

June 8, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, June 8, 2015. Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Rossiter and Lefrancois in attendance; Councillor Barbour was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, Fire Chief Peter Murphy, and Fire Department member Kyle Brewster.

Meeting Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept the meeting agenda with the exception of item 5(e) under Correspondence to be discussed in Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Adoption of Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2015 Council meeting as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Business Arising From Minutes

There is no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence

- a. Dated May 14, 2015 from Denis Chenard concerning water system improvements.
- b. Dated May 25, 2015 from Albert County Historical Society with invitation to commemorate sailing of the 26th NB Battalion on June 12th; Councillor Rossiter offered to attend at his own expense.
- c. Dated May 26, 2015 from Community Business Development Corporation with Notice of their annual meeting on June 16, 2015.
- d. Dated May 28, 2015 from Canadian Postmasters with request for support.

Public Works Report – Heather Cail, Superintendent

Water & Wastewater

The water system has been operating very well with no boil water advisories for the past six months. The final inspection by the Plumbing Inspector for the Soul Sisters Boutique was scheduled for last week. A broken valve box close to the variety store at the lower end of King Street is

on the list of repairs to be done. Backup Water Operator training for Owen Masters is ongoing. The wastewater side of utilities is functioning well.

Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

There was discussion concerning the possibility of volunteers to assist with the cut and drop down of the Ducks Unlimited berm area.

Streets

Prices from Brown's Paving for cuts on Water Street and Forestdale Road amount to approximately \$15,000.00. Ditching plans are in place for several areas around the Village, and a request has been submitted to the Department of Transportation for signage to prevent tourist traffic from travelling down Horn Road due to GPS issues. Stolen street signs are a concern; the missing brass plaque from Riverside School has been returned.

Solid Waste Collection

The Big Spring Cleanup on May 25th was normal for this time of year; residents are reminded to protect their regular weekly garbage from animals.

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

Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reported that green grass is growing with grass fires hopefully done for this year; it was requested that the Department of Natural Resources fire watch be linked through the Village website. There was one mutual aid call to the Alma Fire Department. Fire Department meetings continue on Wednesday nights, and a day-long training session is planned for this coming Saturday. The annual Lumberjack Pancake Breakfast is set for Saturday, June 13th and the music jamboree fundraiser is planned tentatively for later this fall. Home surveys are being completed by residents in the fire rescue area and Council agreed that the completed surveys could be dropped off to the Village Office. A copy of the letter was presented to Council which was sent to the Town of Riverview requesting their current Engine 11 in the same manner the 1986 International truck was acquired. There was brief discussion about the cube van which could be purchased

from G LeBlanc Fire Trucks; Mayor Elliott recommended that Local Services Advisor Daniel Goguen be contacted with the information. It was moved by Councillor Lefrancois, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, to accept the Fire Department report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** During discussion, it was requested that the telecommunications tower remain on the monthly agenda until further notice.

Committee Reports

Animal Control

Dog Constable Ben Grondin has investigated complaints of a dog running at large on Forestdale Road. The owner had until June 6th to register his dog(s) and, if not registered, the Dog Constable has recommended that Council send a registered letter with a fine for the first offence.

Treasurer's Report

The Clerk is working with Darcie Jonah with the accounting firm of Donna Floyd CGA concerning the 2014 audit; the anticipated finish date is the end of June. Four overdue water and sewer customers were sent registered letters advising of shut off if unpaid by Wednesday of this week. Connecting Albert County is inviting someone from Village Council to attend one of their upcoming meetings; Alma and Hillsborough are being asked to attend and it is hoped to have everyone there at one meeting. It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept the Clerk's Report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Acceptance of Monthly Bills

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

Old Business

Unsightly Premises

On June 5th, members of Village Council and staff met with Denis Frenette, Building Inspector with the Southeast Regional Service Commission about unsightly premises. Further information is needed, but a structural engineer and elevated costs would be the issue for dangerous and unsightly premises. Mayor Elliott offered to speak with Executive Director Gerard Belliveau about these concerns.

Signage in the Village & Flower Basket Hangers

There is no news about signage and flower basket hangers.

Building Canada Fund

A very important announcement concerning the Building Canada Fund is scheduled for our Village on Monday, June 15th at 12:00 noon at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Future of Riverside School – Sustainability Study Meetings

As Councillor Barbour is away, Mayor Elliott plans to attend the next RCS Sustainability Study Meeting for Riverside School set for June 9th.

Water Storage Tanks Behind Rec Centre

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, that the green water storage tank behind the Rec Centre be given to the Point de Bute Fire Department and to be moved at their own expense.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. It was agreed that, if the tank breaks during removal, that the Point de Bute Fire Department must ensure it is completely removed from the area.

Emergency Measures Organization

The Clerk will arrange an EMO meeting with Co-ordinator Bob Rochon, and will inform Councillor Rossiter.

New Business

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

Earlier today, Mayor Elliott and Mayors from around Fundy Royal met with the Honourable Rob Moore, MP at a meeting to discuss Canada 150 – Community Infrastructure Program.

2015 SEED Program

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, that the 2015 SEED student be interviewed by Village staff with the rate of pay to be topped up to \$11.50 per hour. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Environmental Trust Fund

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois that, as the Village of Riverside-Albert has been approved by the Environmental Trust Fund for \$10,000 and is listed as No. 119 in the ETF Awards List 2015-2016; therefore be it resolved that the proposal from

Natech Environmental Services Inc. in Hanwell, NB be accepted to carry out the Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) for the Riverside-Albert wastewater treatment plant for the fee of \$7,900 plus HST. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Municipal Capital Borrowing Board

There is no news concerning our application to the Borrowing Board.

Request to Bring Horses into the Village

A request was received at the Office for permission to bring horses into a home presently for sale in the Village; it was consensus of Council that permission not be granted.

Tickets – Annual Progressive Conservative Fundraising Dinner

It was consensus that 2 tickets be purchased for the annual PC fundraising dinner at a cost of \$100.00 for each ticket.

Ceremony – The Monarchist League of Canada

The request by the Monarchist League of Canada to organize a ceremony on September 9, 2015 will be brought forward.

Albert County Tourist Information Centre

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, that the Albert County Tourism Information Centre be permitted to operate from the Riverside-Albert Village Office for the summer of 2015.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

July Council Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk