

**Town of Irishtown-Summerside  
Minutes of Meeting  
Wednesday, June 1, 2022**

**In Attendance:**

Mayor Wheeler, DM Parsons, Councilors Hackett, McAuley, Morgan, and Taylor.  
Councillor Penney by Remote. Minutes recorded by clerk - A. Bennett. Meeting called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Mayor Wheeler.

In the gallery, Alice Gaudette, Hilda Bellows and Byron Bellow.

2. **Motion 2022 – 080 McAuley / Morgan**  
Moved to adopt the agenda as circulated. All in favor. Carried.
3. **Motion 2022 – 081 DM Parsons / Penney**  
Errors/Omissions – no  
Moved to adopt the Minutes of May 18, 2022. All in favor, carried.
4. **Business arising from the Minutes:**
  - Opening of Standing Orders
  - Tex's Transport & Rico Construction (float, flag person & laborer extra)
  - New lights have been installed in Fire Department
  
  - Hoist system installation complete
  - Parts are on route.                      will call when he is available to go in to give demonstration. Safety issue with the floor has been addressed, eye wash station complete. Rail is not compliant, suggested to remove rail and install steel grate in floor. Once system is up and running council will revisit.
  
  - Venting – quote for Fire Department and Garage in process
  
  - Senior's meeting – delayed until next week, appears both groups in agreement
  
  - Complaints – untidy property
  - Letter was sent to resident, has added more items since. Will discuss with lawyer on Monday and start process.
  - Letters to be sent to other residents regarding same
5. **Delegation – 7:18 pm – Recreation Commission – Hilda Bellows and Alice Gaudette**
  - New group has met 3 times and are open to new members
  - Looking for further direction, they feel there is no sure mandate

- Have terms of reference complete
- Willing to help council out between now and September, they will officially start in September, do not want to get involved in a lot until then
- Will require help with Come Home Year Celebration, have looked at suggested list that was forwarded by Council and have picked a couple.
- Do not have a bank account, have no funds and no direction
- Inventory has been complete in the Town Hall storage room
- Advised that all members are engaged and would like to know what the plan is
- Mayor & Council advise:
  - o Budget of \$20,000.00
  - o Bank Account is being opened under Council with CIBC
  - o Approximately \$2,000 - \$3,000.00 in cash belonging to Recreation
  - o Discussion regarding playground near Pynn's Pond Road Recreation Facility. Could look into support from outside, maybe jumpstart.
  - o Walking trails – has trails all mapped out and is willing to present to Council.
  - o Recreation could help out with sourcing playground equipment, etc.
  - o Fencing around new playground will have to take place after ground work is complete
  - o Recreation decided to leave the basketball courts to council.
  - o Suggested to name or dedicate the new playground
  - o Recreation will work on walking trails and items for playground. Will bring list of items to Council for approval.
  - o Need to have open communication, financial correspondence will go through office
  - o Canada Day – recreation could plan events, family day
  - o Incorporation Date – November 23, 1991, was in Gazette
  - o Recreation to plan events for youth for CHY Celebration Saturday and Sunday
  - o Check with members to see who is available

7:54 pm – Mayor took an important telephone call, Mayor and Councillor Morgan stepped out.

8:03 pm - Mayor and Councillor Morgan returned

8:04 pm - Recreation Meeting adjourned

**Delegation – 8:05 pm – Max Simms – CHY (Come Home Year Celebration)**

- Introductions around the room. Max is a part of the Norris Point and Woody Point annual celebrations
- Max advised that he is working on securing funding for the event within government platforms, and trying to obtain sponsors
- All community groups should be involved (Fire Dept., 4-H, etc.)
- Church may be able to host supper, Lion's breakfast
- Advise of any businesses that we have an established relationship with
- Local businesses, local talent
- Too late to apply for government funding
- Establish an annual event, next year move to bigger location
- Competitions go over well, especially food
- Provide transportation would be an asset
- Staging, potties and equipment is being arranged
- Suggest 5:00 pm Friday, September 2, 2022, opening ceremony, finger foods
- Beer tent with hired bartenders, HIS could work security and stock bar
- Announce event at Canada Day Celebration

8:25 pm meeting adjourned, delegate left

8:27 pm Alice Gaudette left

**Delegate left 7:46 pm**

**6. Committees:**

**a) Public Works**

Standing Orders – already opened

Paving Quotes (paving only, leveling, ditching etc., is our responsibility)

Bishop's Paving \$174, 929.95

J & J Paving \$224,204.00

Marine \$253,000.00

Road quotes not received yet, engineers looking for our paper work, have not located yet. Engineer has over 90 Municipal Clients, SNC and Stantec is more expensive. Suggested to leave all roads for next year, pave parking lots, parking lots all residents use parking lots.

Town Hall basement door – may be best in install door well and replace drain culvert

**Motion 2022 – 082 Hackett / Morgan**

Moved to complete work in the Town Hall parking lot and Pynn’s Pond Road Recreation Facility parking lot. Have a fire hydrant installed near fire department so the department can avail of training, Fire Department building and Town Hall needs some weeping tile. Have a well installed for the back door of Town Hall and replace drain culvert. Clean up both parking lots and get prep work done for paving. All in favor, carried.

Mayor will get time line for work availability from companies

**Sewer Project**

Complaint received regarding state property was left in by contractor, would also like to have the work completed as soon as possible. Mayor spoke with West Coast Excavating and was advised work to continue within 2 weeks. Any remediation to the property is the responsibility of the contractor, site will be monitored by the engineer. Company has 12 months after work has been completed to address deficiencies and then restoration takes place. Residents request support from Council, sewer line was dug up and was left for 2 months last year. Residents were advised to correspond with the office.

8:55 pm Byron Bellows and Hilda bellows left

**b) HIS**

Would like to put out to community that any old wreck or vehicle they want to have removed may possibly benefit the fire department in training.

9 members recently graduated Emergency Medical Responder Course

Department would like more Queen’s Jubilee Pins – Mayor will take care of this

**c) Recreation / Halls**

Garbage boxes – have arrived, maintenance will put together, schedule is busy  
Seniors – update next meeting

**d) Building Inspections**

**Main Street** – went back to double check measurements, all good

- easement goes through middle of property. Have suggested new placement, all measurements met requirements but house will not be in line with other houses. Houses in the area are not in line and it is old land.

**e) Beautification**

f) **GHJC** – meeting cancelled

g) **H/R** – interviews have taken place for 3 high school student positions, 1 office worker and 2 outside workers. Some discussion regarding applicants.

Councillor Penney did not participate in conversation due to conflict.

In favor: Mayor Wheeler, DM Parsons, Councilors McAuley, Morgan and Penney

**h) Public Relations**

Complaint received from .street – requesting compensation for damages. Council discussed and request was denied. Council had ditch dug to remedy water issue, Council will have the ditch filled back in.

Clerk and Maintenance had meeting this morning re updates and schedule

**i) Correspondence**

1. Ltr. from MAA – 2023 Assessment Roll valuation

Average residential value increases 4.99% - no action required

2. Email from MNL Cal LeGrow Insurance

Serving alcohol at summer festivals – no action required, keep checklist on hand

3. Circular – Federal Budget ICIP

Email response from Dan Hynes - no action required, confirmed that this does not affect Town

4. Crown Lands Application

If property changes to residential, resident will not be allowed to operate  
, many people use Can not be changed,  
there is a commercial building on the property.

**Motion 2022 – 083 McAuley/ Taylor**

Moved to suggest that the application be rejected. Respond to Crown Lands with reject. All in favor, carried

5. Ltr. from MAA – 2023 Assessment Roll valuation

Average residential value increases 4.99%

**7. Financial Update**

Council reviewed Financial Update as provided with Agenda. Mayor Wheeler read aloud.

**Motion 2022 – 084 McAuley / Taylor**

Motion to accept financials as presented, with addition of late bill, and to pay outstanding bills. All in favor, carried.

Clerk to see if we can use Gas Tax towards paving of parking lots.

**8. Unfinished Business**

**a) Come Home Year**

Already discussed

**b) Subdivision and related items**

Discussion regarding design standards and upgrading roads for future development. Resident speeding in Shamrock Crescent area.

**c) Western Lock Quote – 2 Commercial Electric Doors**

**Motion 2022 – 085 DM Parsons / Morgan**

Motion to accept quote from Western Lock and have both garage doors electric. Have Western Lock complete the job. All in favor, carried

**d) Poll Tax**

Have to be a resident for 6 months before Town can charge Poll Tax.  
Much discussion

**e) Stage at Town Hall**

Discussion regarding removal of stage in Town Hall. Stage was built in and attached to studs, wall & floor will need repair.

**Motion 2022 – 088 Morgan / Hackett**

Motion to have \_\_\_\_\_ remove the old stage and complete repair. Fix the wall and the floor.

**9. Late Items**

**Hall Floor – strip and wax**

Councillor Taylor will work on this as a project with the students.

**10. Deferred Items**

- a) Emergency Plan (revisions received from Chief Parsons) & Emergency Committee – Emergency Fund
- b) Mutual Aid Agreement
- c) JCP – Job Creation Project Deadline to Apply August 19, 2022
- d) Town Hall – Weeping tile
- e) Colson’s Road (wait for response from resident or Enforcement Order)
- f) Change Town Name
- g) Main Street – awaiting response from resident (Survey Pegs – West Coast)
- h) Electronic Reader Board
- i) Debit Card Machine – **defer to 2023**

**Date and time of next meeting:** 7:00 pm, Wednesday, June 29, 2022

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Motion 2022 – 089 McAuley / DM Parsons**

Moved to adjourn meeting at 10:11 p.m. All in favor. Carried.

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**Barry Wheeler - Mayor**  
**Date Adopted: June 15, 2022**

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**Amanda Bennett - Clerk**