

**FEBRUARY 14, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. (The regular scheduled meeting date on Monday, February 13, 2017 was rescheduled due to bad weather.) Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Morrissey and Wright in attendance; Councillor Murphy was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, and several guests. Also in attendance was RCMP Staff Sgt. Chantal Ouellette.

### **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 to support Tele-Drive this year. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to adopt the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Council Meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that \$300.00 be donated to Connecting Albert County this year. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a.) Dated January 9, 2017 from Fundy Blades Figure Skating Club with request for support. Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that \$80.00 be given to the Fundy Blades in support of this year's ice show. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- b.) Dated January 19, 2017 from the Forest Dale Home Foundation with request for support for this year's cable television program for residents. It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that \$400.00 be donated to the Forest Dale Home Foundation for this year's cable television program. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- c.) Dated February 1, 2017 from the Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee (CCRC) regarding a meeting planned on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Riverside School to discuss the 2017 Shepody River Days.
- d.) Dated February 1, 2017 from Emergency Measures with thanks to Council for all their assistance during the extended hydro outage last month.
- e.) Dated February 1, 2017 from Emergency Measures with information on Disaster Financial Assistance for Municipalities related to hydro outage.
- f.) Dated February 6, 2017 from Caledonia Girls Tigers with request for support for the Provincial Basketball tournament. It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that \$50.00 be donated for the tournament. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- g.) Dated February 7, 2017 from Tracey Wade, Planner with the SERSC, regarding meeting with Council on February 20<sup>th</sup> about Rural Plan By-law.
- h.) Dated February 7, 2017 from Trace Planning & Design with invitation to Council to the Recreation Master Planning process on February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- i.) Dated February 8, 2017 from Connecting Albert County with invitation to post job listings on their website.
- j.) Dated February 9, 2017 from Albert County Tourism Association about their membership meeting set for February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

### Water & Sewer

The Village is presently negotiating with Forest Dale Nursing Home for land on Crooked Creek Road to provide necessary access into the property planned for the water storage tower. It is hoped that tenders will be called by early spring.

Funding under the Canada – New Brunswick Clean Water & Wastewater Fund has been approved for water pipe refurbishment in an amount of \$603,971. The approved project is to renew the 100 mm water mains and service laterals along portions of King Street, Water Street, Mill Street, and County Road.

Despite the extended hydro outage last month, both water and wastewater side of operations continued to function well.

Solid Waste

The Solid Waste facility is presently able to generate \$167.20 for one ton of cardboard, which is the highest price in many years. Under the present three-bag system, the facility has seen a 30 percent increase in recyclables, and the new system is working fairly well here in Riverside-Albert. The possibility of a policy about garbage collection on storm days was discussed.

Recreation Centre

New tables and chairs were purchased and have been delivered to the Centre, and a generator for the building has been ordered. Renovations have begun in the washrooms.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

There was no Fire Department report available for tonight's meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning & Co-ordination – Regional Service Commission

The Regional Service Commission has a new generator powered by methane gas to be sold to NB Power. Plans are underway for an Eco Depot in the Village once a month to replace the two annual large garbage cleanups.

Council plans to meet tomorrow with Roland LeBlanc and Dave Crandall from the Commission regarding asset management planning.

RCMP

Staff Sgt. Chantal Ouellette gave a brief report on policing in the Village since the first of the year. There was one call for impaired and one theft crime. Information is being gathered on possible drug trafficking in the area with more needed for a warrant. A check stop in January was set up in front of the Pharmacy as well as some traffic checks throughout the month. The ATV and the truck that burned (separate incidents in the Lookout Park area) were both from Moncton.

Recreation

As mentioned under the Public Works report, new tables and chairs for the Rec Centre have been delivered, a generator has been ordered, and renovations are underway in the washrooms. There was brief discussion at last month's meeting about new kitchen appliances, but it was consensus of Council to change direction for now. Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor

Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that an amount of approximately \$22,302.00 be approved to upgrade the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Recreation Council Report

Chairman Mindy Holmstrom reported on the latest Rec Council meeting. This year's Winter Carnival was a very good success with the highest numbers compared to recent years and the day ending with approximately 30 residents at a community potluck supper. Monthly 'Mommy & Me' craft nights have started organized by volunteer Jodie Comfort. Darts Night has also started up with 6 to 8 participants each week, and plans are in the works for open gym sessions with pickup basketball. The Little Tigers Basketball held a jamboree recently with approximately 40 spectators in attendance. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, a Saint Patrick's Day party is planned at the Rec Centre, and the Rec Council is also working on grant applications for the new playground. In closing, Village Council was asked for permission for murals to be painted in the gym by a group of local teens. Village Council requested that the designs be presented and approved by them before permission is given for the murals.

Animal Control

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that Austin McKinley be appointed as the Animal Control Officer for the Village of Riverside-Albert for 2017 as outlined in the Riverside-Albert 2017 Animal Control Agreement. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The 2017 dog tags are now available at the same price as last year.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Clerk's old laptop failed completely and was replaced this past month. The first installment invoices of water and sewer bills will be mailed next week. Last year's T-4 slips and this year's Worksafe NB reports will be prepared by the end of this month. An application was made for a summer student to the 2017 Canada Summer Jobs Agreement, and another application will be sent off for two students to the provincial SEED Program. The 2016 audit is being prepared.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS**

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that the January bills be accepted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Unsightly Premises

Mayor Campbell reported that the Regional Service Commission is planning a meeting on March 1, 2017 regarding unsightly premises. More information should be available at next month's meeting.

Building Canada Fund – Water Storage Tank (Land – Forestdale Road)

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright that, as outlined in a letter dated February 7, 2017 to the Board of the Forest Dale Nursing Home, the Village of Riverside-Albert receive the donation of a portion of property from the Forest Dale Nursing Home, which will be utilized for the purpose of a water storage tank project. In exchange, the Village will undertake improvements to the existing storm water drainage on Forestdale Road (in the vicinity of civic #30) to prevent the overflow of storm water and, as part of the transfer of property, the Village will undertake to complete a legal survey of the property and will be responsible for any legal fees associated with the transfer.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Emergency Measures Organization

Last month's ice storm was a learning process about EMO preparedness.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

There is no news about the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program.

RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

A representative from the Royal Bank contacted the office by email today regarding direct payments. More information will be available next month.

Canada 150 Celebrations

The winter carnival was the first step in celebrations for Canada's 150.

By-law – Waste Collection & Disposal

The new By-law for Waste Collection & Disposal will be worked on as soon as possible.

Request for Interest – 2016 Audit

Three prices were requested and two were received from audit firms. Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that AC Stevenson & Partners PC Inc be appointed to perform an audit of the 2016 annual financial statements for the Village of Riverside-Albert for a fixed fee of \$10,500.00 plus HST. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESSClean Water & Wastewater Fund – Renewal of watermains & laterals

Riverside-Albert was approved for a net eligible project cost of \$603,971 (\$301,985 Federal, \$150,992 Provincial, and \$150,994 Municipal). The approved project is to renew the 100 mm watermains and service laterals along County Road and King Street – Mill Street to Water Street. Chris McCoy with Department of Environment & Local Government explained that, although Riverside-Albert originally applied for a net eligible project cost of \$1,221,720, funding limitations necessitated the project be scaled down. Work will go to tender this spring.

Economic Development – Forest Dale Nursing Home on March 1, 2017

Council is invited to an economic development session at the Home.

Ellen's Law

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that whereas Ellen Watters, a Canadian competitive cyclist was critically injured and succumbed to her injuries in a collision with a car while on a training ride in Sussex, NB on December 23, 2016; New Brunswick-born Watters was widely hailed as a rising star in the Canadian cycling sporting world. As a result of this accident, the cycling communities in the Province and their supporters have called for legislation that requires drivers to keep a distance of one metre from cycles. Whereas this legislation, if passed, would be known as Ellen's Law and whereas the Cities of Fredericton and Saint John are pledging support for this legislation to be passed and have added a request for the development of a provincial health and safety active transportation education program for all modes of active transportation for use on our provincial roads and highways; be it therefore resolved that the Mayor of Riverside-Albert send a letter of support on behalf of Riverside-Albert Village Council for Ellen's Law and for the development of a

provincial health and safety active transportation education program to the Premier of New Brunswick and the provincial Minister of Justice & Public Safety.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Gas Tax Fund Agreement – New Capital Investment Plan

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Luc Theriault from the Department of Environment & Local Government met with Council about the new Capital Investment Plan under the Gas Tax Fund; he has offered to assist with the application process.

Tele-Drive Albert County

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that an amount of \$300.00 be donated to Tele-Drive Albert County this year. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

March Council Meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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Mayor

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Village Clerk