

January 12, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, January 12, 2015. 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, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, and several Village residents. Beulah Morrissey was present to give a presentation on behalf of Tele-Drive Albert.

Meeting Agenda

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

Presentation: Beulah Morrissey – Tele-Drive Albert Co. Inc.

Tele-Drive Director Beulah Morrissey presented the annual report for Tele-Drive Albert County and gave a brief overview of their first year of operation. Tele-Drive is a not-for-profit charitable organization with no government funding; they rely on private donations and support from the municipalities they serve. The drivers are volunteers who are paid mileage only for the use of their vehicles. It is requested that Riverside-Albert match the donation of Alma and Hillsborough who have each committed funding for 2015. Council's decision will be sent to Tele-Drive as soon as possible.

Adoption of Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the minutes of the December 8, 2014 Council meeting as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Business Arising From Minutes

There is no business arising from the minutes aside from the agenda.

Correspondence

- a. Dated November 28, 2014 from Minister Stephen Horsman regarding costs for 2015 RCMP service.
- b. Dated December 8, 2014 from Minister Bill Fraser regarding Heritage Week 2015.
- c. Dated December 8, 2014 from Mayor Brad Woodside requesting renewal of membership for the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities).
- d. Dated December 29, 2014 from Soul Sisters requesting water connection.

- e. Dated December 30, 2014 from Bruce Grandy, Manager of Radio Communications, about a meeting to discuss the telecommunications tower scheduled for January 14, 2015 at the Hillsborough Village Office; Mayor Elliott and Deputy Fire Chief Darrell Weir plan to attend.
- f. Dated January 7, 2015 from research writer Sally James with offer to write content for Riverside-Albert.

Public Works Report – Heather Cail, Superintendent

Water & Wastewater

Following another heavy rainfall event, a second boil water advisory for December was enforced by the Department of Health on December 10, 2014. The plant could not produce water and one load of water was brought in to backwash the filtration system; the order was rescinded on December 18, 2014. On December 24, 2014, the Water Street sewage lift station breaker required replacement of fuses.

The Department of Environment continues to plan implementation for the CCME Canada-wide Strategy for the Management of Municipal Wastewater Effluent. The next step of the Implementation Plan for Riverside-Albert is the completion of the Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA). The Department has allowed the ERA to be completed over a three year window and has provided Environmental Trust Fund (ETF) money to fund 75 percent of the cost of the study up to \$10,000. An application for Riverside-Albert will be completed prior to the deadline of January 16th.

Streets

It has been noted that snow removal operators are pushing snow across roadways; this is in contravention of Riverside-Albert By-law No. 17 respecting snow and ice removal and will be noted in the next newsletter.

Solid Waste Collection

The Council was reminded of the importance of safety that garbage collection be postponed on storm days when streets are not plowed.

Recreation Centre

The signed Ducks Unlimited Canada Conservation Agreement was received at the Village Office today. Contractors have submitted bids for the project, and work is expected to begin soon at the rear of the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre. Plans include the installation of a dry hydrant for use by the Fire Department.

It was moved by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, that the Maintenance Report for December 2014 be accepted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Peter Murphy was absent from tonight's meeting.

Committee Reports

Streets

Complaints continue to be received concerning Department of Transportation related to the low level of safety and lack of care during snow removal operations.

Planning & Co-ordination

There is no meeting scheduled for the Regional Service Commission in December, and meetings will resume in January.

RCMP

On December 9, 2014, Mayor Elliott and the Clerk met with RCMP Acting Detachment Commander Cpl Chantal Ouellette to discuss recent concerns and future planning for policing in our area.

Recreation

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to waive the fee for Arvilla Campbell's 100th birthday celebration planned at the Recreation Centre in February.

Animal Control

As mentioned last month, Benoit Grondin has agreed to stay on as Dog Constable for 2015. Councillor Rossiter would like to come into the Village Office to review the Dog Control Agreement prior to next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Department of Local Government called from Fredericton today asking for our approved budgets which must be submitted no later than January 16, 2015. As soon as the water & sewer bills and 2014 T-4 slips are mailed out, it will be time to begin the 2014 audit.

Acceptance of Monthly Bills

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

Old Business

Unsightly Premises

As directed by Council last month, the Clerk again emailed the Regional Service Commission about unsightly premises; there is no news.

Signage in the Village, Directory, & Flower Basket Hangers

There is no news about signage, the directory, flower basket hangers.

New Gas Tax Fund Allocation & Building Canada Fund

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

New Business

Special Council Meeting – 2015 Budgets and Water & Sewer Rates

A special council meeting to adopt the 2015 budgets is scheduled for January 16, 2015.

Request for Certificate of Appreciation – Charlie O'Hara

It was consensus that a Certificate of Appreciation be prepared for local musician Charlie O'Hara.

February 2015 Council Meeting

The February Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2015 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk