

September 12, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, September 12, 2016. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Morrissey, Murphy, & Wright in attendance. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, several Village residents, and RCMP Cpl. Chantal Ouellette.

Meeting Agenda

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Adoption of Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2016 Council Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** (There was no August meeting.)

Business Arising From Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence

- a. Dated July 22, 2016 from DOT Director James Hoyt with request for updated Five Year Program; the report is nearly ready to be sent to DOT.
- b. Dated August 4, 2016 from Healthy Environments about Food Premises Licensing.
- c. Dated August 5, 2016 from DOT Director Serge Melanson about the water rate for the Riverside-Albert garage.
- d. Dated August 8, 2016 from RCMP Cpl Chantal Ouellette about speeding and speed signs on Village streets.
- e. Dated August 9, 2016 from Albert County Exhibition about the parade.
- f. Dated August 19, 2016 from Albert County Exhibition about the opening.
- g. Dated August 22, 2016 from SE Regional Service Commission about the 3-stream information sessions scheduled for September 14 – 15, 2016.
- h. Dated September 2, 2016 from Beulah Morrissey with thanks for the work on sidewalks and inquiry about planning for the Canada 150.
- i. Dated September 6, 2016 from MP Alaina Lockhart about the roundtable discussion scheduled for September 14, 2016.

Public Works Report – Heather Cail, Superintendent

Water & Wastewater

Normal operations were in place for the months of July and August 2016 with the exception of a boil order issued on August 17th due to high turbidity caused by heavy rainfall. The advisory was lifted August 25th following clear sampling results.

The application submitted by the Village in June 2016 under the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund for water main renewals was unsuccessful. There is a second round of funding presently available, and the consultants at exp Services wishes to encourage Council to consider submitting an application for water and wastewater instrumentation upgrades.

Beautification & Streets

Public works staff completed summer maintenance on streets and sidewalks, and the letter of thanks under Correspondence was appreciated. The culvert crossing at 5662 King Street needs to be repaired.

Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

There were normal operations at the Recreation Centre over the summer months with the building being utilized primarily by the Fundy Youth Group for their children's program, summer Zumba classes, the monthly Fish & Game meeting and Bingo, a Food Safety Course, and a couple of children's birthday parties. The building now has free WiFi.

Solid Waste Collection

The three-bag solid waste sorting system is to be implemented the week of October 17, 2016; an amendment to the By-law will be necessary. The Big Fall Clean-up is set for October 24th and the Household Hazardous Waste Day is set for the prior Monday on October 17th.

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

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Peter Murphy reported. Since the last meeting, the 1984 GMC fire tanker and the 1990 GMC rescue van were sold with proceeds going back into this year's fire budget. The 1986 International pumper received years ago from Riverview will be put out of service and may be given to the fire training school in Miramichi. New lettering has been installed on the remaining fire vehicles, and replacement of some windows and doors are planned for the Firehall.

Training for the volunteers began over the summer and is ongoing. The hydrant at the DUC pond has been working well with no issues. Volunteers were called out to several motor vehicle accidents between Hillsborough and Alma, and they plan to be at the hot dog stand and to drive Fire vehicles in the parade at this year's Exhibition. The music jamboree fundraiser is planned for October 1st at the Fundy Curling Club. It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to accept the Fire Department report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Committee Reports

Planning & Co-ordination – Regional Service Commission

As Mayor Campbell was away on vacation, Councillor Morrissey attended the last regular monthly meeting of the Southeast Regional Service Commission; concerns centered around unsightly premises and the new garbage sorting system. On September 2nd, Mayor Campbell and Councillor Morrissey met with Chuck Steeves, Chair of the Pointe-du-Chene LSD Advisory Council. Discussion centered around tourism, unsightly premises, water & sewer services and the topic of amalgamation.

Water & Sewer

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the Council of the Village of Riverside-Albert hereby directs **exp** Services Inc. to assist the Village to make application for infrastructure funding under the Canada – New Brunswick Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for the Water Control System and Wastewater Instrumentation Upgrades. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RCMP

RCMP Cpl. Chantal Ouellette gave a brief report on policing in our area for July and August; thefts from vehicles took place in August on Crooked Creek Road, Waterside, and Alma. The RCMP received a request concerning information on the Firearms Act, and a local report was received about a dog attack on chickens. A suspicious vehicle (red Mazda) has been reported, some speeders have been stopped, and large crowds/traffic at the local Chase the Ace event on Friday evenings was noted. Members plan to be present as much as possible for the Exhibition beginning later this week.

Recreation

Riverside-Albert Recreation Council representative Mindy Holmstrom presented a written report on the Recreation Council Special Meeting held on July 25, 2016. There were eight in attendance including former members of the Board and Mayor Campbell. The Recreation Council plans to reactivate their Board, and this second Special Meeting was called to continue to bring those in attendance up to date regarding what was done the prior month and for continued future planning; a third Special Meeting is planned for September 19th with the Annual General Meeting set for October 17th. It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to accept the Recreation Council report as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Animal Control

On September 4th, the Village Clerk was advised that a dog from the Village broke into a chicken pen owned by residents also in the Village. The Dog Constable was advised, and a letter will be sent to the dog's owner.

Treasurer's Report

Income Statements for the General Revenue fund up to and including August 31, 2016 were distributed to Council. The income statement for the Water & Sewer Revenue fund will depend on the status of the Backup Water Operator funding, and will be provided to Council as soon as the Clerk hears back from the Province.

The Clerk completed a survey sent by the Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training & Labour requesting a review of the 2016 SEED Program for hiring students. It is hoped that the survey will help pave

the way for improvements to the 2017 SEED Program. Students hired by ACTA have finished for the summer, but the Tourist Information Centre will remain open during regular Office hours this fall.

It was consensus that residents with overdue water & sewer bills will be sent another letter and, if still unpaid, a final letter by registered mail.

Acceptance of Monthly Bills

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wright, to accept the bills for July 2016 as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNANIMOUSLY. It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to accept the bills for August 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Old Business

Unsightly Premises

There was brief discussion about the ongoing problem with unsightly premises in the Village, and that the SE Regional Service Commission may soon be equipped to offer assistance to the municipalities. A home owner on Forestdale Road will be notified by letter about garbage left outside her house and blowing on neighboring properties.

Building Canada Fund – Water Storage

An update on the water storage project will be available next month.

Emergency Measures Organization

It was consensus the Clerk contact Bob Rochon to meet with Council about his presentation of the updated EMO Plan earlier this year.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

There is no news on Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program.

RBC Direct Payments

An update on the Royal Bank direct payments for water and sewer customers will be presented to Council as soon as possible.

Solid Waste Public Consultation Session

Councillor Morrissey and Public Works staff plan to attend the new three-stream solid waste separation sessions at the Solid Waste Facility later this week. In the coming weeks, the Commission will begin a large-scale public education and awareness campaign.

New Business

Request from Ilbert Newcomb – Road Access

It was consensus that Ilbert Newcomb be given permission to access a municipal road in the Crooked Creek area for logging operations this fall.

CBDC Business information Session

It was consensus that the Community Business Development be given permission to hold a business information session at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on October 11th at no charge.

Riverside Consolidated School – Rec Centre Rental Rate

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that rent for Riverside Consolidated School use of the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre remain at \$11,500.00 for the 2016/2017 school year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2015 Financial Statements

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that the 2015 Financial Statements as prepared by Donna Floyd CGA be accepted; during discussion, it was noted that there was a surplus of \$5,633.00 in the General Revenue Fund and a surplus of \$12,716.00 in the Water & Sewer Revenue Fund. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

October Council Meeting

Thanksgiving Monday falls on Monday, October 10, 2016 and the Fish & Game meeting is normally booked for the Recreation Centre on the second Tuesday; therefore, the October Council meeting is set for Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Riverside-Albert Village Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.