

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, September 11, 2017. 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, RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette, and several guests; Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail was absent. Also in attendance to give presentations were SERSC Planner Tracey Wade and Jill Van Horne from Our Food SE New Brunswick.

MEETING AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Tonight's meeting opened with the Public Hearing for the new Riverside-Albert Rural Plan By-law. Tracey Wade, Planner with the Southeast Regional Service Commission, gave a brief overview of the new By-law. The first and second readings are planned for the October Council meeting.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION – Jill Van Horne – Our Food SE New Brunswick

Jill Van Horne gave a brief presentation on the Southeast New Brunswick Regional Food pledge, which promotes easy and affordable access to good food for all, while contributing to the overall wellbeing of our communities. She explained that together we can create a food system that promotes health, education, local development, environment, culture, and social justice. Food Pledge flyers were distributed at tonight's meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to adopt the minutes of the July 10, 2017 Council Meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to adopt the minutes of the July 27, 2017 Council Meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- a.) Dated July 25, 2017 from Honourable Stephen Horsman with a request for a Proclamation for Wellness Week. It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright to observe New Brunswick Wellness Week from October 1st to 7th, 2017. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- b.) Dated July 28, 2017 from Honourable Bill Fraser concerning an assessment of the intersection of King Street and Route 915.
- c.) Dated August 22, 2017 from Tri-County Ground Search with request for new members and financial support. The Clerk will contact them to request that a representative make a presentation to Village Council.
- d.) Dated August 29, 2017 from the Albert County Exhibition with an invitation for participation in this year's parade on September 16, 2017.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Public Works Superintendent Heather

Cail

Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail was absent from the meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was no one present to give a report for the Fire Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets

Patching of streets was done this summer by the Dept. of Transportation.

Planning & Co-ordination – Regional Service Commission

In Mayor Campbell's absence, Councillor Morrissey attended the August monthly meeting for the Southeast Regional Service Commission. Mayor Campbell spoke about the sudden passing last month of Raymond Murphy, Executive Director of the Union of Municipalities of NB; he will be sadly missed.

Water & Sewer

Due to lack of rain, a water conservation flyer was sent out to Village residents on July 19th. Construction on the two water projects is planned to begin the week following the Albert County Exhibition.

RCMP

RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette was in attendance to give a report at tonight's Council meeting; there were six calls for service since the July meeting, to include one motor vehicle accident, a 9-1-1 call, and several mischief calls.

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Following several complaints, a letter was sent from the Village Office to a resident on Water Street concerning running a generator overnight. Staff Sgt Ouellette requested a copy of the Riverside-Albert Noise Prevention By-law. Members plan to be at the Albert County Exhibition this weekend, and there will be RCMP stationed at Fundy National Park until close of the Labour Day weekend.

Recreation

Pickleball and Zumba classes were ongoing at the Recreation Centre throughout the summer; two family reunions, a birthday party, and a baby shower were also held, and staff from the Health & Wellness Centre continued to hold their monthly meetings there over the summer as well.

Animal Control

Dog Constable Austin McKinley successfully registered some remaining dogs for 2017; he plans to meet with the Clerk later this week with collected fees and to give a report.

TREASURERS REPORT

The 2016 Financial Statements were adopted at a Special Council meeting held on July 27th. There was a significant surplus overall, which was explained as being largely due to depreciation of municipal assets. Budget updates up to and including August 31, 2017 for the General Revenue Fund were circulated to Council for tonight's meeting. Payments have arrived for the Gas Tax Fund for the first and second payments of 2014, 2015, and 2016 in the amount of \$72,178.00 and for the first payment of 2017 in the amount of \$12,726.00. These amounts will be

placed in GIC's until the funds are utilized. The Tourist Information Centre at the Village Office had a successful summer; it closed last week for the season.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to accept the bills for the month of July as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to accept the bills for the month of August as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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OLD BUSINESS

Unightly Premises

There was brief discussion about unsightly premises in the Village; several properties on the Albert side are presently owned by the Province of NB.

Building Canada Fund and Clean Water & Wastewater Fund

On July 17th, the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board approved that our Village borrow an amount of \$2,678,440 to fund the two water projects. The Building Canada Fund for a water storage tank and the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund for waterline replacement, with construction scheduled to begin the week after the Fair.

RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

Further information will be available for Council to make a decision about direct payments on water and sewer bills at next month's meeting.

By-law – Waste Collection & Disposal

The first and second readings of the new Waste Collection & Disposal By-law should be on the agenda of next month's meeting.

Historic Map Book of Village

There is no news from the owner of the Village map book.

2017 UMN B Conference – September 29 to October 1, 2017

The 2017 UMN B Conference is set for September 29 to October 1, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Understanding – Monument of Chipoudy

Mayor Campbell plans to meet with Wilfred Savoie about changes to the Letter of Understanding related to the Monument of Chipoudy.

Intersection of King Street and Route 915

There was brief discussion about improvements for greater safety at the intersection of King Street and Route 915 which has seen a fair number of accidents recently and in the past. According to the letter from Minister Bill Fraser read earlier this evening, an assessment will take place to determine any changes or enhancements that may be required.

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Mobile Eco-Depot – New Program

Southeast Eco360 is offering a new program to enhance the previous Household Hazardous Waste mobile unit. The Mobile Eco-Depot will visit Riverside-Albert, Alma, and Hillsborough a minimum of three times a year for a period of two days. The first Riverside-Albert 2017 schedule is set for the Riverside-Albert Rec Centre on September 20th – 21st.

Application to Federation of Canadian Municipalities

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that Council directs staff to apply for a grant opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program for the Village of Riverside-Albert. Be It therefore resolved that the Municipality commits to conducting the following activities in its proposed project submitted to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program to advance our asset management program:

Asset Inventory & Data Collection: Compile information from various sources, including PSAB 3150 and record drawings to populate the required data fields. Field data collection will be employed to fill any gaps.

Condition & Criticality Assessments: Visual condition inspection of all roads, CCTV inspection of Sewer Piping for validation of pipe condition, key facility inspections and conduct a climate change risk assessment.

Capital Asset Planning & reporting: Describe the target level of service, establish priority score weighting, priority planning and report preparation.
Adoption of Asset Management Plan by Council.

Be it further resolved that the Municipality commits \$12,500.00 from its Gas Tax budget toward the costs of this initiative.

Be it resolved that the Village of Riverside-Albert proceed with the application for Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Municipal Asset Management Program to help with funding for sustainable management of our infrastructure through asset management practices.

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DOT Riverside-Albert Garage – Class & User Fee For Water Service

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that Council of the Village of Riverside-Albert resolve to create an Industrial class for Water and Sewer; that the Riverside-Albert DOT Government Garage Water Rate would be included under the Industrial Class; and that the water service for the DOT Government Garage would remain at a fee of \$8,607.00 for a five-year period from the year 2017 to the year 2021. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Riverside Consolidated School – Rec Centre Rental Rate 2017/2018

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that Council of the Village of Riverside-Albert resolve that the rent for Riverside Consolidated School use of the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre remain at \$11,500.00 for the 2017/2018 school year. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Nature Conservancy of Canada – Fundraising Caledonia Gorge Project

As mentioned at last month's meeting, the Nature Conservancy of Canada is working with the Village to raise an amount of approximately \$250,000 to permanently conserve the watershed area containing our

water supply. An Open House is planned for September 21st at 2:00 pm at the Recreation Centre.

October Council Meeting

The October Council Meeting is set for Monday, October 16, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk