

MAY 8, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Village Office on Monday, May 8, 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, SERSC Planner Joshua Adams, Fire Chief Captain Darrell Weir, and numerous guests. Also in attendance was RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette. Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail was absent.

MEETING AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE RURAL PLAN BY-LAW

Southeast Regional Service Commission Planner Joshua Adams made a brief presentation concerning Council's Notice of Intention to amend the Rural Plan By-law to permit the addition of a service station. During the public hearing at tonight's meeting, three opportunities were presented to those in attendance to voice any objections; there were none. In closing, Mr. Adams stated that SERSC staff respectfully recommend that the Village of Riverside-Albert adopt the amendment, which will be known as Riverside-Albert By-law No. RARP 1-B.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to adopt the minutes of the April 10, 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 Murphy, to pay \$70.00 to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Legal Fund. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a.) Dated April 2017 from Bennett & Albert Healthcare Foundation about sponsorship for their annual golf tournament; it was consensus that this not be supported this year and to perhaps include in next year's budget.

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- b.) Dated April 19, 2017 from Caledonia School with card of thanks for support.
- c.) Dated April 23, 2017 about the water & sewer rate for a residence with an attached apartment; it was consensus that the single residential rate be permitted to remain as long as the apartment is not rented or advertised for rent. A letter of response will be sent to the homeowners.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail

Mayor Campbell presented this month's Public Works Report submitted by Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, who was absent from the meeting.

Water & Sewer

Water and wastewater operations were normal for the month of April.

Solid Waste

The Eco360 three-bag system continues to be working well; articles in the Times-Transcript show a very positive picture to the new 3-bag system with a 70% increase in recyclables. Beginning this Fall, a new service will be offered when the Eco Mobile Depot will visit every municipality at least three times per year to enable residents to dispose of bulky items and household hazardous waste. More information will be available over the coming months.

Recreation Centre

The Recreation Centre was widely used during the month of April with the Job Fair, a number of meetings and school activities, Zumba, birthday parties, and Recreation Council organized sports.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Captain Darrell Weir

In April, there were three calls for grass fires close to buildings. Volunteer Brandon O'Hara is doing a great job with training on Tuesday

nights. First Aid recertification was completed for 18 volunteers (11 from Riverside-Albert and 7 from Alma). An extrication demo is planned for later in July, and the Fire Department fundraiser canteen will be taken to the clubhouse for the Hillbilly Run on May 27th. The second plaque for deceased firemen is being engraved tonight, and volunteers are working on the final plan for epoxy application to the floor at the Firehall. There was brief discussion that the pond at the Ducks Unlimited area requires work before the top can be finished. Mayor Campbell suggested the Fire Department meet with the Recreation Council to discuss the matter further.

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In closing, the Red Knights, a Fire Department motorcycle group, will be travelling through and stopping at the Riverside-Albert Firehall on June 24, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets

Village streets need major planning and significant improvements.

Planning & Co-ordination – Regional Service Commission

Planning continues for an Eco Depot within the three municipalities once a month. Mayor Campbell and Councillor Morrissey met with two new business owners at the Village Office this past month. Mayor Campbell plans to attend a Department of Tourism Spring information session in Alma on May 16th.

RCMP

RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette was present for a Mayor's meeting with Council at the Village Office on April 18th. This past month, majority of the calls were traffic related (speeding), there were two minor crimes against persons, and one impaired driver. She cautioned against recent increased fraud by telephone; investigations were done and people have been charged. Concerns from the audience were expressed about ATV drivers on the side of the road to get to gas stations, and it was recommended that representatives of the Off-Road Vehicle Enforcement be invited to meet with Village Council.

Recreation

There was no Recreation Council report available for tonight's meeting.

Animal Control

There have been 61 dog tags sold and registered for this year. Dog Constable Austin McKinley will be contacted to register the remaining dogs.

TREASURERS REPORT

The 2016 audit preparations are complete, and the Clerk is waiting to hear from John Redding at Stevenson & Partners as to when they can begin the audit.

The 2017 budget updates up to and including the end of April for the Utility Fund were presented to Council for tonight's meeting.

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ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Unightly Premises

Changes to the Municipalities Act to be effective January 2018 are necessary before the Village can move forward on unsightly premises.

Building Canada Fund and Clean Water & Wastewater Fund

Earlier today, Council and staff met with officials from the Departments of Health and Environment, as well as project engineer Gordon Wasson to discuss the pipe refurbishment and water storage projects. The pipe refurbishment project tender will close on May 28, and the tank project will go to tender in June.

RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

There was discussion about registering our Village as a corporate payee for residents to pay water & sewer bills through their bank; further information will be available at next month's meeting.

Canada 150 Celebrations

Canada's 150th birthday will be celebrated this summer during Shepody River Days in Riverside-Albert. Shepody River Days are set for July 7th to 9th.

By-law – Waste Collection & Disposal

The new By-law for Waste Collection & Disposal is now in draft form and will be presented to Council at next month's meeting.

Gas Tax Fund Agreement – New Capital Investment Plan

On April 27th, Council and staff met with representatives from Crandall Engineering to discuss options for the Rec Centre. They have agreed to work with us to apply for funding opportunities and to prepare a revised Gas Tax Capital Investment Plan.

Big Spring Cleanup & Household Hazardous Waste Day

As mentioned at last month's meeting, the Big Spring Cleanup & HHW Day are set for May 15th and May 16th later next week.

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Highway 114 Stoney Creek

Minister John Ames of the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure has notified the Albert County Tourism Association that the new Route 114 bridge is scheduled to open to traffic by mid-May in time for the 2017 tourism season.

FIRST READING – BY-LAW TO AMEND RURAL PLAN BY-LAW NO. RARP 1-B

The first reading of Riverside-Albert By-law No. RARP 1-B, which is the By-law to amend the Rural Plan, was read in its entirety.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Summer Students

The Village has received funding approval for one student under the Federal program, and two students under the Provincial program. Advertisements for the positions have been posted publicly.

Tourist Information Centre

It was consensus that the Tourist Information Centre be available at the Village Office again this year.

Chimney Swift Presentation

A presentation on the birds known as chimney swifts is scheduled for the Rec Centre on May 30, 2017.

Date – Special Council Meeting

The Special Council Meeting for the third reading and enactment of By-law No. RARP 1-B is set for Monday, May 23, 2017.

June Council Meeting

The regular June Council Meeting is set for Monday, June 12, 2017.

SECOND READING – BY-LAW TO AMEND RURAL PLAN BY-LAW

RARP 1-B

The second reading of Riverside-Albert By-law RARP 1-B, which is the By-law to amend the Rural Plan, was read by title only.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk