



Minutes Regular Council Meeting Held Monday February 12th, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting of council was held Monday February 12th, 2024, at 7:30 pm with Mayor Poirier presiding. In attendance were Councillor Gordon, Councillor Chaisson, Councillor Boyce, Councillor O'Brien and Deputy Mayor Curtis. Councillor Murphy was unable to attend due to a work commitment. Also, present were CAO Donna Thomson, Jillian Trainor from the West Prince Graphic, and Sergeant Fleming with the RCMP.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Mayor Poirier called the meeting to order. He went over the conflicts of interest being Councillor Gordon, Councillor O'Brien and Councillor Murphy for health-related topics and Councillor Chaisson for housing.

Approval of Agenda

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

Adoption of Minutes

Mayor Poirier asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 8th, 2024 regular meeting council, the minutes from the public rezoning meeting February 1st, 2024, as well as the February 8th, 2024 Planning Board meeting. The motion was made by Councillor Gordon, seconded by Deputy Mayor Curtis and the motion carried.

Business arising from the Minutes.

Mayor Poirier noted that Councillor Murphy was absent and the item to discuss was the 5.8 acres on Albion Street. He said it would be tabled until the next meeting.

Public Presentations /Petitions/Delegation

There were no presentations or petitions.

Reading of Correspondence

The next item was the reading of correspondence. The CAO noted that letters had been received from the Summerside Rotary Club regarding a letter which had been sent about the suspension of the ICU services at Prince County Hospital. A letter had been received from the Department of Agriculture about a one time grant of \$5000 for the community pantry.

Committee Reports

Police Report

Mayor Poirier asked Sergeant Fleming to go over the police report.



**TOWN OF ALBERTON
MAYOR'S
POLICING REPORT
JANUARY, 2024**

**West Prince RCMP Detachment
"L" Division
Prince Edward Island**

Annual Performance Plan (A.P.P.'S) Community Priorities

Community approved APP's are:

1. Youth Engagement / Aboriginal Community Engagement
 2. Traffic – Checkpoints/Traffic Enforcement
 3. Police / Community Relations – Police Visibility / Community Events
- Police conducted a Checkstop on Main Street on New Year's Day checking for violations and impaired driving. Close to 30 vehicles were checked resulting in two written warning issued under the Highway Traffic Act.

Prince District RCMP Members have reported 180 hours providing policing services to the Town of Alberton, during the month of January, 2024. 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 and school visits.

In January, West Prince RCMP Detachment Services Assistants processed 13 Criminal Record Checks for residents of Alberton, completed for various reasons, including employment, volunteering, and applications for permanent residency.

A total of 10 calls for service were received during this past month and are broken down as follows:

Theft under \$5,000	1
Motor vehicle collision	1
Uttering threats	1
Traffic complaint	3
Mischief	1
Missing person	1
Dog Act	1
False alarm	1

Provincial statutes for the month of December:

Written warnings	2
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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please feel free to contact me to discuss.



S/Sgt. Neil Logan
District Commander
Prince District RCMP
902-436-9300

After presenting the report, the officer left the meeting.

Property Report -Councillor Gordon

Mayor Poirier moved to the next report and asked Councillor Gordon to present for Property. Councillor Gordon said she had reached to O'Meara's to get a quote on moving the playground equipment but she hadn't received anything as of yet. She asked the CAO if she had received anything and Ms. Thomson indicated she had not either. Councillor Gordon said she had asked the Bylaw Officer to have a look at 2 properties. She said those would be looked on Thursday when Ms. Johnson was in town. Councillor Gordon said she had received information from a resident on Church St (who didn't live at the motel) about the old motel on Church not having any oil for several days in January. Councillor Gordon asked if there was anything the town could do about that. Mayor Poirier said perhaps if they contacted Minister Hudson's office. The CAO said that she had the property manager's number, but she would assume the tenants would as well. Councillor O'Brien said that the tenants should be coming forward and letting us know. Mayor Poirier said that we can elevate the complaints to the Department of Housing. He said that as far as he knew we never had tenants complaining to us, that they would go through the property manager. That concluded the property report.

Recreation – Councillor Gordon

Councillor Gordon read out the library report submitted by librarian Kelly Gillis.

