. The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Brien. The motion carried.

LIBRARY

Alberton Public Library Monthly Report

Reporting to: Town Council Period: Month of October 2020

Operations: Everything is going smoothly.

Programs: Public Libraries are fine-free!! No more fines will be given for overdue books! Bring back any library items in good shape and welcome back to the library! We have a number of mental health kits that can be checked out. There are puppet shows in English and French on PLS YouTube channel. The ancestry site is available on library computers for free. There are new literacy craft kits. There is a new podcast through the library and you can now borrow a light therapy lamp for those cold dark months ahead.

Planning: November and December are typically slower months when people's attention turn towards Holiday planning. Just looking forward to finishing the year virus-free!

Kelly Gillis Branch Technician Alberton Public Library

Councillor Williams also made mention of the wonderful work our maintenance person Donnie Bernard and Receptionist Diane Broderick were doing to keep the town looking beautiful.

Council went over the submitted quotes for the Splash Park. If the equipment is purchased this fall, there will be a slight savings on the equipment but we would have to store it. As council had a few questions on how it would work, it was decided to allow Kenan to contact the sales rep and have him come over and give a presentation to council. That way we would have more information on the size of the location needed, the water capacity etc.

CAO REPORT

Donna gave an update on the electric vehicle charging station. She touched on items from the submitted report.

CAO REPORT October -November

Fall has certainly been beautiful so far. We wrapped up October with a Halloween event for the children. Another great job by Kenan, Diane, and Donnie to get everything set up and it went off without a hitch. The adults may have had as much fun as the children (3)

I've been busy getting documents together to apply for funding for the Generator, finalizing the dog park project, and assisting the fire department in their efforts to get a SAR team started.

I virtually attended the Annual meeting of the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities. It was a different way of doing things and it wasn't quite the same without the social interaction, but a lot of useful information as always.

I applied to the Safe Restart program on behalf of Alberton. I have applied for funding for seniors via the New Horizon's fund. The generator installation is being worked on. As the changeover will require the power to be off to the hall, the work will be done on a Saturday to ensure we are still operational.

The equipment is being serviced to get ready for snow season. I am also at work on developing a casual list for maintenance, so we aren't left without someone in the event our maintenance person's leave is extended. I met with Leah from MRSB and we went over some of the details coming from the audit. All in all, the audit went well.

Our sidewalk project is wrapped up and we should soon see the Active Transportation money coming in. The dog park is up and running, but unfortunately there was an outbreak in the region of Kennel Cough, so we are working closely with the West Prince Vet Clinic monitoring the situation. If more cases break out, we will, on their recommendation, close the park for a period deemed by them to be sufficient to clear the air there so to speak.

To end on a positive note, we have received so many comments on how the hall has been decorated for fall. Many noted it was wonderful to see the hall looking like part of the community. To that, I will say Watch for our Christmas decorations...we hope people will like what we have come up with!!

That concluded the meeting. Mayor Gordon called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.