

**July 13, 2015**

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, July 13, 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, Fire Chief Peter Murphy, and Sandra Nelson from the Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee (CCRC). Also in attendance was Donna Floyd CGA to present the 2014 Financials.

**Meeting Agenda**

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the meeting agenda with the addition of a short presentation from the Chipody Communities Revitalization Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Presentation: Donna Floyd CGA – Draft 2014 Financial Statements**

Following presentation of the draft 2014 Financial Statements, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, that the 2014 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Village of Riverside-Albert be adopted with the changes as discussed on Page 2 in Item #8 of the Management Letter dated July 13, 2015 to ensure an accurate presentation of the Gas Tax Fund. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Presentation: Sandra Nelson, CCRC – Pioneer Cemetery**

Sandra Nelson of the Chipody Communities Revitalization Committee (CCRC) expressed their concerns about the blocked right of way to the Pioneer Cemetery in the Village. The owner of the property will be contacted by the Committee and Council will be kept up to date with news.

**Adoption of Minutes**

It was moved by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2015 Council meeting as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Business Arising From Minutes**

There is no business arising from the minutes. There was discussion if some of the items under Old Business could be dropped from the agenda.

**Correspondence**

- a. Dated June 2015 from Forest Dale Home Foundation with card of thanks for cable tv support.
- b. Dated June 1, 2015 from Albert County Exhibition with request for support for the 2015 Exhibition scheduled from Sept 17<sup>th</sup> to Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to donate \$200.00 to the 2015 Albert County Exhibition.  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- c. Dated June 5, 2015 from Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee with thanks for use of the Rec Centre for the job fair.
- d. Dated July 7, 2015 from NB Health Council with news release concerning sustainability in the Health System.
- e. Dated July 9, 2015 from the Office of Rob Moore MP with invitation to the annual Fundy Royal BBQ on July 16, 2015.

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

Water & Wastewater

A Boil Water Advisory was issued by the Department of Health following extreme rainfall on June 22, 2015. One load of water was brought in to assist the backwash procedure, and the advisory was lifted on June 26, 2015. Our consultants from EXP have said they are available to meet with Council concerning construction of the water storage tower as well as the long term plan for the water system. Natech plans to soon begin the wastewater mixing study for the Shepody River which has been funded under the Environmental Trust Fund for \$10,000.00. The Village submitted a float in the Alma Days parade. Brown's Paving is soon expected to begin installing black asphalt on our streets, and residents are reminded to cover their garbage each Tuesday prior to garbage collection. 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 reported several motor vehicle accidents this past month; there was a debriefing held for the volunteers following one fatality of a local resident. Volunteers have been busy at events such as the Shepody River Days and security at the recent flea market. As discussed at last month's meeting, there are plans in place to acquire a 1994 truck from

the Town of Riverview as well as to give the 1986 truck to another needy Fire Department. Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, that a tendering process be initiated for a cube van rescue vehicle for the Riverside-Albert Volunteer Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Following further discussion, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, that \$15,000.00 be allotted from the 2015 Firefighting Equipment budget and \$15,000.00 be allotted from the 2016 Firefighting Equipment budget for the process of acquiring a cube van rescue vehicle for the Riverside-Albert Volunteer Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Local Services Advisor Daniel Goguen will be asked for his input concerning this acquisition.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Streets

Patching of Village streets should begin soon.

#### Planning & Co-ordination

Meetings with the Regional Service Commission are held monthly. Councillor Rossiter requested if Mayor Elliott could inquire when properties with outstanding taxes in the Village would be put up for tax sale.

#### RCMP

RCMP Cpl. Chantal Ouellette was present at tonight's meeting to update Council following a meeting with the Village Clerk on July 7, 2015. Members are active in Riverside-Albert on an average of four to five days each week, and additional staff will be in the area the week of the Albert County Exhibition. Off-road vehicle enforcement will be carried out. RCMP members are being transferred in and out of the districts fairly often, which is the normal transfer process for the RCMP. Policing issues are basically the same within every community.

#### Animal Control

Dog Constable Ben Grondin has agreed to hand deliver a letter with dog fine to a family on Forestdale Road who will not register their dog; he has recommended that his fee of \$55.00 be added to the fine.

Finance & Budget

It was consensus of Council that the credit accounts at Cooke's Quick Mart in Hillsborough be closed.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Clerk distributed income statements up to and including June 30, 2015 for both the general and utility funds. Village resident Mackenzie Keirstead was hired under the 2015 SEED Program for 8 weeks this summer. The Albert County Tourism Association has set up a Visitor Information Centre with students at the Village Office; it is working well.

**Acceptance of Monthly Bills**

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

**Old Business**

Unightly Premises, Signage & Flower Basket Hangers

There is no news this month related to unsightly premises, signage, and flower basket hangers.

Building Canada Fund

A very important announcement concerning the Building Canada Fund took place at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, June 15, 2015. The Honourable Rob Moore, Regional Minister for New Brunswick, Minister of State (ACOA), and Member of Parliament for Fundy, and Bernard LeBlanc, Member of the Legislative Assembly, joined Village Council and residents to announce that funding for up to two thirds of the total eligible project cost of \$1,370,440 under the New Building Canada Fund's Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – Small Communities Fund. The project involves installing a dedicated water transmission main and an above-ground water storage tank. The Village will be responsible for the remaining project costs.

New Gas Tax Fund Allocation

A committee meeting of Council and Staff is set for Friday, July 24, 2015 to plan the next allocation of the Gas Tax Fund.

Future of Riverside School – Sustainability Study Meetings

The RCS Sustainability Committee reported good news that a motion was passed on June 9, 2015 that Riverside School would not be slated for closure for the next four years.

Water Storage Tanks Behind Rec Centre

Local Services Advisor Daniel Goguen reported that the Pointe de Bute Fire Department is pleased to be receiving one of the water storage tanks; they are making transportation arrangements in the near future.

Emergency Measures Organization

Emergency Measures Co-ordinator Mike LeBlanc dropped into the Village Office on July 8, 2015 to inquire about the status of updating our tri-community EMO plan. The Clerk will email Bob Rochon for any updates.

Telecommunications Tower

There is no news about the telecommunications tower.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

There was brief discussion about the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program in relation to possible funding for a new electronic sign at the entrance to the Recreation Centre.

Municipal Capital Borrowing Board Hearing – Ton truck & plow

The request for authorization to borrow \$65,000.00 for purchase of a ton truck & plow was considered during the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board hearing of June 8, 2015. The request was conditionally authorized upon receipt of the Village's 2014 audited financial statements, and the term of the application was reduced from 10 years to 5 years in accordance with the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board guidelines. It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, that the five-year term be accepted by Council. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ceremony – The Monarchist League of Canada – September 9, 2015

Village resident and CCRC member Sandra Nelson requested a copy of the information from the Monarchist League about September 9, 2015.

**New Business**

Connecting Albert County

As requested by Councillor Lefrancois in his email dated July 13, 2015, it was consensus of Council that the Village Office assist with requests from Connecting Albert County.

CCRC Flea Market & Shepody River Days

The CCRC Flea Market and Shepody River Days were held July 10<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup> and were deemed successful. Plans are in place for next year.

August Council Meeting

The August Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2015 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 pm.

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Mayor

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Village Clerk