

JANUARY 9, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, January 9, 2017. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Morrissey, Murphy, and Wright in attendance. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, and guests.

MEETING AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented with the addition under New Business for discussion related to Heritage Week. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to adopt the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Council Meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- a.) Dated December 19, 2016 from Bullying Canada with request for financial support; it was consensus that support not be given at this time.
- b.) Dated December 22, 2016 from Bennett & Albert County Foundation with thanks for support sent last month.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail reported that staff from the Hillsborough Public Works Department assisted while she was out on holidays over Christmas. At the last annual audit of our water system, Health and Environment requested that we update the agreement letter from Hillsborough to assist with our water system when necessary.

Water & Sewer

The Village has run into problems related to acquisition of land for a right of way into property planned for the water storage tower, and planning is ongoing. It is hoped that the construction tender will go out by the end of March. The wastewater side of operations is going well.

Solid Waste

Effective January 16, 2017, garbage bags of the appropriate colour only for that week will be collected; others will be left behind. Residents are asked to keep their garbage containers free of snow and ice. Industrial and commercial customers are being brought online, and methane gas is being produced at the solid waste facility in Moncton.

Recreation Centre

Some of the ice is cleared and has been used for skating and hockey at the Ducks Unlimited Canada waterfowl park behind the Recreation Centre. Plans are in place for this year's winter carnival set for February 4th. New tables and chairs have been purchased for the Centre and should be here by month-end. As well, planning is underway to hopefully renovate the kitchen and bring it up to health code standards over the next few years.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Darrell Weir gave a brief Fire Department report. Calls have been down with the exception of some mutual aid to our neighbouring communities. Level One Training is beginning tonight with two volunteers from Riverside-Albert and one from Alma. New windows and doors have been installed in the Fire Hall and the alarm system was worked on this past month. Volunteer Benoit Grondin plans to set up the new laptop and television for online training.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets

Mayor Campbell reported our Transportation depot is presently down one piece of snow removal equipment; he requested that Water Street be opened as soon as possible following snow storms. He was told by the DOT Supervisor that one operator is reluctant to plow McClelan Avenue due to safety concerns.

Planning & Co-ordination – Regional Service Commission

There is no news; the service commission had no meeting in December.

Water & Sewer

Consulting firm EXP consultants are eager for tenders to be called on the water storage tank project.

RCMP

There is no news about the RCMP this month.

Recreation

The Recreation Council has a good schedule planned for January and the coming winter with a Darts League and activities planned for the children.

Animal Control

The 2017 dog tags have been ordered and should be available soon.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Clerk is working on 2016 year-end; budget updates were circulated.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the bills for December be accepted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

Unsanitary Premises

Building Inspector Denis Frenette with the Regional Service Commission is requesting to meet with Village Council later this spring.

Building Canada Fund

Planning is ongoing for construction of the water storage tank and the necessary right of way. Tenders will be called in early spring.

Emergency Measures Organization

There is no news about EMO.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

There is no news about the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program.

RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

An update on direct payments will be presented as soon as possible.

Canada 150 Celebrations

Planning is beginning to celebrate the Canada 150 celebrations.

By-law – Waste Collection & Disposal

The new By-law for Waste Collection & Disposal needs to be worked on.

Request for Interest – 2016 Audit

Three prices from audit firms have been requested for next month.

NEW BUSINESS**ADOPTION OF 2017 GENERAL OPERATING FUND BUDGET**

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that the Council of the Municipality of Riverside-Albert resolve that the sum of \$496,571 be the total operating budget of the Municipality, that the sum of \$308,433 be the Warrant of the Municipality for the ensuing year, and that the tax rate for the Municipality be \$1.4055. The Council orders and directs the levying by the Minister of Environment & Local Government of said amount on real property liable to taxation under the Assessment Act within the Municipality of Riverside-Albert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADOPTION OF 2017 WATER & SEWER RATES

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the 2017 water rates increase by approximately 13 (thirteen) percent and that the 2017 sewer rates remain the same for all water and sewer users; the average annual cost per unit for water and sewer for the Village of Riverside-Albert will increase from \$779.00 in 2016 to \$824.00 in 2017. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADOPTION OF 2017 WATER & SEWER OPERATING FUND BUDGET

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that the Council of the Municipality of Riverside-Albert resolve that pursuant to paragraph 189(4) of the Municipalities Act, the total budget for the Water & Sewerage Utility for the ensuing year would consist of total revenues of **\$236,516** and total expenditures of **\$236,516**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Heritage Week 2017

Activities for Heritage Week 2017 will be held the week of February 13, 2017 at Forest Dale Nursing Home with activities to be announced.

February Council Meeting

The February Council Meeting is set for Monday, February 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk