

**MARCH 13, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, March 13, 2017. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Morrissey and Wright in attendance; Councillor Murphy was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, and several guests. Also in attendance was Bob Rochon of Hillsborough to make a presentation on the updated Tri-Community EMO Plan.

### **MEETING AGENDA**

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

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Bob Rochon – Updated Tri-Community EMO Plan**

Bob Rochon of Hillsborough was engaged by previous Village Councils of Riverside-Albert, Hillsborough, and Alma to update the existing Tri-Community Emergency Measures Organization Plan for the three communities. He explained the background of the Plan, which is mandatory under the EMO Act of New Brunswick in relation to the protection of life, property, and the environment in the event of a declaration of emergency. He stated that information sessions are planned for the summer of 2017. Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that the updated Tri-Community Plan for Riverside-Albert, Hillsborough, and Alma be accepted by the Village of Riverside-Albert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to adopt the minutes of the February 14, 2017 Council Meeting as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a.) Dated March 9, 2017 from Jeffrey Schnare of the Albert County Tourism Association regarding repairs to the Stoney Creek washout on Route 114.
- b.) Dated March 2017 from TeleDrive Albert County with 'Card of Thanks for financial support from the Village of Riverside-Albert in 2017.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Water & Sewer

Water and wastewater operations were normal for the month of February. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, members of Village Council met with Roland LeBlanc and Dave Crandall of the Regional Service Commission regarding asset management requirements. The pipe refurbishment project is in the design stage and it is hoped to have both the water refurbishment and water storage tank projects out to tender simultaneously. As well, Xylem Wastewater was here on February 21<sup>st</sup>, and the rebuilt sewerage pump has been returned to service.

Solid Waste

The Eco360 three-bag system continues to be working well in the Village.

Recreation Centre

The washroom renovations at the Rec Centre continue. Proposals for Gas Tax funding will be planned for renovations to the kitchen and meeting room. The project will include insulation, drywall, and painting of exterior walls.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

There was no Fire Department report available for tonight's meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning & Co-ordination – Regional Service Commission

Planning continues for an Eco Depot in the Village once a month to replace the two annual large garbage cleanups and it is hoped this will materialize in the fall of 2017; meanwhile, Nelson's Solid Waste Remediation in Hillsborough will be contacted to provide the Big Spring Cleanup in Riverside-Albert later this May. The household hazardous waste trailer days are set with the Eco360 division of the Regional Service Commission for May 16<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> of this year.

RCMP

RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette is presently away on vacation and plans to attend next month's meeting. She reported one false 9-1-1 call and we have reports of one accident in the Chapman Creek area this past month.

Recreation

There was no Recreation Council Report available for tonight's meeting. A St. Patrick's Day party has been organized by volunteers for March 19<sup>th</sup> and the annual Job Fair is planned for April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Rec Centre.

Animal Control

Austin McKinley was recently appointed as Animal Control Officer for Riverside-Albert this year. There have been 35 dog tags sold to date; reminders will be sent out that registration fees double after March 31, 2017.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The 2016 audit preparations are underway for presentation to audit firm Stevenson & Partners before the next meeting. The 2017 budget updates up to and including the end of March should be available at the next meeting.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS**

It was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that the February bills be accepted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

**UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Unightly Premises

The Village has an agreement this year that the Regional Service Commission will assist us with concerns related to unsightly premises, a problem here and within other municipalities and local service districts. The Commission has recently informed us that work on unsightly premises cannot move forward right now due to law that restricts non-provincial inspectors from entering private property. It is hoped this will be rectified no later than January of next year.

Building Canada Fund – Water Storage Tank (Land – Forestdale Road)

The water storage tank project under the Building Canada Fund is at a standstill until the Village acquires title on the land from Forest Dale Home.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

There is no news about the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program.

RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

A representative from the Royal Bank forwarded information to the office regarding direct payments, with costs to be reviewed by Mayor Campbell and the Clerk. Further information will be available at next month's meeting.

Canada 150 Celebrations

The February winter carnival was the first step in celebrations for Canada's 150, and the St. Patrick's Day party planned for next weekend is the second step. Sandra Nelson reported from the audience that the Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee has their annual general meeting tomorrow night.

By-law – Waste Collection & Disposal

The new By-law for Waste Collection & Disposal will be worked on as soon as possible; Councillor Morrissey has offered to assist Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail with the updates.

Clean Water & Wastewater Fund – Renewal of watermains & laterals

Riverside-Albert was approved for a net eligible project cost of \$603,971. It is planned that work will go to tender this spring.

Gas Tax Fund Agreement – New Capital Investment Plan

The Clerk will contact Luc Theriault from the Dept. of Local Government to assist with the new Capital Investment Plan under the Gas Tax Fund.

**New Business**

Rural Plan By-law – Amendment

Members of Village Council recently met with Tracey Wade, Planner with the Southeast Regional Service Commission, who is presently working on amendments to our Rural Plan By-law. The current plan is 17 years old with only one amendment. Further information will be available at next month's meeting.

Community Business Development Corporation – Spring Business

Sessions

The CBDC plans to hold a spring business session for those interested in starting their own business, at the Riverside-Albert Village Office on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon to 1 pm.

April Council Meeting

The April Council Meeting is set for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm. Following was an Open Town Hall Meeting.

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Mayor

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Village Clerk