

February 9, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, February 9, 2015. Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Barbour, Lefrancois, and Rossiter in attendance. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland and Fire Chief Peter Murphy.

Meeting Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Adoption of Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2015 and January 16, 2015 Council meetings as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Business Arising From Minutes

There is no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence

- a. Dated January 5, 2015 from Heart & Stroke Foundation with Heart Month Proclamation.
- b. Dated January 16, 2015 from Bullying Canada with request for support.
- c. Dated February 2, 2015 from SE Regional Service Commission regarding appointment of Roland LeBlanc as Director Solid Waste.
- d. Dated February 3, 2015 from Bob Rochon with progress on EMO plan.
- e. Dated February 4, 2015 from Village of Hillsborough requesting support for the new telecommunications system.

Public Works Report – Heather Cail, Superintendent

The Public Works Superintendent was absent from tonight's meeting.

Fire Department Report

The first Fire Department call for the year was of a kayaker possibly in peril off the waters in the New Horton area; the call was a false alarm. A number of the volunteers are taking Hazmat Awareness Training. It is renewal time for insurance for the Fire Department at a cost of approximately \$2,000.00 per year paid from fundraising proceeds. The Fire Chief will be contacted by Public Works regarding some questions about the dry hydrant to be installed during the Ducks Unlimited project. There are

big concerns from the Fire Chief about side streets not cleared of snow sufficiently following storms in order for emergency vehicles to respond to calls. The Chief asked about possible purchase of a Fire rescue truck at a cost of \$45,000 which could possibly be tendered and purchased through a loan over a period of 10 years. The Clerk will inquire with the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board and have information for next month's meeting.

Committee Reports

Streets

There was discussion about a copy of a letter sent to Council from Harold and Winnifred Smith to the Minister of Transportation related to damages to their trees and garage by DOT snow removal equipment. It was consensus that this item remain on the monthly agenda until further notice.

Planning & Co-ordination

There is no news this month from the Regional Service Commission.

Water & Sewer

There was brief discussion about the hiring of a Backup Water Operator for the Public Works Department, and it was consensus that Council meet in Committee with the Public Works Superintendent. As well, it was agreed that the requested water connection for the new Soul Sisters Boutique remain on the monthly agenda until further notice.

RCMP

There is no news this month from the RCMP.

Recreation

The 2015 Winter Carnival was well attended and deemed a success.

Animal Control

The 2015 dog tags arrived last week and are now available for purchase from the Village Office. A letter was mailed to a Village resident on January 15, 2015 about their dog running at large on numerous occasions.

Finance & Budget Committee

The Hillsborough Minor Hockey Association informed us with thanks that they did not require our support for this year. Following further discussion, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to donate \$75.00 to the Fundy Blades Figure Skating Club 2015 Ice Show. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Treasurer's Report

Preparations are underway for the 2014 audit, and signatures of Council were required on a memo addressed to our auditor Donna L. Floyd. The 2014 T-4 slips will be prepared and mailed prior to the end of this week.

Acceptance of Monthly Bills

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, to accept the bills for January 2015 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Old Business

Unsightly Premises

Denis Frenette from the SE Regional Service Commission called the Village Office on January 15, 2015 to state that he plans to assist the Village with dangerous and/or unsightly premises later this spring.

Signage in the Village, Directory, & Flower Basket Hangers

There is no news about signage and flower basket hangers; Councillor Lefrancois plans to bring copies of the new Directory into the office.

New Gas Tax Fund Allocation & Building Canada Fund

There is no news about the Gas Tax Fund or Building Canada Fund.

New Business

Tele-Drive Albert County – Request for Support 2015

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, that \$400.00 be donated to Tele-Drive Albert County for 2015.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2015 Dog Control Agreement

Following discussion about the draft 2015 Dog Control Agreement, the Clerk was instructed to contact Alma and Hillsborough for information on their dog control for next month's meeting.

EMO Plan – Council Representative

Mayor Elliott appointed Councillor Kevin Rossiter to represent Village Council on the tri-community EMO planning committee.

New Telecommunications System

Following discussion, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Lefrancois, that the Village of Riverside-Albert support the new tri-community telecommunications system model that was presented during the meeting of January 14, 2015 in Hillsborough, NB. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to NB 911 for Council's and the Fire Chief's signatures, and Mayor Elliott stated he would contact Hillsborough Mayor Patrick Armstrong to inquire about the breakdown of the annual telecommunications invoice. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

March 2015 Council Meeting

The March Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2015 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk