

**March 10, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, March 10, 2014. Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Barbour, Lefrancois, and Rossiter in attendance. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Fire Chief Peter Murphy, Deputy Fire Chief Darrell Weir, and several Village residents. Also in attendance was Gayle Steeves who requested to speak to Council concerning support for this year's kayak race being organized by the Shepody River Day Committee.

**Meeting Agenda**

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept agenda with addition of correspondence from Shepody Fish & Game Association. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Presentation: Shepody River Day Committee**

Following a brief presentation about the success of last year's kayak race and plans for this year, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to donate \$200.00 to the 2014 Shepody River Days. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Adoption of Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2014 Council meeting as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Business Arising From Minutes**

There was brief discussion about the current status of plans to seek funding to construct water storage infrastructure, and a request to consider our project was recently sent to Andre Chenard with the Community Funding Branch in Fredericton. The 2014 dog tags are presently being sold and dogs registered from the Village Office. The Clerk is waiting for a date from auditor Donna Floyd to deliver the materials to Sussex for the 2013 audit. The 2014 SEED application was sent in for students to be hired as beautification labourers and approval is anticipated by the end of March.

**Correspondence**

- a. Dated February 3, 2014 from the Albert County Exhibition relay for life team with request to use the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre for their fundraiser with proceeds to be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society. It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, that the rental fee be waived for the ACE relay for life team to use the Recreation Centre for their fundraiser dinner later this month. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- b. Dated February 10, 2014 from Deputy Minister Robert Rioux concerning the New Marshland Infrastructure Act.
- c. Dated February 12, 2014 from Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee with thanks for Council's time during the February meeting, and also for donating the Recreation Centre for the paramedics dinner as well as the birthday dinner for one of the Village's eldest residents.
- d. Dated February 12, 2014 from Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee with request about the Recreation Centre kitchen and list of properties owned by the Village.
- e. Dated March 6, 2014 from the Shepody Fish & Game Association requesting access to the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre Wi-Fi. It was discussed that Councillor Lefrancois contact the Public Works Superintendent concerning this request.

**Public Works Report – Heather Cail**

Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail was absent from meeting.

**Fire Department Report**

Fire Chief Peter Murphy reported that five volunteers are involved in writing Level 1 examinations tomorrow night; Level 1 training will continue until June. There were a couple of mutual aid calls for a chimney fire on Caledonia Mountain Road and one major structural fire. There are two washrooms at the firehall and only one is functional; the leaking pipe in that washroom needs repair immediately. The Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee volunteers plan to paint the firehall next week. The new electrical panel was installed at the firehall for the new generator. The annual pancake breakfast fundraiser is planned for April 12, 2014, and the music jamboree for May 3, 2014. The 50/50 draw has proven to be a successful fundraiser. Chief Murphy spoke to Doug Hamer about utilizing

the tanks behind the Recreation Centre as a firefighting water source. The

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Clerk was asked to inquire about agreements from property owners to access ponds during firefighting, and also about liability concerns related to chimney cleaning. It was moved by Councillor Lefrancois, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the Fire Department report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### Streets

Right after last month's meeting, the Department of Transportation completed necessary slope repairs on King Street close to Wire Brook.

#### Planning & Co-ordination

Mayor Elliott gave brief updates on improved success with garbage separation and plans for methane power generation at the solid waste facility in Moncton. A portion of building permit fees have been returned back to the municipality for some time now and, if Mayor Elliott is unable to attend the Regional Service Commission meetings, the Deputy Mayor can go in his place. A copy of the NB Energy Blueprint was presented; comments and feedback are welcome.

#### Water & Sewer

Mayor Elliott spoke with EXP engineers and MLA Wayne Steeves about our water system; he distributed the Water System Assessment completed by ADI Ltd. in 2005. There was further discussion about the Village of Port Elgin's water system and potential drilling of wells here.

During Heather's vacation last week, the water system was covered by certified staff from the Village of Hillsborough.

#### RCMP

The RCMP were absent from tonight's meeting. There have been a number of speed traps around the area this past month.

#### Recreation Centre

There has been no response back from the Sports Group who recently requested to use the Recreation Centre gymnasium for a sports night.

#### Animal Control

There are presently 34 dogs registered to date for 2014. Dog owners have until March 31, 2014 to register their dogs before fees increase. The

Clerk was directed to post flyers around the Village about the deadline.

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### **Treasurer's Report**

The 2013 audit materials are ready, and the date for the Clerk to meet with Donna Floyd CGA will be scheduled as soon as she returns the call to the Village Office. Overdue water & sewer bills continue to be a problem; property owners who are past due according to the By-law will be contacted.

### **Acceptance of Monthly Bills**

Following brief discussion concerning a Visa bill for the water plant media replenishment and the bill from Speedy Glass, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the bills for February 2014. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Old Business**

It was consensus of Council that the topics of Unsightly Premises, Signage in the Village, and the CBC Telecommunications Tower remain on the agenda under Old Business until further notice.

#### **Requests from Shirley Barbour & Herman Dixon**

The requests from Shirley Barbour and Herman Dixon will be discussed with the Public Works Superintendent.

#### **Casual Employment – Public Works**

Hiring of casual employment will be discussed in committee.

#### **Tele-Drive Program**

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Lefrancois, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, to give \$100.00 to the Tele-Drive Program as support from the Village of Riverside-Albert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **New Business**

#### **Local Directory for Village & Surrounding Area**

Councillor Lefrancois presented a draft pamphlet containing information for the Village and surrounding area.

#### **Hangers for Flower Baskets**

Councillor Lefrancois discussed the possibility of purchasing hangers for flower baskets. A curb appeal contest is being planned for this summer.

#### **April Council Meeting**

The April Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2014

at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm.

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Mayor

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Village Clerk