

March 9, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, March 9, 2015. 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, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, and several Village residents.

Meeting Agenda

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

Adoption of Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Lefrancois, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the minutes of the February 9, 2015 Council meeting as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Business Arising From Minutes

There is no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence

- a. Dated February 23, 2015 from Anglophone East School District copy of Parent letter sent out to Riverside Consolidated School regarding planned Sustainability Study.
- b. Dated March 2015 from Bennett & Albert County Healthcare regarding Annual General Meeting on March 23, 2015.

Public Works Report – Heather Cail, Superintendent

Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

On March 11, 2015, the Recreation Centre has been booked by the Anglophone East School District to hold the first public meeting for the Riverside School sustainability study. There was brief discussion about posting the meeting on public signage in the Village and concerning pushing back large amounts of snow presently in the parking areas at the Centre.

The Ducks Unlimited project is mostly complete with exception of the dry hydrant which will be installed later this spring.

Streets

On February 12, 2015, Village Council and staff met with Department of Transportation officials Janice Collette and Lisa Parsons regarding problems this winter with the huge amounts of snowfall. Snow was recently pushed back on the side streets at Village expense. Mayor Elliott expressed concerns about the sink hole on Forest Dale Road. Although a provincially designated highway, the Village is responsible for repairs.

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

Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief was absent from tonight's meeting.

Committee Reports

Fire Department

It was consensus of Council that the two water tanks behind the Rec Centre be placed for sale. The Clerk will contact Local Services Advisor Daniel Goguen to inquire about a reasonable asking price.

Streets

Mayor Elliott stressed that the streets need work this year.

Planning & Co-ordination

Sebastien Doiron, Director of Planning of the SouthEast Regional Service Commission, contacted us about archived planning records for the Village of Riverside-Albert. Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, that permission be given for the SouthEast Regional Service Commission to apply the appropriate final disposition of files as outlined in the Regional Service Commission Records Authority. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The release form will be signed and returned to the Commission.

Solid Waste

Mayor Elliott reported briefly on news from the last Commission meeting where substantial savings were discussed if white bags could be added to the garbage separation at the Solid Waste facility.

Water & Sewer

There was brief discussion about a reassessment of our water system.

RCMP

There is no news this month from the RCMP.

Recreation

Anglican church members casually inquired about holding a coffee house and clothing exchange for single mothers at the Rec Centre. Council suggested the church contact the Albert County Vocational Training Centre.

Animal Control

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, that Benoit Grondin be re-appointed as Animal Control Officer for 2015 in the Village of Riverside-Albert as outlined in the 2015 Animal Control Agreement. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Treasurer's Report

The 2014 audit is being prepared for delivery to the auditor by the end of this month. The Clerk was asked to provide a list of Safety Deposit Box contents to Council by next month's meeting.

Acceptance of Monthly Bills

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept the bills for February 2015 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Old Business

Unightly Premises

Council has requested to meet with Denis Frenette from the SE Regional Service Commission when he comes to assist the Village with dangerous and/or unsightly premises later this spring.

Signage in the Village, Directory, & Flower Basket Hangers

There is no news about signage and flower basket hangers; Councillor Lefrancois brought 50 copies of the new Directory to the meeting and distributed to those in attendance. Changes can be made and more ordered.

New Gas Tax Fund Allocation & Building Canada Fund

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

New Business

Future of Riverside Consolidated School – Sustainability Study

The Anglophone East School District Education Council (DEC) voted in favor of engaging a sustainability study of Riverside Consolidated School under the process outlined in the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development Provincial Policy 409: Multi-year Infrastructure Planning. On March 11, 2015, the first of three public meetings will be held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre with the presentation by Office of the Superintendent; on April 14, 2015, the second meeting will also be held at the Rec Centre and will receive presentations by the public; on April 28, 2015, the third meeting will be held at the Bernice MacNaughton High School in Moncton where the DEC will study and vote on a final recommendation for the future of our school.

EMO Plan – Council Representative

At last month's meeting, Councillor Kevin Rossiter agreed to represent Village Council on the tri-community EMO planning committee. Councillor Rossiter requested that Bob Rochon, who has been working on updates to the EMO tri-community plan, be notified with his contact information, and that EMO be added to the monthly meeting agenda.

Committee Meeting of Council

The next Committee Meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2015; a reminder email will be sent to Village Council.

April 2015 Council Meeting

The April Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2015 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk