

February 10, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, February 10, 2014. Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Barbour and Lefrancois in attendance; Councillor Rossiter was absent due to work commitments. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Fire Chief Peter Murphy, Deputy Fire Chief Darrell Weir, members of the local Girl Guides group, and several Village residents. Also in attendance were members of the local Community Revitalization Committee who requested to make a presentation to Council at tonight's meeting.

Meeting Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Presentation: Community Revitalization Committee

Jim Campbell made a presentation to Village Council regarding the achievements and goals of the newly formed Community Revitalization Committee. The group has recently been incorporated with the official name of 'Chipoudy Revitalization Committee'; there are presently 12 members with an executive including Jim Campbell as President, Barbara Gebuhr as Secretary, and Sandra Nelson as Treasurer. They have played a large part in organizing recent events including the Shepody River Days, Fire Department Tailgate Party, Kids Fun Day, and Christmas Front Door Contest. More activities are planned including volunteer painting of the interior of the Riverside-Albert Firehall and a beautification contest this summer. The committee looks forward to working with Council to develop plans to enhance economic development and promotion of our area.

Adoption of Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Lefrancois, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2014 Council meeting as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Business Arising From Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence

- a. Dated January 16, 2014 from MP Claude Gravel re Dementia Strategy.
- b. Dated January 21, 2014 from Caledonia Activity Place with thanks.
- c. Dated January 23, 2014 from Community Revitalization Committee with request for Council to donate the use of the Recreation Centre for the paramedics dinner on January 24, 2014; it was consensus of Council that the request be accepted.
- d. Dated January 24, 2014 from Shirley Barbour with request to hook into existing culvert and ditching in front of her property on Forestdale Road.
- e. Dated February 4, 2014 from Herman Dixon with request for solutions to water runoff on his property on King Street.

Public Works Report – Heather Cail

Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail was absent from tonight's meeting. The following report was presented by the Village Clerk.

Water & Wastewater

The boil water advisory issued due to heavy rain by the Department of Health on January 12, 2014 was rescinded on January 30, 2014. There has been significantly less water loss since the water leak repair on Forestdale Road last month. The media replenishment at the water treatment plant is now complete, but work is continuing to resolve chlorine pump issues. There are no new issues to report on the wastewater side.

Streets

A meeting was held at the Village Office on February 7, 2014 with Chris McCrea, the Acting Highway Supervisor at the Riverside-Albert Government Garage depot. A number of concerns were discussed, including insufficient snow removal and safety; the Department of Transportation crew are very interested in limbing along Village streets, as the low hanging branches cause damage to their equipment; Mr. McCrea stated that a quotation could be available upon request. Also, they plan to begin work on the large washout on King Street across from the Forest Dale Nursing Home tomorrow on February 11, 2014.

Solid Waste Collection

A plant tour took place at the Solid Waste facility last week; plant representatives reported significant improvements to the wet/dry program. Prior to introduction of the program last October, twenty-three (23) percent of material was diverted from the landfill compared to fifty (50) percent diversion at present. It was mentioned that the most significant difference is the removal of glass from the green bags.

Recreation

Two recently purchased coffee pots are missing from the Recreation Centre, and it is hoped they will be returned. There are no other issues to report at the Rec Centre at this time.

It was moved by Councillor Lefrancois, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the Public Works report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Peter Murphy gave a brief report on the Fire Department over the past month. Wednesday nights are still Fire Department nights, and there are presently four new volunteers. A new Level 1 course is beginning February 18, 2014 in conjunction with the Village of Alma. An updated electrical panel will be installed at the Firehall to enable rewiring for the new generator. A leaking pipe in the Firehall bathroom area is creating problems and needs to be repaired as soon as possible. The Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief met with Village Council on January 31, 2014 to discuss alternate water sources for the Fire Department, and Councillor Rossiter has agreed to be liaison with the Fire Department. In closing, Fire Chief Murphy requested that the Fire Department be informed of any road closures from the Village Office. It was moved by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept the Fire Department report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Committee Reports

Planning & Co-ordination

Mayor Elliott is working with EXP engineers and MLA Wayne Steeves to discuss plans to increase infrastructure for water storage.

RCMP

The RCMP were absent from tonight's meeting. Judy Cyr is replacing former member Richard Babineau as the new Community Program Officer for the Riverview Detachment Southeast District of the RCMP.

Recreation Centre

Following discussion, it was consensus of Council that the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre be provided at no charge to hold a 99th birthday party on February 23, 2014; a certificate of Congratulations will be sent from Village Council.

Animal Control

The 2014 dog tags are now available at the Village Office.

Treasurer's Report

The Clerk is currently preparing the 2013 audit for presentation to our auditor Donna Floyd in Sussex.

Acceptance of Monthly Bills

Following brief discussion, it was consensus of Council that \$75.00 be donated to the Fundy Blades Figure Skating Club. It was moved by Councillor Lefrancois, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the bills for January 2014. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Old Business

Unightly Premises

There is no news concerning unightly premises.

Signage in the Village

There is no news concerning signage in the Village.

Dismantling of CBC Telecommunications Tower

There is no news about dismantling of the CBC tower.

Economic Business Planning & Development Committee

There is no news about economic business planning & development.

Recreation Centre Sign

There is no update on the Recreation Centre sign.

Request from Wesley United Church – Water & Sewer Connection

The request from the Wesley United Church was tabled at last month's meeting; a church trustee called the Village Office to report the property will be advertised for sale in the near future.

New Business

Request from Local Group – Sports night at Recreation Centre

A group of young people have requested to use the Recreation Centre gym one night a week for sports ie. volleyball, badminton, etc. They understand that floor hockey is forbidden. It was consensus that the request be taken to committee.

Casual Employment – Public Works

The Village Clerk requested if a resolution of Council could be made regarding the hiring of casual employment within the Public Works Department. It was consensus that the request be taken to committee.

2014 SEED Program

The 2014 SEED Program application will be completed by the deadline of March 1, 2014, and will include request for funding for two summer students as has been done in past years.

Request from Riverside-Albert Baptist Church

Following discussion concerning the Riverside-Albert Baptist Church which was destroyed by fire on December 31, 2013, it was moved by Councillor Lefrancois, seconded by Councillor Barbour, that water & sewer rates for the Riverside-Albert Baptist Church be waived until further notice.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tele-Drive Program – Request for Support

Following brief discussion, it was consensus of Council that the Clerk prepare an expense report on anticipated 2014 donations and email to Council prior to next month's meeting, at which time a decision can be made concerning the request for support from the Tele-Drive Program.

March Council Meeting

The March Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 10, 2014 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk