

December 8, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, December 8, 2014. Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Lefrancois and Rossiter in attendance; Councillor Barbour was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, Deputy Fire Chief Darrell Weir, and several Village residents.

Meeting Agenda

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

Presentation: Adam Campbell – Ducks Unlimited

Conservation Program Specialist Adam Campbell from Ducks Unlimited gave a presentation on the project planned for the property at the rear of the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre. A Conservation Agreement was presented for Council's consideration and signatures.

Adoption of Minutes

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

Business Arising From Minutes

There was brief discussion about the cost of solid waste collection.

Correspondence

- a. Dated November 10, 2014 from CBDC Westmorland Albert with thanks.
- b. Dated November 18, 2014 from UMNB regarding increase in premiums.
- c. Dated November 20, 2014 from Albert Vocational Training Centre with request for their Christmas campaign. It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, that \$50.00 be donated for this year. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- d. Dated November 20, 2014 from Denis Doucet with concerns about DOT snow removal on Stiles Road.
- e. Dated December 2014 from CBDC about Christmas Open House.
- f. Dated December 2014 from EXP about Christmas Holiday Reception.

- g. Dated December 4, 2014 from Fatima Lefrancois about DOT snow removal on Maple Street.

Public Works Report – Heather Cail, Superintendent

Water & Wastewater

A boil water advisory was enforced by the Department of Health on November 25, 2014; it was rescinded on December 1, 2014. With very heavy rainfall forecast for later this week, Village residents should once again be prepared for another boil water advisory.

Streets

There are concerns that neither salt nor sand is being used on Village streets this winter by Department of Transportation. Heavy rainfall washed out the culvert across from 5662 King Street and a quick repair was done. As well, there was considerable loss of the road shoulder and the culvert by Forest Dale Nursing Home. A verbal request was received by the new owners of the former Wesley United Church for a water connection; the owners will be asked to submit their request in writing.

Solid Waste Collection

Residents are again requested to cover their garbage each Tuesday. The Council was asked to consider if garbage collection could be postponed on storm days when school is cancelled and streets are not plowed.

Santa in the Park & Santa Claus Parade – 2014

A Village float was entered in the Hillsborough Santa Claus parade on December 6, 2014, and Santa in the Park is planned for December 14, 2014.

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Peter Murphy was absent from tonight's meeting with an arm injury; Deputy Fire Chief Darrell Weir gave the Fire Department report in his absence. There have been a number of fire calls over the past several months. The Village of Hillsborough now has a house for fire training, and Kyle Brewster is leading the Riverside-Albert volunteers in the training. The telecommunications tower was recently struck by lightning which destroyed some critical components, and there are concerns the repair bill

will be huge. The increase in Worksafe NB premiums for the firefighters is another big concern. The propane generator will soon be fit into the Firehall, and Council was asked if the Firehall telephone number could be posted publicly in the event of a hydro outage.

Committee Reports

Regional Service Commission

Meetings with the Regional Service Commission are ongoing.

Streets

There was brief discussion that Council should arrange a meeting with Brian Keirstead MLA to discuss problems with winter streets maintenance.

Animal Control

Benoit Grondin has agreed to stay on as Dog Constable for 2015.

Treasurer's Report

We met with Bob Rochon from Hillsborough on December 5, 2014 about updating the EMO plan; a memo of understanding will soon be presented to each of the three municipalities, and updates will be provided to Council as soon as they are available.

Acceptance of Monthly Bills

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept the bills for November 2014 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Old Business

Unightly Premises

On November 26, 2014, Sebastien Doiron with the RSC sent an email stating that Building Inspector Denis Frenette was sent the list of PID's of properties discussed as unsightly and/or dangerous by Council and will be contacting us in the near future. The Clerk was directed to contact Mr. Frenette with a reminder.

Signage in the Village

There is no news about signage in the Village.

Directory & Flower Basket Hangers

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, that 25 copies of the new Village Directory be printed to include the Firehall telephone number and contact information for the new business, Soul Sisters. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

New Gas Tax Fund Allocation & Building Canada Fund

There is no news about the Gas Tax Fund or Building Canada Fund.

Quotes for Snow Removal – 2014/2015 Season

It was moved by Councillor Lefrancois, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, that the quote from Broadleaf Guest Ranch for snow removal for the 2014/2015 winter season be accepted. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2015 Budget & 2015 Water & Sewer Rates

A tentative date to discuss the 2015 budget and utility rates was set for Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

New Business

Department of Transportation – Snow Removal

A meeting will be arranged with Brian Keirstead MLA to discuss problems with DOT snow removal.

Gas Tax Funds – Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund

It was moved by Councillor Lefrancois, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, that an amount of \$31,105.60 be transferred from the Riverside-Albert General Fund, which amount represents the Gas Tax Fund Revenues held previously under the 2005-2009 Gas Tax Fund Capital Investment Plan (Phase 1) for an Energy System Retrofit for the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

January 2015 Council Meeting

The January Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2015 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.