Alberton Public Library Monthly Report

Reporting to: Town Council

Period: Month of January 2024

Operations: No issues.

Programs: The series "Remembering Alberton When..." is quite popular with 15 the first session on Nursing care and 25 people attending for the Railway session. I had more people than chairs, which is a nice problem to have? This month there is a session on Winter sports on Feb. 9 th and exhibition time on the 23 rd .

Planning: The library is also celebrating Black history month with displays and take-home crafts.

As it is a leap year month, why not "leap" into your local library and check out the programs and

specialty items we have to borrow with your library card!

Submitted,

Kelly Gillis

Councillor Gordon moved on to the Recreation Report submitted by Kester Nurse.

THE TOWN OF ALBERTON
RECREATION / EVENTS COORDINATOR

UPDATE

The recreation department was involved in planning and organizing a winter event for the community, communicating with the hired web designer to continue the town's website update and get information on how to make changes 'in house' and collaborating with partners such as Community Navigators (to help promote "learn to skate" for newcomers) and Recreation PEI to form a committee to create an Anti racism charter.

With winter upon us, but very inconsistent 'winter weather', it took some patience to finalize plans for a winter celebration. The Town will host a Winter celebration on March 2nd. The day will include: Horse and sleigh rides from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Poker hike/snowshoe from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and a Costume/Fancy Dress Skate at Jacques Cartier Arena from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. We hope to have hot chocolate available at the outdoor activities. We are also awaiting final word on the availability of a Bouncy Castle set up at the firehall (during the period of the sleigh rides) and a volunteer or two from the fire department to provide first aid at the activities.

We were happy to help promote and assist Western Community Navigators together with Western Region Sports and Recreation Council with their "Learn to skate" for newcomers six week program at the Jacques Cartier Arena. I have been involved as part of a committee created by Recreation PEI to create an Anti racism charter for all recreation organizations in PEI. This included attending virtual meetings and assisting to edit a draft document. The department continues to seek any grants that may be available for programs that could be beneficial to our community.

Highlights:

- Finalising Winter celebration for March 2nd
 - Communication with Councilors
 - Working with Recreation PEI committee on Anti racism
 - Researching and applying for grants.
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Councillor Gordon mentioned that she wasn't getting a response by from Mr. Nurse with ideas she had submitted. She said people were asking why more things weren't going on. Councillor Gordon said that perhaps there could be activities held at the school or at the gymnasium of the Baptist Church. She said she would like to see the recreation department with more activities. The CAO said she would speak to the Recreation Director and pass that message along.

Fire Report

The next committee report was for Fire and was presented by Deputy Mayor Curtis. Mr. Curtis read out the report.



Fire report for jan-2024.

Calls for service:

5- Medical first responder.

2- Alarm.

Training: Fire training- Rope rescue.

Solar panel safety.

Medical training-Medical first responder protocol review.

Our newest Member Evan LeClair is halfway through his level 1 classroom training.

We are actively engaged with council on finalizing the plans for a new chassis and working on completing our 2024-2025 budget.

On Jan-18 th 2024 we held our Election of Officers

Below are the results:

Fire Chief-Darrell Graham

Deputy Fire Chief-Steven LeClair

Captain-Emile Bernard

Captain-Tom Murphy

Captain-Kelly Williams

Captain-Darren Shea

Safety Officer-Derek Williams

Training Officer-Kenny Ramsay

Secretary- Colby Murphy.

We respectfully submit the above names to town council for confirmation.

Report submitted by Fire Chief Darrell Graham.

Deputy Mayor Curtis asked for a motion to accept the report and the officer structure as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councillor Chaisson and the motion carried.

Community and Business Development Report

The next report was Community and Business Development by Councillor Boyce.

Councillor Boyce said he had done up a report for a proposal for Alberton Business and Community Group. He wants to meet with community stakeholders on how the Town can support businesses, grow the businesses and develop a more attractive Main Street. He said he is scheduling a meeting February 26th, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at the Rural Action Center. He referenced a report from 2009 he had found when the Town had an active Business association and a community development officer as well as a Corporation for Alberton Development. He said it was a group that got together and suggested ideas for the town. He said businesses were involved with this group as well. He wants to set up a small committee to liaison with the business owners. He said David Gamble and Maxine Rennie both had experience dealing with the town and he was including them in this preliminary meeting as he felt they had something to offer. Councillor Boyce wants to develop a committee to help support businesses and draw more to the town. He said he wanted to have a boots on the ground approach and go around and talk to the business owners. He invited the Mayor and any Councillors to the meeting if they were interested. He said he sees this community to be a key information center between the town and the businesses. Mayor Poirier said that was a great idea and thanked Councillor Boyce for the initiative. Councillor Gordon asked if there was any discussion on what was being done with the old flower shop. Councillor Boyce said he thought the owners were operating another business at the moment and plans may be on hold. Councillor

O'Brien said wouldn't it be nice to have a Subway. She said there was no where to eat that was healthy. Jillian Trainor spoke up asking if that would be a good idea across from the bakery business. Mayor Poirier spoke up and asked Ms. Trainor to keep her questions to the end of the meeting. Mayor Poirier said there was a lot that could be done with Main Street and hoped with this committee would be helpful moving forward.

Special Events and Project Management Report

Mayor Poirier asked Councillor Chaisson if she had anything to report. Ms. Chaisson presented her report.

On Jan. 16 th a Zoom meeting was held with Mark from Immigration and Refuge Services about holding the Annual Diversity Festival.

A discussion about what worked well, and challenges faced by the town and by the festival organizers was had and efforts are made to try to make the day run smoother.

Mark shared that the festival costs are quite high to bring to communities and is grateful for the donation of \$500 from the town, and with the rising cost would like to request an increase for the coming year.

The festival will be held on July 7 th this year.

The Project Committee met on Jan 22 and is working on a preliminary project that is not being announced at this time.

The CAO asked Councillor Chaisson to bring forward any requested increase to the preliminary budget meetings.

Mayor Poirier moved on to the Finance Report

Finance Report

Deputy Mayor Curtis made a motion to pay the bills in the amount to \$70,612.99. Councillor O'Brien asked about an item in the bills, to repair a hole in the side of the town hall building. The CAO said that the maintenance worker was backing up the sidewalk machine and the brakes failed and the machine went into the building.

Mayor Poirier noted that the trackless is reaching end of its life and that it may be on the budget to be replaced. He apologized for intersecting and said a motion had been made did he have a seconder. Councillor Chaisson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CAO Report

Mayor Poirier asked the CAO to present her report.

January 9th-February 12th

Had meeting with Leah McGrath to work on financial items. Had a zoom meeting with Mark from DiverCity festival and also met with Jeff McRae from our insurance company. Also met with Michelle from MRSB to go over the Rink financials. I had a phone conversation with Darryl Bradley from the Province on housing needs. Attended Project Committee meeting to discuss future housing and recreational needs.

Prepared tender for new fire truck and had it listed on the procurement site. I attended a public meeting for 2 rezoning requests. I also met with EMO committee and Mitchell Myers. The rest of my time was spent doing financial tasks and working on projects.

Mayor Poirier thanked the CAO and moved to the next agenda item.

Planning Board Recommendations

Mayor Poirier stated that the Planning Board has recommended approval of the rezoning for PIDs 514265 and 481986 on Powers Lane from Agriculture to Community Uses.

He went over the Official Plan amendment OPA 2024-1 for the first reading.

Official plan amendment 1st reading:

OPA # 2024-1

First reading date: February 12, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Gordon

Seconded by: **Councillor Boyce**

Whereas an application was received to rezone PID 514265 and 481986 on Powers Lane from Agricultural to Community Uses for future use as a Graveyard;

And whereas this application requires an amendment to the Official Plan Future Land Use Map from Agricultural to Community Uses;

Be it resolved that the Official Plan Amendment #2024-1 to amend the Official Plan Future Land Use Map be hereby read a first time.

The motion carried.

Official plan amendment approval & adoption

OPA # 2024-1

First reading date: February 12th, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Gordon

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Curtis

Whereas an application was received to rezone PID 514265 and 481986 on Powers Lane from Agricultural to Community Uses for future use as a Graveyard;

And whereas this application requires an amendment to the Official Plan Future Land Use Map from Agricultural to Community Uses;

Be it resolved that the Official Plan Amendment #2024-1 to amend the Official Plan Future Land Use Map be hereby approved and adopted.

The motion carried.

Development Bylaw Amendment #2024-1

First Reading Date: February 12, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Gordon

Seconded by: Councillor Chaisson

Whereas an application was received to rezone PID 514265 and 481986 on Powers Lane from Agricultural to Public Service Institutional (PSI) for future use as a Graveyard;

And whereas this rezoning requires an update to the Development Bylaw Zoning Map (Appendix A) from Agricultural to Public Service Institutional;

Be it resolved that the Development Bylaw Amendment 2024-1 be read a first time.

The motion carried

Development Bylaw Amendment #2024-1

First Reading Date : February 12, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Boyce

Seconded by: Councillor Gordon

Whereas an application was received to rezone PID 514265 and 481986 on Powers Lane from Agricultural to Public Service Institutional (PSI) for future use as a Graveyard;

And whereas this rezoning requires an update to the Development Bylaw Zoning Map (Appendix A) from Agricultural to Public Service Institutional;

Be it resolved that the Development Bylaw Amendment 2024-1 be approved.

The motion carried

Official plan amendment 1st reading:

OPA #2024-2

First Reading Date: February 12, 2024

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Curtis

Seconded by: Councillor Gordon

Whereas an application was received to rezone PIDs 572758 and 713750 on Popular Street from Agricultural to Low Density Residential to allow for future housing;

And whereas this application requires an amendment to the Official Plan Future Land Use Map from Agricultural to Low Density Residential;

Be it resolved that the Official Plan Amendment #2024-2 to amend the Official Plan Future Land Use Map be hereby read a first time.

The motion carried

Official plan amendment approval & adoption

OPA # 2024-2

First reading date: February 12, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Chaisson

Seconded by: Councillor Gordon

Whereas an application was received to rezone PID 672758 and 713750 on Popular Street from Agricultural to Low density Residential for future housing use;

And whereas this application requires an amendment to the Official Plan Future Land Use Map from Agricultural to Low Density Residential;

Be it resolved that the Official Plan Amendment #2024-1 to amend the Official Plan Future Land Use Map be hereby approved and adopted.

The motion carried

Development bylaw amendment

Development Bylaw Amendment #2024-2

First Reading Date: February 12, 2024

Moved by: Councillor Gordon

Seconded by: Councillor O'Brien

Whereas an application was received to rezone PID 672758 and 713750 on Popular Street from Agricultural to Single Unit Residential to allow for future housing;

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

Be it resolved that the Bylaw 2024-2 A Bylaw to Amend the Town of Alberton Development Bylaw be read a first time.

The motion carried.

Development Bylaw Amendment #2024-2

First Reading: Date February 12, 2024

Moved by: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Curtis

Whereas an application was received to rezone PID 672758 and 713750 on Popular Street from Agricultural to Single Unit Residential to allow for future housing;

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

Be it resolved that the Bylaw 2024-2 A Bylaw to Amend the Town of Alberton Development Bylaw be approved.

The motion carried.

Mayor Poirier moved to the next item for the Planning Board recommendations.

Request for Development Permit for Kildare Fisheries

The next item was a request for a development permit for Kildare Fisheries to change the 526 Main Street from the former Curling Club to a cold storage facility. Mayor Poirier said that Planning Board recommended approval. Mayor Poirier asked if anyone had any questions. Councillor O'Brien asked what type of storage. The CAO said it would be food level. She said that it isn't being processed at this facility that it would be processed elsewhere and stored here. Mayor Poirier said these questions had been asked by Planning Board members. Deputy Mayor Curtis said it would need to be approved Provincially as well. The CAO said that the town were only providing a Development Permit. Deputy Mayor Curtis asked if there was a requirement for a public meeting. The CAO said no as the zoning was not changing. Deputy Mayor Curtis asked if the curling club had been Institutional. The CAO said no it was commercial. Councillor O'Brien said that the applicants past practices with businesses are very messy establishments. She said that the wharf at Howards Cove you couldn't even drive around it anymore because of his establishment. She said she would be a little leery of approving. She said that Council would still need to approve even if planning board recommendation. Mayor Poirier said yes council has final approval. He said the planning board minutes had those questions asked and answered. Councillor O'Brien asked if planning board

members had driven through or by his establishments and saw the mess. Mayor Poirier said that former Council member Blair Duggan was well acquainted with all this properties and that Mr. Duggan had really drilled the applicant. Councillor O'Brien said it wasn't something she wanted to see in town. Deputy Mayor Curtis said for the record, the planning board minutes showed him moving the approval but he had seconded it and Bill Gillis had moved it. The CAO thanked him and said she would make that correction in the minutes.

