

**April 14, 2014**

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, April 14, 2014. Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Barbour and Rossiter in attendance; Councillor Lefrancois was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Deputy Fire Chief Darrell Weir, and Village resident Rena Bleakney. RCMP Constable Luke Patterson was also in attendance to give a report to Village Council.

**Meeting Agenda**

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

**Adoption of Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2014 Council meeting as circulated with a correction on Page Two under Fire Department Report. The sentence should be changed to: “;the leaking pipe in the Firehall needs repair immediately.” **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Business Arising From Minutes**

There was inquiry about the Shepody Fish & Game’s request to hook into the Wifi at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre, and the Fire Department’s request for information about access to private ponds.

**Correspondence**

- a. Dated February 25, 2014 from the Province of NB SEED Program with acknowledgment of our 2014 application for summer students funding; the Village Office received notification today that we have been awarded one student for 8 weeks. The position will be advertised.
- b. Dated March 5, 2014 from Department of Transportation Minister Claude Williams stating the department is unable to commit funds this year.
- c. Dated March 9, 2014 from Albert County Tourism Association with request for their Board of Directors.
- d. Dated April 9, 2014 from Chipoudy Revitalization – 2 letters of thanks.

**Public Works Report – Heather Cail**

Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail was absent from meeting; Mayor Elliott reported that he believes the sanitary line connected to the toilet at the Firehall has been fixed; plans are in place to repair the old sanitary line connected to Forest Dale Nursing Home, which means a potential boil order. A water leak at the water treatment facility destroyed the modem and computer; Bell Aliant and EXP consultants were both onsite for repairs which must be done as soon as possible.

**Fire Department Report**

Deputy Fire Chief Darrell Weir reported that Level 1 training is proceeding very well; volunteers will be finishing the first week of May and completing the level later this Fall. Local volunteers finished painting one side of the interior of the Firehall with a job well done; they are offering to paint the other side and plans are to paint the floors hopefully this summer. Firefighting gear is being prepared for forest fire season. Beef ticket sales are going well, and the music jamboree fundraiser night is scheduled for May 9, 2014 at the Fundy Curling Club. There was further brief discussion about last month's report from Chief Peter Murphy concerning the tanks behind the Recreation Centre as a potential firefighting water source.

**Committee Reports**

Streets

It was requested that damages to Village streets from Department of Transportation snow removal equipment be documented by Public Works.

Planning & Co-ordination

Mayor Elliott reported that the waste sorting is proceeding well.

RCMP

RCMP Constable Luke Patterson was in attendance and gave a report. A vehicle recently crashed and burned on the Recreation Centre property a few weekends ago, which was likely due to mechanical problems. Other than a few driving complaints, the winter has been very quiet. With spring underway, the highway patrol and traffic safety unit will ensure more members will be present in the area, and off-road vehicle enforcement will target any impaired driving on the off-road trails. The Clerk will ensure a

log book is available for signatures when the members come into the Office. Councillor Rossiter provided a number of policing suggestions by email on April 9, 2014, which Mayor Elliott will pass along to the Regional Service Commission #7.

Animal Control

There are presently 57 dogs registered to date for 2014. Cost of registration has now increased effective April 1, 2014.

**Treasurer's Report**

The 2013 audit materials were delivered to Donna Floyd CGA and she is working on them now. The income statements for the General Revenue fund were provided up to and including February 2014. Overdue water & sewer bills continue to be a problem, and the date for shutoff was delayed due to heavy snow this past month. Council will be updated next month.

**Acceptance of Monthly Bills**

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the bills for March 2014. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Old Business**

Unightly Premises

One bill related to unsightly premises was forwarded to the Minister of Finance for payment before the end of 2013; payment not yet received.

Signage in the Village

It was discussed that policies need to be developed regarding signage.

CBC Telecommunications Tower

The cost for 2013 for the telecommunications tower was as expected.

Requests from Shirley Barbour & Herman Dixon

The request from Shirley Barbour has been tabled for now, and Herman Dixon's request needs to be discussed further.

Casual Employment – Public Works

Hiring of casual employment will be discussed in committee.

Tele-Drive Program

On April 9, 2014, Mayor Elliott and Councillor Rossiter met with representatives of the local Tele-Drive Program. At last month's meeting a resolution was passed to give support of \$100.00 to the local Tele-Drive Program, and the representatives are requesting further support when possible. The Gold Level of sponsorship is \$1,000.00.

Directory & Flower Basket Hangers

There is no news about a Village directory and flower basket hangers.

**New Business**

Work on Water Shutoff – 5800 King Street

Discussion concerning work on the water shutoff at 5800 King Street will go to committee.

Meeting with EXP – New Building Canada Fund

A meeting is scheduled with EXP consultants on April 22, 2014.

Meeting with Forest Dale Nursing Home

A meeting is scheduled with Forest Dale Nursing Home representatives on April 17, 2014.

Committee Meeting of Council

A committee meeting of Council is set for April 17, 2014 at 8:00 am.

May Council Meeting

The May Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2014 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

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Mayor

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Village Clerk