

October 13, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Tuesday, October 13, 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, Fire Chief Peter Murphy, and Village resident Sandra Nelson. RCMP Constable Connie Brown was also in attendance.

Meeting Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the meeting agenda with exception of Item 5) e) under Correspondence to go to Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Adoption of Minutes

It was moved by Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Council meeting as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Business Arising From Minutes

There is no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence

- a. Dated September 2015 from the CBDC Entrepreneurship Gala 2015 set for October 21, 2015. Councillor Barbour plans to attend.
- b. Dated September 23, 2015 from the Shepody Lioness regarding the Veterans Day luncheon and their fundraising.
- c. Dated September 24, 2015 from Jillian Hutchinson with offer to volunteer in the Village Office; this item to go to committee.
- d. Dated September 28, 2015 from Gordon Wasson, exp. Services regarding proposed water storage tank.
- e. Dated October 4, 2015 – Albert County Tourism Fund Raising Gala set for November 7, 2015; it was consensus that 2 tickets be purchased for Village Council. The Clerk will contact Council members to see who is available to attend the event during the week prior to November 7th.

Public Works Report – Heather Cail, Superintendent

Water & Wastewater

A boil water advisory was issued by the Department of Health on October 1, 2015 and one load of water was brought in to assist with the backwash; the order was lifted on October 8, 2015. Much thanks to the Board of the Albert County Exhibition for repairing water leaks this past month on the fairgrounds property. Owen Master's water distribution course studies are going well in preparation for writing the test.

Streets

The Public Works Superintendent has received prices for work necessary on Village streets to include grading, re-surfacing, and ditching.

Solid Waste Collection

The Big Fall Clean-up has been scheduled for October 26, 2015.

Recreation

There is no news from Ducks Unlimited Canada about the project.

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

Fire Department Report

The Fire Chief reported that there were several calls this past month to motor vehicle accidents as well as to homes with smoke buildup due to chimneys needing to be cleaned and ready for the upcoming heating season. The annual music jamboree fundraiser was a success again this year with approximately \$3,000.00 raised. There has been discussion with Public Works about the hydrant behind the Rec Centre at the Ducks Unlimited project, and that snow will need to be kept cleared out of the area this winter. The 1994 fire truck from the Town of Riverview should be transferred very soon, and the Fire Chief will speak to the Riverview Fire Department about possibly commemorating the gift of the truck to our Village. It was mutually agreed that an amount of \$700.00 be transferred from the Public Works Department to the Fire Department in relation to the trailer. The two old garage doors from the Firehall have been sold.

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

Committee Reports

RCMP

Constable Connie Brown gave an RCMP report to Council covering the past few months. The Albert County Exhibition was quiet. There were a rash of break-ins here in the Village, including the Village Office, on the evening of October 9th; investigations are ongoing and the RCMP have a suspect. The members are back to their former schedule with 12-hour shifts overnight with three to five members per shift. It was recommended that a Village newsletter be sent out to the community with tips to prevent robberies, and the Clerk will send a draft to Cpl Chantal Ouellette.

Village Office

The Village Office was broken into on the evening of October 9th; windows on the two front doors were pried open in order to gain entry. Nothing was taken and the RCMP were notified.

Streets

Plans to fix Village streets will be ongoing with update next month.

Planning & Co-ordination

The Regional Service Commission has next year's budgets out now with slight increases in garbage disposal.

Water & Sewer

There is no news regarding water and sewer.

Recreation

Advance polls for the Federal Election have been doing well at the Recreation Centre; the big Election Day is on Monday, October 19, 2015.

Animal Control

There was brief discussion about outstanding dog tags. The Clerk was asked to contact Dog Constable Ben Grondin for direction and will report back to Council.

Treasurer's Report

The Income Statements for the General Revenue Fund up to and including September 30, 2015 were distributed to Council recently and the same for Water & Sewer Revenue Fund will be distributed later this month.

Acceptance of Monthly Bills

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the bills for September 2015 as presented; there was a brief question about the invoices from Lyle Milton and Gravel Unlimited related to ditching and streets work in August and September. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Old Business

Unsightly Premises

Mayor Elliott spoke with Gerard Belliveau with the Regional Service Commission regarding Council's concerns about unsightly premises, and he was told that each would be considered on a case by case basis. One unsightly premises on King Street was recently cleaned up for the most part. Village resident Sandra Nelson stated that she has complaint forms with pictures almost ready to be submitted to the Regional Service Commission.

New Gas Tax Fund Allocation

Planning is ongoing for the next allocation of the Gas Tax Fund.

Water Storage Tanks

There is no news from LSA Daniel Goguen about the water tanks; it was consensus of Council that the tanks be gone by the end of October.

Emergency Measure Organization

There is no further news from Bob Rochon about the EMO plan.

Telecommunications Tower

There is no news about the telecommunications tower.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

There was brief discussion how the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program could possibly be used to do upgrades to the cenotaph and at the Recreation Centre.

Tender Submissions – Ton truck & Plow

Two bids were received for a ton truck and plow for the Public Works Department; this item will be again tabled until next month.

Signing of Building Canada Fund Agreement – Water Storage Tower

Prior to signing the Building Canada Fund Agreement, Mayor Elliott would like to hear back from Denis Chenard with Environment.

New Business

Fire Department Funds – Transfer from Reserve to General Operating

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, that funds from the General Capital Reserve fund in the amount of \$4,000.00 be transferred from the Riverside-Albert General Capital Reserve Fund to the Riverside-Albert General Operating Fund for the purpose of upgrading the Riverside-Albert Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Volunteer Help – Village Office

Discussion about volunteer help at the Office will go to Committee.

2015 Big Fall Clean-up & HHW Day

This year's Big Fall Clean-up and Household Hazardous Waste Day are scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015.

2015 Remembrance Day Service

The 2015 Remembrance Day Service is set for Monday, November 9, 2015 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

November Council Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk