



Minutes From Regular Council Meeting

Held Monday, December 9, 2024

The regular meeting of council was held Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7:30 PM with Mayor Brian Poirier presiding. In attendance were Councillor Mary Jean O'Brien, Councillor Holly Gordon, Councillor Maureen Chaisson, Councillor Krista Murphy, Councillor Cameron Boyce, Deputy Mayor Alan Curtis and CAO Donna Thomson. Also in attendance was Jillian Trainor from the West Prince Graphic

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Mayor Poirier called the meeting to order. A conflict of interest was declared with Councillor O'Brien, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Gordon regarding health-related topics.

Approval of Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Murphy. The motion carried.

Adoption of the minutes

The motion to adopt the minutes from the November council meeting was made by Deputy Mayor Curtis and seconded by Councillor Murphy. The motion carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes

The CAO presented council with the information that was requested from the province as to what defines affordable housing.

Public Presentations/Petitions/Delegation

Nil

Reading of Correspondence

Nil

Committee Reports

Property and Public Safety -Councillor Boyce

Councillor Boyce reported that no overnight parking notices were shared via social media and that violators will be towed.

Library Report – Councillor Boyce

Councillor Boyce read the Library Report

Alberton Public Library

Monthly Report

Reporting to: Town Council

Period: Month of November 2024

Operations: With all that rain and wind, we had a leak! It appears to be coming from the flashing near the chimney. Daryl is aware of situation and is waiting for a dry day! I want to take this time to thank both Donnie and Daryl for keeping the grounds neat and tidy, and garbage always picked up and toilets unclogged and occasional mousetrap set throughout the year.

Visitors, Patrons and Staff all appreciate the effort and pride in this historical building.

Programs: November was fairly busy with a good crowd for Christmas ukulele lessons. Storytime has also seen an increase.

Planning: December is typically a slower month but there is a book swap to get those stocking stuffers and storm-read materials and children craft times to make that gift, ornament or special card off to someone special. A ringing in the New Year at 3 pm on December 31 st with bubble wrap popping, confetti shooting (don't worry very easy to clean up) and games.

Thank you all for your support and promotion of the Alberton Public Library,

Merry Christmas

Kelly Gillis
Branch Technician

Recreation Report – Councillor Boyce

Councillor Boyce read the Recreation Report

THE TOWN OF ALBERTON

RECREATION / EVENTS COORDINATOR

UPDATE

During the month of November The Recreation Department facilitated the Alberton Seniors group with access to the Rink Foyer/Cafeteria area for their Wednesday gatherings while work was being done at the Arts & Heritage Centre. We were also present on Thursdays to assist the Go West PEI “Try Skating” program.

I attended two training/discussion sessions:

1. Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Workshop

In this workshop, we explored key principles of Asset-Based Community Development, focusing on how communities can identify and leverage their own strengths to create lasting, positive change. We

also focused on practical tools for applying ABCD strategies in real-world settings and had plenty of opportunities for discussion and collaboration.

2. Rec Programmers Roundtable where the following agenda items (amongst others) were discussed:

-Winter Programming ideas

-Engaging 12-20 year olds

-Quick update from Recreation PEI re the Anti-Racism Charter in Recreation

Most rec programmers had some concern about uncertain and unusual winter weather for planning regular winter activities/festivals etc.

An idea for shorter, indoor and more electronically interactive activities was suggested to try to revive participation amongst the 12-20 year age group. No one was quite sure what that would entail exactly, but all thought it was worth considering. There was a call for more organizations to give support to the Anti-Racism Charter in Recreation.

We began preparations for some of our Christmas holiday activities namely a Christmas Trivia fun activity and Best House decoration contest. Ongoing work includes getting information on and applying for relevant grants etc. and working with other community groups or organisations.

Highlights:

- Information/discussion sessions
- Christmas holiday activities preparations.

DECEMBER 2024

Activities

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02	03 WALKING CLUB 4:15 P.M. - 5:15 P.M. @ ELEM. SCHOOL	04 ALBERTON SENIORS GROUP MEET 1 P.M. - 3 P.M. @ ARTS & HER. CNTR	05 WALKING CLUB 4:15 P.M. - 5:15 P.M. @ ELEM. SCHOOL	06	07 CHRISTMAS TRIVIA PRIZE HAND OUT 9:00 A.M. - 12 NOON @ TOWN HALL
08	09	10	11 ALBERTON SENIORS GROUP MEET 1 P.M. - 3 P.M. @ ARTS & HER. CNTR	12	13	14 ALBERTON LIONS CLUB MEET SANTA 2 P.M. - 4 P.M. @ TOWN HALL
15 ALBERTON FIRE DEPT SANTA DRIVE THROUGH TOWN	16	17	18 ALBERTON SENIORS GROUP MEET 1 P.M. - 3 P.M. @ ARTS & HER. CNTR	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29	30	31	01	02	03	04

Councillor Gordon wanted to know what date had been determined for the Christmas House Decorating Contest . Ms. Thomson said that the date had not been determined yet. It depended on the weather.

Fire Report- Deputy Mayor Curtis

Deputy Mayor Curtis read the fire report



NOV-2024 fire report

Emergency Responses:

Medical first responder-4

Electrical fire-2

Structure fire-1

Alarm-5

Vehicle in water-1

Total Emergency calls-13

The Dept held 2 Fire training sessions training's in Nov. 1- Pump operations and 1-Medical training.

Respectfully submitted Fire Chief: Darrell Graham.

Deputy Mayor Curtis made the motion to approve the Fire Report. The motion was seconded by Councillor Boyce. The motion carried.

Corporal Jonathan Gillis from the RCMP arrived at the meeting.

Community and Business – Councillor Chaisson

Councillor Chaisson reported that a new business opened on Main Street, Bubbly Me! And that there was a business license request from Lisa Dallin to operate a beauty/facial business at her home located at 301 Church Street. She also plans to offer Pilates classes in the future.

The motion to approve the application was made by Councillor Chaisson and seconded by Councillor Gordon. The motion carried.

Corporal Jonathan Gillis talked about how the RCMP just started rolling out the body worn cameras. He said that within the next couple of weeks, every member that is on the road will be wearing them. He explained that when they are not recording, they flash green and that they flash red when they are recording. Councillor O'Brien wanted to know if the video was downloaded immediately. He said that they are downloaded to the cloud and a couple of different ways. He said that they turn the camera on for any police interaction.

Police Report

Corporal Gills read the police report.



**TOWN OF ALBERTON
MAYOR'S
POLICING REPORT
NOVEMBER, 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

Prince District RCMP Members have reported 217 hours providing policing services to the Town of Alberton, during the month of November, 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 visits.

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

A total of 27 calls for service were received during this past month and are broken down as follows:

Mischief	7
Traffic complaint	3
Fraud	2
Motor vehicle collision	2
Assault	1

Assault causing bodily harm	1
Criminal harassment	1
Harassing communication	1
Disturbing the peace	1
Fail to comply with Undertaking	1
Break & enter	1
Assist Provincial Agency	1
Well-being check	1
Suspicious vehicle	1
Drug trafficking	1
Fire Prevention Act	1
False alarm	1

Provincial statutes for the month of November:

Speeding violation	3
Non-moving traffic violation	1
Written warning	1

Retired RCMP officer, Rodney Arsenault, was honoured to participate in the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Alberton again this year.

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



Sgt. Chris Fleming,
 District Commander/Acting
 Prince District RCMP
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Mayor Poirier asked if they had planned any Ride programs for the Alberton area as he had heard that there were plans for this program in Summerside and Charlottetown. He said he wasn't sure and that Lisa Jones for traffic services was arranging things for the Island.

Special Events and Project Management – Councillor Gordon

Councillor Gordon said that there wasn't much going on right now but that it would be a busy year coming up and she was looking forward to it.

EMO – Councillor O'Brien

Councillor O'Brien had nothing to report

Seniors – Councillor Murphy

Councillor Murphy had nothing to report.

Housing- Councillor Murphy

Councillor Murphy said that the motel hasn't reopened as the building is under a dangerous premises order.

Finance- Deputy Mayor Curtis

Deputy Mayor Curtis made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$145,034.91. The motion was seconded by Councillor Chaisson. The motion carried.

CAO Report – CAO Donna Thomson

Ms. Thomson read the CAO Report

CAO REPORT

November 13th- December 9th

As the year wraps up, I have been busy with final reports for projects and working on current ones. Had several emails and zoom meetings on the HAF. Attended a meeting at FPEIM offices in regard to the ongoing

negotiations for the equalization payments from the province. The Canada Post strike has proven challenging, especially for out-of-town vendors and paying invoices.

Overseeing the EMO updates at the Heritage Centre. Working with the Rink on improvements to the dressing rooms and a new outdoor digital sign. Working with Stantec on the lagoon project and with WSP on the proposal for the land next to home hardware.

Working on getting more information from Rogers on the proposed tower location and determining the best way for residential input.

Will be starting budget considerations, as well as gathering input on the new community center. We recently had a panic button installed in Diane's office, mine already has one. I will provide a yearly wrap up at the January council meeting.

Planning Board Recommendations.

Ms. Thomson said that there were two vacancies on the planning board due to the death of Bill Gillis and the fact that Blair Duggan was moving to Summerside. The two vacancies were for residents. Ms. Thomson said that the town reached out to the community to look for recommendations. The two names that were put forward for councils approval were Donnie Bernard and Hector McLeod.

The resolution to accept Donnie Bernard and Hector McLeod as the new members of the Planning Board was made by Councillor Chaisson and seconded by Councillor Murphy. The resolution carried.

Introduction of New Business

- **New Members Fire Department**

Deputy Mayor Curtis announced the names of the two new members of the Alberton Fire Department, Michelle Jeffrey and Brett Doucette.

Deputy Mayor Curtis made the motion to accept the new members of the fire department. Councillor Boyce seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Thomson said planning board honorariums for residents needed to be approved. She said that the cheque for Bill Gillis's honorarium had already been sent to his wife Cathy but they needed approval for the other honorariums.

The resolution to give a \$500.00 honorarium to the resident members of the Planning Board was made by Councillor Gordon and seconded by Deputy Mayor Curtis. The resolution carried.

RFP For Albion Street

No Requests For Proposal were received.

Rink Project

Ms. Thomson said that they needed a resolution to allow the rink to apply for funding and to do the work.

The resolution was made Councillor Gordon and seconded by Councillor Krista. The resolution carried.

Resolution For Housing Accelerator Fund

Ms. Thomson said that the Town was successful in getting funding from the Housing Accelerator Fund but that they can't talk about the amount of funding but in order for them to start the process the Town needed to pass a resolution to authorize the Town of Alberton to sign an agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Resolution: We are authorizing the Town of Alberton to sign an agreement with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

The resolution was made by Councillor Chaisson and seconded by Councillor Murphy. The resolution carried.

The meeting schedule was announced for 2025



TOWN OF ALBERTON

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2025

7:30 pm

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JANUARY 13TH (MONDAY)

FEBRUARY 10TH (MONDAY)

MARCH 10TH (MONDAY)

APRIL 14TH (MONDAY)

MAY 12TH (MONDAY)

JUNE 9TH (MONDAY)

JULY 14TH (MONDAY)

AUGUST 11TH (MONDAY)

SEPTEMBER 8TH (MONDAY)

OCTOBER 14TH (TUESDAY)

NOVEMBER 10TH (MONDAY)

DECEMBER 8TH (MONDAY)

The next item on the agenda was the Christmas bonuses for staff.

The motion was made by Councillor Chaisson and seconded by Councillor Gordon to approve the staff Christmas bonuses. The motion carried.

Inquiries By Members of Council

Ms. Thomson brought up the Rogers tower that they want to put up on Argyle Street. The lady that she has been in touch with is in Calgary. Ms. Thomson has tried to explain to her that the proposed location is in a residential area and is right across the street from an apartment and that it is at the start of our trail, so there is no road or driveway to this place as of now . The Roger's people seem to think that it will work so Ms. Thomson recommended that at the very least, there should be a public meeting to allow residents to have input since it is very close to their housing. The lady sent a bunch of information, basically what type of tower it is and a document that states what they had done in another area.

Councillor O'Brien asked what the proposed location was. Ms. Thomson explained that it is a vacant lot on Argyle Street behind the barricade that leads to the trails and that the property is owned by George MacNeill. Councillor O'Brien wanted to know if there was anything negative about the towers. Mayor Poirier said that surveys have been done throughout the country where residents have complained about the waves coming from the towers. The Roger's representative did say that there would be no sound from it like a generator running. Councillor O'Brien wanted to know if it would give better Cell Service. Ms. Thomson said that she didn't know. Councillor Gordon wanted to know if there would be a fence around it and Mayor Poirier said that there would be a fence. Ms. Thomson said that our lawyers have advised that since it is Federally regulated, that the Town may not have too much say in it.

Introduction and Reading of Bylaws

Nil

Appointment To Committees

Ms. Thomson said that she and the Recreation Director and Councillor Gordon were forming a committee for the purchase of new playground equipment and noted that if anyone else wanted to be on the committee to let her know.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councillor O'Brien and seconded by Councillor Murphy. The motion carried.