Councillor Gordon asked if they were allowed to table it till the next meeting to allow time to think about it. Mayor Poirier said that not really as the applicant had indicated that there was some urgency to have the contractors begin the process. He said that he had told the applicant that it would be on the agenda for this meeting and that there would be a decision tomorrow. Councillor Chaisson said only if the council decided that correct? The CAO answered yes. Councillor O'Brien said she was leery of what was going in there and how he was going to run it. She said she would like a little more information. Councillor Chaisson asked if the council could request the applicant could come and speak to them personally. Mayor Poirier said he had been present to answer questions to the planning board. He said Deputy Mayor Curtis and himself were at the planning board meeting when they voted to recommend to council. The CAO said that the facility needed to meet European standards. Councillor O'Brien said that was inside the building but what about the outside of the building? The CAO said that if there were forklifts inside the building, that they couldn't go outside the building. She said the only issue outside might be the compressors but that would be addressed by building a lean to muffle the sound. She said that the applicant had reassured the Board that there would be no residential in the building, that there would be only be office space. Councillor Chaisson asked where the food would be unloaded to get into the building. The CAO said that a shipping/receiving door would be added to the back of the property. Deputy Mayor Curtis said he owned the parking lot in the back of the building. Councillor O'Brien asked who owned the driveway off Main street? Deputy Mayor Curtis said that he did but he allowed Holland College to use. The CAO said he was keeping the lease with Holland College. Deputy Mayor Curtis said that what had convinced him was that there would be no processing taking place there. He said it would come in frozen and leave frozen. Mayor Poirier said he had been concerned about traffic but that the applicant had said there would be maybe one truck a day. The CAO said the trucks would enter on Central Street. Councillor Chaisson said so it wouldn't obstruct Main Street. Mayor Poirier said no. Councillor O'Brien said

just knowing how his other businesses were conducted she wouldn't be thrilled by it. The CAO said that they have the recording of the planning board meeting and if he tries to do anything they didn't agree with, they could fall back on that.

Councillor O'Brien said that it wouldn't necessarily be that he broke an agreement but more that he could pile up hundreds of vehicles in a small space and that's what he has at Howards Cove. She said the fisherman cannot even get around down there. She said a lot of them are empty transport trailers. Councillor Chaisson said there isn't a town and that here was a little different. Councillor O'Brien said she wasn't sure how much control they would have on what he parked on his business.

Mayor Poirier said that he wanted to assure the council that the planning board had really drilled the applicant and each were answered to the Board's satisfaction. He said that Mr. Duggan had even asked questions on the applicant's other property, the outside of it. He said I have his phone number and he told me to call if any problems come up. Councillor Chaisson said that is why the planning board is there to go through that type of things.

Deputy Mayor Curtis said it seemed that we have to have public meetings for some things but not for this, he didn't understand. The CAO said she wasn't sure what criteria it would fall under as he wasn't changing the zoning. She said if it had been Recreation going to Commercial that would require a public meeting. Mayor Poirier said he isn't really changing anything, that he was only modifying the building. He said there were a number of agencies who were involved in this, Agricultural Agency, there was no processing there so there should not be any smell at all. The CAO directed the Council to the Planning board minutes where all that was covered, she said basically the first 40 minutes of the meeting were taken up with questions, then the applicant left and the other part of the meeting continued.

Councillor O'Brien asked what the blueberry and cranberry operation would entail. The CAO said it would be frozen product as well. Councillor Boyce asked if garbage had been addressed. Mayor Poirier said yes. He gave an example if something did get spilled that there would be specific guidelines on how to clean it up. The CAO said he had to adhere to high standards with the food inspection agency. She said they had to meet European standards or else the buyers wouldn't take the product. Mayor Poirier said that chemical waste wouldn't be used so it would not be an issue. Councillor Chaisson said she had read the information and it looked like everything had been covered. The CAO said that again, he needed to

have Provincial permits and that she would follow up with the province to assure it was done.

Mayor Poirier said if there were no more questions that he would ask for a motion to accept this. Councillor Chaisson said she would make the motion for approval. Mayor Poirier asked for a seconder. Deputy Mayor Curtis said he would second it. He asked if all were in favour. Councillor O'Brien said Nay, Councillor Gordon said Nay and Councillor Boyce said Nay. Mayor Poirier said the motion was defeated. The CAO asked if the council wanted further action or if it was being squashed and that was it. Councillor O'Brien said it wouldn't change her mind to have him talk to her, based on what she had seen on other properties. Councillor Gordon said she was willing to sit down with the applicant, but she wasn't sure she would change her mind either based on the mess at the other properties and that she didn't want that in the town. Councillor O'Brien said she would like to see it outside the town in another area that isn't in the middle of the town. Councillor Gordon agreed it wasn't a good location for that.

Mayor Poirier moved on to the next Planning Board item, a permit for 222 Poplar Street for an accessory building. Mayor Poirier called for a motion to approve. The motion was made by Deputy Mayor Curtis, and was seconded by Councillor Gordon and the motion carried. There was also a permit request to develop 37 Howlan St (vacant) into a cleared lot, and dug well for a mobile home. The motion was made by Councillor O'Brien and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Curtis and the motion carried.

The next item was a Request to rezone PID 1133982 and PID 1136169 in the Emma Drive subdivision, on Weeks Drive from their current designations of Single Unit Residential to Two Unit Residential. This will also require an amendment to the Appendix A Future Land Use Map from Low Density Residential to Medium Density Residential for the purpose of allowing duplexes. Mayor Poirier said planning board recommended a rezone process and selected a date of March 21st, at 6:30 p.m.. He said they were the two properties at the back of the Emma Drive subdivision that they had given preliminary approval for duplexes upon being rezoned. He called for a motion to approve start of a rezoning process. The motion was made by Councillor Chaisson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Curtis. The motion carried.

Introduction of New Business

EMO update

Mayor Poirer asked Councillor O'Brien to give an update on the EMO. She said she had done some work on the current EMO plan to make it easier to follow. She asked the other councillors to go through it and see if they preferred this format. She said she wanted to meet with Mitchell Myers from the EMO office again to discuss sites. The CAO asked her to send it to her electronically and that she would forward to the Council. Mayor Poirer said they would make a call the next day to Mr. Myers and see when he was available for a meeting. He said that they would ask him to review the Heritage Center to see if would work for a warming center. He said that Councillor O'Brien had also mentioned Kildare Lodge as a possible site. Councillor O'Brien said that it may work if long term housing was needed. Mayor Poirer said that what he gathered from the previous meeting with Mr. Myers that he would inspect the sites and give a recommendation. Councillor O'Brien said that she understood that we needed to ask the locations if they were willing to provide the use. The CAO said that Kildare Lodge was outside town limits. Councillor O'Brien said she had thought that it was within the limit. The CAO said no it ended near French Lane. She said they could have a Memorandum of Understanding and it could be used. Mayor Poirer said they could ask the EMO official if it could be used. Councillor O'Brien said it probably wouldn't work if it was outside the limits. Mayor Poirer said it needed to get moving as the funding to outfit the facility ends March 31st. He said it was indicated that new funding might be available in the next fiscal year but it was better to get it now in the event the funding ended.

Councillor O'Brien said the other thing she wanted to do was do a package up for each job action so its clear for the responsibilities. She said she wasn't clear on when the councillor would get the job package, if it was when they came to the command center. The CAO said that her role was to activate the Command Centre and it would depend on the severity of the emergency, as to what would be needed with the positions.

Fire Truck Tender

Mayor Poirer asked the CAO to go over the tender for the new fire truck. She said there was only bid that had been received. She said it was Bayview Kentworth and that it had come in the amount of \$204,800 + HST 30,720 = \$235,520.00 for the chassis only. She said that if the bid was accepted that the order would go in and that

they would hope to have it in July. She said there wasn't much sense looking into financing at this time as the rates would change. She said that they need to put 25% down and that it was not an issue to do that. She said that the fire club was putting up \$50,000 so they would be financing around \$150,000. Mayor Poirier asked for a motion to accept the tender. The motion was made by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Curtis. The motion was carried.

Street names for the Manor Street

Mayor Poirier asked Council which of the submitted names they liked best. The choices were:

- Memory Lane (2)
- Maplewood Lane (2)
- Sunset Line
- Dreamland Street
- Tranquility Lane
- Manor Drive
- Caring Lane
- Elder Lane

Councillor O'Brien said she like Maplewood Lane. Councillor Gordon said she like Memory Lane, as did Councillor Chaisson. Deputy Mayor Curtis liked Maplewood Lane. He asked Councillor Boyce which he liked Maplewood Lane. Mayor Poirier said that Maplewood Lane would be the name and thanked the Council.

Development Bylaw and Official Plan Review

Mayor Poirier said that the Development bylaw and Official Plan were adopted by the Council in 2018. The Municipal Government Act requires these to be reviewed within 5 years. He said that the process needed to get started with a tender. The CAO said it would be more expensive than the previous and that O'Leary's has been about \$50,000. Councillor O'Brien asked who would do it. The CAO said that it would need to go to tender and that there were different planners who did it. She said the town's contracted planner had said he would be happy to assist whom ever was chosen but he didn't have time to do it all himself. The CAO said it needed to go in the budget as well. The CAO said she would start a tender process.

Councillor O'Brien asked if they could go back to the previous topic for a second. She asked if we were doing anything for the people who had submitted the names. Councillor Gordon thought maybe a gift card and take their picture with the sign

before it went up. The CAO said it was Colleen Rayner for one and SG for the second.

Mayor Poirier said the next on the agenda was the attendance resolution. The CAO interjected that she needed a resolution to start the tender process in the event there was funding, they would need it. The motion was made by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Boyce. The motion carried.

Attendance Resolution

- The Alberton Town Council agree to accept attendance absence from council meetings if a Councillor cannot attend due to work commitments. This agreement will be in place for 6 months after the adoption of the resolution. At that time it will be reviewed.

Councillor O'Brien asked if they could still miss 3 council meetings without penalty. Mayor Poirier said that it would be 3 in a row and that then you could be disqualified. Mayor Poirier asked for a motion to accept. The motion was made by Councillor Gordon and was seconded by Councillor Chaisson and the motion was carried.

Summerside Council requested Alberton Council show support for their efforts to reopen the ICU at the Prince County Hospital

The Mayor gave a brief update on what this was about and how it came about. He explained he had spoken to the Mayor of Summerside and that they would appreciate the support. Mayor Poirier said he had a community navigator meeting and had learned that a travelling nurse who had arrived on the Island early Wednesday morning and had been put up in a hotel. He said the navigator had gone to pick the person up. He said the Administrator's concern was housing, where these nurses would be staying. She would be looking at the Bread and breakfast to see if that was an option, in the meantime they would be at Briarwood cottages. There was questions of how they would get to work as they didn't have a vehicle. He said Transportation West had stepped up to help. He said he was going to volunteer to assist as well. Councillor O'Brien said that he would need to check his insurance. Councillor Chassion said that he could have extra coverage. Councillor O'Brien thought that Terry Adams could be used as her department used him to courier samples from here to the lab in Summerside. Mayor Poirier said that these

workers weren't coming alone that they are coming as families. Deputy Mayor Curtis said in the past the councils of O'Leary, Tignish and Alberton had paid the expenses to house locums at a house on Albion St. He said it worked for a while until the owner decided to sell the property. Councillor Gordon asked if any houses were vacant. The CAO said the plan was to house them on Elizabeth Dr in the RCMP property. The Mayor said he would check with Minister Hudson at their next meeting.

Inquiries by members of council -

Councillor O'Brien said that she had gotten an inquiry of a loose dog. She said the RCMP wouldn't go. She thought that was odd. The CAO said that there wasn't really an active dog bylaw. She said the Bylaw Enforcement Officer had investigated complaints on Emma Drive but if the animals weren't loose at the time it would be hard to enforce.

Introduction and reading of bylaws – nil

Appointments to Committees - nil

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Chaisson. The motion carried.