

April 11, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, April 11, 2016. 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 Village residents.

Meeting Agenda

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

UNANIMOUSLY.

Adoption of Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2016 and March 24, 2016 Council Meetings. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Business Arising From Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence

- a. Dated March 14, 2016 from Bob Rochon with draft EMO Plan; it was consensus that Council meet with Mr. Rochon to discuss the draft.
- b. Dated March 23, 2016 from Minister Francine Landry with main estimates related to Post Secondary Education, Training, & Labour.
- c. Dated April 5, 2016 from Tele-Drive Albert County with card of thanks.
- d. Dated April 6, 2016 from Foods of the Fundy Valley about their Annual General Meeting scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2016.
- e. Dated April 7, 2016 from the Lefrancois Family about damages to their properties during snow removal operations.
- f. Dated April 7, 2016 from Friendship Seniors concerning their rental rates for use of the Seniors Room at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre. In the letter they explained that due to decreasing membership, fewer fundraising activities were expected to be held in the future. However, they were budgeting to make a donation each year not to exceed \$120.00.
- g. Dated April 8, 2016 from Fire Marshall Douglas Browne concerning the new process for Fire Marshall appointments.
- h. Dated April 2016 from NB 911 Director Diane Pelletier concerning the Regional Fire Dispatch Implementation.

Public Works Report – Heather Cail, Superintendent

Water & Wastewater

Recent operations for water and wastewater have been normal.

Beautification & Streets

Spring cleanup in the Village will begin soon. Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to approve purchase of a 2016 John Deere X350 Lawn Tractor not to exceed \$4,000.00. It was discussed that this equipment was a budgeted item for 2016. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Streets

There are presently calls out for prices to patch streets. Stiles Road suffered recent damage during snow removal, and repairs were fairly extensive. Future work on Village streets has been planned and previously presented under the current phase of the Gas Tax Fund; work will begin following approval of the application.

Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

Prices were received to replace furnaces at the Recreation Centre as outlined under a previous phase of the Gas Tax Fund; all three prices were approximately the same amount. This item will be discussed in Committee.

Solid Waste Collection

The Regional Service Commission is planning public presentations on moving from a two-bag to a three-bag garbage collection system, and the presentation date for our area is scheduled for next month. The new garbage truck is working very well; Worksafe NB recently met with staff and completed an initial inspection on the truck.

It was moved by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, to approve the Public Works Maintenance report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Peter Murphy reported there were a few calls this past month. A recruitment session for new volunteers is planned in the near future and it was requested that the community assist the Department in this regard. Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Brewster attended the NB Atlantic Fire

Prevention conference this past weekend in Fredericton.

Installation of the new generator at the Fire hall is almost complete and will be operational for the community in case of extended power outages. The new propane furnace has proven to significantly save on heating the building. The radio communications system is now updated with everything in place with a new fibre optic system. The International fire truck and the 1984 water tanker will soon be placed for sale; Expressions of Interest will be presented to Village Council.

In closing, Fire Chief Peter Murphy expressed thanks and appreciation to Council for their efforts during the past four years.

Following their thanks to the Fire Chief, it was moved by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, to approve the Fire Department report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Committee Reports

Streets

Reports on streets work will be reviewed for the new Council.

Planning & Co-ordination – Regional Service Commission

A recent study was completed regarding recreational facilities and development; the report will be on file in the Village Office. The next Regional Service Commission meeting is set for April 26, 2016, and all nominees for Mayor and Council are invited to attend.

Water & Sewer

Consulting firm EXP has completed the Supplemental Geophysical Survey for Groundwater Supply Source Investigation; the document will be presented to Council within the next two weeks.

RCMP

RCMP Constable Jeffrey Dowe presented a brief update to Council on the rash of break and enter incidents in the Village last fall; charges were laid and some of the individuals have since moved out of the Village. Also, there

were recent reports of nails being deliberately thrown on Water Street close to the lower intersection of King Street; if anyone has further information, they are asked to contact the RCMP.

Recreation Centre

The Recreation Centre is busy in April with a sleepover for the Girl Guides, a birthday party booking, the annual Job Fair, meetings for the proposed RCS Preschool and Meet the Candidates Night, along with Bingo and the other monthly meetings as well as Zumba classes. Training for the municipal election was held there for two days, and the advance polls are scheduled for April 30th and May 2nd with the Election booked for May 9th.

Animal Control

At the present time, there are over 60 dogs registered in the Village with more that need to be tagged. Following discussion, it was consensus that no further expenses be incurred for cat control at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Income Statements for the General Revenue and Utility Revenue Funds up to and including March 31, 2016 were distributed to Council and the Fire Department. Season passes are now available for the Fundy Trail Parkway with reduced prices available prior to May 31st. The annual Ducks Unlimited Fundraiser banquet scheduled for May 7th at Broadleaf Ranch.

Acceptance of Monthly Bills

It was moved by Councillor Rossiter, seconded by Councillor Barbour, to accept the bills for March 2016 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Old Business

Unsightly Premises

As an update to last month's meeting, a call was recently received at the Village Office with many thanks from a resident that clean-up was done by the owner on their neighbor's property. There was brief discussion regarding homes with unsightly premises in the Village going up for tax sale, and it was consensus that this be discussed in Committee.

Building Canada Fund – Water Storage

Plans for the water storage project are still in progress.

Water Storage Tank Behind Rec Centre

Plans for removal of the remaining water storage tank still ongoing.

Emergency Measures Organization

The draft EMO Plan was presented to Council, and it was consensus that they meet to discuss with Bob Rochon.

Telecommunications Tower

As mentioned under tonight's Fire Department report, the telecommunications tower is now in place.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

There is no news about the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program.

Solid Waste Public Consultation Session

The public meeting about solid waste sorting is now set for Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 6 pm at the Recreation Centre.

Third Reading & Enactment – Riverside-Albert By-law No. 30

The third and final reading of Riverside-Albert By-law No. 30 which is to Establish a Reserve Fund for Water & Sewerage Capital Expenses was read by title only. It was moved by Councillor Barbour, seconded by Councillor Rossiter, to enact Riverside-Albert By-law No. 30. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

New Business

Job Fair & RCS Preschool Planning Meeting

The annual Job Fair is set for April 14th, and the Preschool meeting is set for April 18th, both at the Recreation Centre.

Meet the Candidates Night

The Meet the Candidates Night is set for April 25th at the Rec Centre.

2016 Municipal Election

The Municipal Election is set for May 9th at the Recreation Centre.

Big Spring Clean-up

The Big Spring Clean-up is set for April 25th and the Household Hazardous Waste Trailer will be at the Recreation Centre on May 16th.

Special Council Meeting

A Special Council Meeting is set for May 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Office.
Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.