

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, February 12, 2018. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Murphy and Morrissey in attendance; Councillor Brewster was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, and several guests. Joe Gallant of the Albert County Health & Wellness Centre and Bob Rochon, EMO Co-ordinator, were both at the meeting to give public presentations.

MEETING AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented with an addition under Correspondence from the Albert County Chamber of Commerce. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: ACHWC – Age-Friendly (AFC) Community

Initiative

Joe Gallant of the ACHWC presented four steps for the AFC approach:

1. Secure community commitment by having the Municipality officially commit to the AFC approach.
2. Establish an AFC Steering Committee and find support in order to actively engage the community and, in particular, seniors.
3. Conduct an age-friendly assessment in consultation with the community and the seniors.
4. Establish a comprehensive action plan, including measures, that responds to the needs identified by seniors in the community.

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that Council of the Village of Riverside-Albert support the Age-Friendly Community Initiative working with the Albert County Health & Wellness Centre. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Bob Rochon – Province-Wide EMO Exercise

Bob Rochon explained that NB Emergency Measures is organizing a province-wide exercise on June 13th from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, which will be aimed at testing provincial, regional, and community emergency preparedness plans. If our Village wishes to participate, one Emergency Operations Centre will be activated for a mock exercise which will simulate a hurricane.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to adopt the minutes of the January 8, 2018 and January 25, 2018 Council Meetings as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a.) Dated January 8, 2018 from Alaina Lockhart MP about Canada Summer Jobs
- b.) Dated January 18, 2018 from Forest Dale Home Foundation with request for support for Cable TV for their residents; it was consensus that this item be tabled until next month's meeting.
- c.) Dated February 4, 2018 from Albert County Tourism with feedback requested for the Annual General Meeting set for March 14th.
- d.) Dated February 5, 2018 from SERSC requesting reviews on the RCMP Quarterly Report.
- e.) Dated February 9, 2018 from Connecting Albert County with request for news and articles.
- f.) Dated February 12, 2018 from Albert County Chamber of Commerce with request for support for the first Annual Business Awards Gala; it was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that \$150.00 be donated to the Chamber of Commerce. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail

Water

The Boil Water Advisory remains in effect until further notice. The Village is waiting for new monitoring equipment to replace aging equipment at the water plant, and this needs to be in place before the order can be lifted. A construction meeting was held last week to discuss the spring construction schedule. Tentative plans are in place for Greterio to be on site the second week of March to prepare for installation of the new water storage tank.

Wastewater

Sanitary lines servicing residential properties in the 5710 King Street area were recently flushed and cleaned.

Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

Tenders submitted for renovations to the Recreation Centre closed on February 1, 2018 at the Village Office. Four contractors submitted bids: Edgeline Construction = \$282,300; Avondale Construction = \$281,628; Bay Construction = \$213,670; Rice Contracting = \$194,700. Crandall Engineering will do their analysis and will get back to us with their findings by next month's meeting.

Solid Waste Collection

The next Mobile Eco Depot is set for the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on March 21st – March 22nd from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm both days.

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to accept this month's Public Works Report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Co-ordination

Mayor Campbell attended the UMNZB Zone 2 meeting on February 10th.

RCMP

Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette was absent from tonight's meeting.

Recreation

Activities at the Recreation Centre were busy in January. Along with regularly scheduled activities such as monthly meetings, youth sports, Pickleball, and Zumba classes, the Centre was rented out for a public meeting for the Anglophone Association, and the Albert County Tourism Association held an afternoon and evening meeting. The walkers are still using the gym each day.

Animal Control

The 2018 Animal Control Agreement has been signed with Austin McKinley. The 2018 dog tags are on their way and soon to be available from the Office.

TREASURERS REPORT

The 2018 budgets were approved by Council at a Special Council Meeting held on January 25th. The Clerk recently spoke with Ali Ferris in Fredericton; the budgets were just approved by the Province and one copy is on its way back to us for our file.

An application for funding to hire summer students was made to the 2018 Canada Summer Jobs Program before the deadline on February 2, 2018. The minimum wage will increase to \$11.25 per hour effective April 1st of this year.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to accept the bills for the month of January. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

Unightly Premises

There is no news regarding unightly premises.

Building Canada Fund and Clean Water & Wastewater Fund

A request has been received for unexpected engineering fees related to the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund. A meeting has been requested in the near future with EXP consultant Gordon Wasson and Village Council.

RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

The Clerk received updates from our representative with the Royal Bank regarding the Village as a Corporate Payee for utility bill payments. Further steps are required with each additional bank before the service is completely in place. Village Council and residents will be notified as soon as everything is ready.

Intersection of King Street & Route 915 and the Stoney Creek Bridge

There is no news related to our letter to Minister Bill Fraser.

Nature Conservancy of Canada – Fundraising Caledonia Gorge Project

Fundraising for the Caledonia Gorge Project continues to move ahead.

Offer on Lot – Bicentennial Road

The purchase of land from the Village for an ambulance shed is ongoing.

CWWF Project – Deallocation of Leftover Funds

Following Council's decision at last month's meeting, leftover funds from the Clean Water & Wastewater Project will be used for water sampling stations.

Tender Submissions – Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

As mentioned earlier this evening under the Public Works report, Crandall Engineering will be in touch with us very soon related to tender submissions for upgrades to the Recreation Centre.

New Business

Acadian Monument

Last June, the Village received a presentation from a non-profit workgroup for the Monument of Shepody (Chipoudie), in honour of the Acadians who settled in Albert County between 1700 and 1755. A motion of Council was made, and a Letter of Understanding is on file. The related fundraising campaign was successful, and new Acadian Chipoudie Monument is presently established at McClelan Park. On August 16, 2019, a ceremony is planned to celebrate the Acadian history in our area including the official unveiling of the monument.

Asset Management – Crandall Engineering

Crandall Engineering has begun work on our Asset Management Plan.

March Council Meeting

The March Council Meeting is set for Monday, March 12, 2018 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk