

**May 11, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, May 11, 2015. Mayor Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Barbour and Rossiter in attendance; Councillor Lefrancois was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, and Fire Chief Peter Murphy. Also present was Joseph Gallant from Connecting Albert County.

### **Meeting Agenda**

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

### **Presentation – Connecting Albert County**

Joseph Gallant gave a presentation on behalf of Connecting Albert County (CAC), which has evolved from a series of community conversations within Albert County since 2009. A committee and website (ConnectingAlbertCounty.org) are in place. Their mission highlights five priority areas for community action to include Community Economic Development, Food Security, Culture & Heritage, Recreation (Wellness), and Environment. With support from the Environmental Trust Fund, an engagement platform was created to include the website, written news, e-news, and a calendar. CAC is a combined effort of many community groups, organizations, and businesses who believe that together we can build a sustainable, healthy, and prosperous Rural Albert County. Questions can be directed to the website and financial aid would be appreciated.

### **Adoption of Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Council meeting as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Business Arising From Minutes**

There is no business arising from the minutes.

### **Correspondence**

- a. Dated April 15, 2015 from Al Urquhart, Riverview Seniors, with request for lobby to keep seniors assets.
- b. Dated April 23, 2015 from Bennett & Albert County Foundation with card of thanks for support.

- c. Dated April 23, 2015 from Bob Rochon for the Bennett & Albert County Foundation with request for support for golf tournament fundraiser. It was consensus that further support is not available this year.
- d. Dated May 6, 2015 from Alma Mayor Kirstin Shortt about the 2015 Alma Celebration Days and parade on June 27, 2015.
- e. Dated May 7, 2015 from the Monarchist League of Canada about celebration of the Queen's Reign with a one-time ceremony on Wednesday, September 9, 2015; it was consensus this item be tabled.

**Public Works Report – Heather Cail, Superintendent**

Water & Sewer

Despite heavy snow melt, boil water advisories have been avoided through careful monitoring at the water treatment facility. Mayor Elliott recently met with R&G Trucking in Sussex, and they have agreed to bring water in to keep the plant in operation when we need water delivery. The Soul Sisters Boutique water connection is scheduled for this Thursday between 9 am and 12 noon; residents on that side of King Street from Mill Street to the home just before Crooked Creek Convenience will be notified of a water interruption and boil water advisory until lifted by Dept of Health.

Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) plans to hold a press release and 'Name the Park' contest in conjunction with Riverside School prior to the end of the school year. This year's DUC banquet on May 2<sup>nd</sup> was attended by Village staff and was a successful fundraising event; it was stressed that all funds raised are utilized here and throughout our surrounding area.

Streets

Brown's Paving will give prices for cuts on Water Street and Forestdale Road.

Solid Waste Collection

The Big Spring Cleanup and Household Hazardous Waste Trailer are scheduled for Riverside-Albert on Monday, May 25, 2015.

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the Public Works Report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Fire Department Report**

The Fire Chief spoke about numerous calls to fight grass fires this past month and some potential new volunteers. At the present time, there is a province-wide ban on burning, and the Department follows the provincial burn ban with no exceptions. Forest fire training is coming up for four volunteers with Department of Natural Resources on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and further training is scheduled in Riverview later in June. A door-to-door campaign is underway to survey homes in the fire coverage area. Repairs were recently done to the tanker truck, and plans are that the rescue van will be changed to a command centre. Three front doors are to be replaced at the Firehall and the trailer for the argo will be enclosed. The dry hydrant at the Ducks Unlimited Project is anticipated, and there was brief discussion regarding financing to purchase a refurbished rescue van. The annual payment cheque for the fire pumper was presented tonight; the payment has been \$3,000.00 each year until this year. This year's cheque is \$917.00 following deduction of an insurance bill for the firemen. It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the Fire Department report.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Following further discussion, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, for a vote of appreciation for the Fire Department's financial contribution and the efforts of their volunteers. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Committee Reports**

#### Streets

Mayor Elliott reported that sweeping of streets is underway and that only so much cold patch is available at one time.

#### Planning & Co-ordination

All is going well with the South East Regional Service Commission.

#### Solid Waste

Mayor Elliott gave a brief report on plans for a three-stream garbage collection and that a treatment process is being set up for leachate.

#### Water & Sewer

Further planning to improve our water system is being discussed with the Province and our consulting firm EXP.

RCMP & Recreation Centre

There is no news from the RCMP or at the Recreation Centre.

Animal Control

Dog Constable Ben Grondin is investigating complaints of a dog running at large on Forestdale Road.

**Treasurer's Report**

Donna Floyd CGA has started the 2014 audit. Updates for the General Revenue Fund ending April 2015 and the Water & Sewer Fund ending March 2015 were provided to Council. Overdue water & sewer customers will be shut off the second week of June if unpaid.

**Acceptance of Monthly Bills**

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the bills for April 2015 as presented; during discussion, there were questions about new clothing for the Fire Department and bills from Betts General Store. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Old Business**

Unightly Premises

Last month, the Clerk was requested to contact Denis Frenette with the SE Regional Service Commission about meeting with Council when he comes to inspect the Village; Mr. Frenette did not return the call and the Clerk will try again to contact him before next month's meeting.

Signage in the Village & Flower Basket Hangers

There is no news about signage and flower basket hangers.

New Gas Tax Fund Allocation & Building Canada Fund

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

Future of Riverside School – Sustainability Study Meetings

On April 28, 2015, the District Education Council voted unanimously in favour of keeping Riverside Consolidated School open; however, they stressed the importance of creating greater sustainability for the school. Following discussion, Councillor Barbour agreed to attend the RCS Sustainability Study Meetings for Riverside School as a representative of Village Council.

Department of Transportation Snow Removal – Correspondence

There is no news about letters concerning DOT snow removal.

Request for Water Connection – Soul Sisters Boutique

As reported earlier this evening under the Public Works report, permits are in place for the Soul Sisters Boutique with their water connection scheduled for Thursday of this week.

Water Storage Tanks – Recreation Centre

Local Services Advisor Daniel Goguen emailed on May 7<sup>th</sup> stating that he still has two parties possibly interested in the water storage tanks; an update should be available by next month's meeting.

Emergency Measures Organization

Councillor Rossiter reported that Bob Rochon is looking for a date for a preliminary meeting concerning updating of the Regional EMO Plan. The Village of Alma had their meeting last week.

Article – Sally James for Village of Riverside-Albert

The article written Sally James was placed on our website by webmaster David Taiaroa; however David has concerns about promotional links within the text which may be misleading. It was consensus of Council that the links not be included.

June Council Meeting

The June Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2015 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

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Mayor

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Village Clerk