

APRIL 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, April 10, 2017. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Morrissey, Murphy, and Wright in attendance. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, and several guests. Also in attendance was RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette.

MEETING AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented, with the addition of a resolution under New Business to amend the present Rural Plan By-law related to Commercial Zone Permitted Uses. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wright, to adopt the minutes of the March 13, 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 14, 2017 from Horizon Health Network in response to Council's letter of support for a generator for the Albert County Health & Wellness Centre.
- b.) Dated March 21, 2017 from Minister Denis Landry with response about bicycle safety in relation to Council's support for Ellen's Law.
- c.) Dated March 26, 2017 from Bob Rochon about Tri-Community EMO Plan.
- d.) Dated March 27, 2017 from Federation of Canadian Municipalities about support for Legal Defense Fund; it was consensus that this item be tabled.
- e.) Dated April 4, 2017 from Village residents Chantal Roy and Graham Hansen with a request that utility rates for the former Pub property on King Street be lowered due to the building being vacant. It was consensus that a letter of response be sent that the utility rates must remain according to the by-law, which states that they must be paid if the service is available.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail

Water & Sewer

Water and wastewater operations were normal for the month of March. Earlier today, Council and staff met with EXP project engineer Gordon Wasson to discuss the progress of the water storage tank project; it is moving forward.

Under the Clean Water & Wastewater Program, the water pipe refurbishment project is in the design stage which is approaching completion. EXP expects to go to tender in the coming weeks.

Solid Waste

The Eco360 three-bag system continues to be working well; amendments to the present Solid Waste By-law are being worked on for the three-bag system. The Big Spring Cleanup date is set for May 15th and the HHW trailer is scheduled to be here at the Riverside-Albert Rec Centre on May 16th from 3 to 7 pm.

Recreation Centre

The washroom renovations at the Rec Centre are now complete, and a propane-powered generator has been purchased for future hydro outages. We are preparing proposals for Gas Tax funding to continue with renovations to the kitchen and meeting room. Projects will include insulation, drywall, and paint. We were recently notified that further funding for the Centre may be available under the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

Streets & Sidewalks

Repair and maintenance planning for streets and sidewalks are underway. With good weather in the forecast for the coming weeks, potholes will be filled.

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wright, to accept this month's Public Works Report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Captain Darrell Weir

An Officers Meeting was held on April 3rd followed by a General Meeting on April 4th. Everett Osmond was appointed to Officer in place of retiring Fireman Richard Weir. Brandon O'Hara was appointed as Training Officer. Meeting nights will remain on Tuesday evenings and attendance records will be kept on file. Another name plaque has been ordered for the Fireman Memorial Plaque. The fire truck cell phone will be updated. Insulation for the ceiling at the fire hall has

been ordered and quotes are being received for epoxy for the floors. Calls over the past month included two snowmobile accidents, two chimney fires, and one car accident. Regarding training, 11 firemen completed their Flagging Course, and two firemen are taking their Level 1 Firefighter training in Hillsborough with a completion date of May 20, 2017. A First Aid course is scheduled for later in April.

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to accept this month's Fire Department Report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets

Village streets are in very poor condition, and improvements are needed.

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. Nelson's Solid Waste Remediation in Hillsborough has agreed to provide the Big Spring Cleanup in Riverside-Albert on May 15th. The household hazardous waste trailer is scheduled for the Rec Centre on May 16th. Mayor Campbell and Councillor Morrissey attended a Trail Town Conference at the end of March in Riverview. Discussion included trail-linking initiatives and ideas how trails can better serve our communities in the Upper Bay of Fundy and Fundy Biosphere Reserve. Members of Albert County Tourism Association may possibly be forming their own committee for this.

RCMP

RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette gave a brief presentation on policing in our area the past couple of months. There were a few calls for service to include a missing person who was located, one theft file still undergoing investigation, one property damage file, and a missing chainsaw was found. A request from Public Works was discussed for routine monitoring around the water plant. Staff Sgt Ouellette will arrange a Mayor's meeting in the near future.

Recreation

Mindy Holmstrom was present to give a Recreation Council report. A spring-league basketball program will be offered free of charge every Monday afternoon until the end of May. A Little Tigers Sports Camp was held recently with 10 children in attendance, and there is one more Kids Craft Night this spring.

An application was made to the United Way for work around the DUC pond, and another to Canada Post for the new playground.

Animal Control

There have been 61 dog tags sold and registered to date, and registration fees are now double as of March 31st. It is important that dogs running at large are reported to the Village Office. The Dog Constable is now back from vacation.

TREASURERS REPORT

As mentioned at last month's meeting, the Community Business Development Corporation (CBDC) is holding spring employment sessions to encourage new business; Riverside-Albert's will be Tuesday, April 18th at 12:00 noon at the Village Office. The Town of Riverview is hosting the third annual Sustaina-Palooza beginning April 19th to share and exchange knowledge on actions and ideas related to tourism growth in our region. The Albert County Tourism Association is holding a 2017 tourism spring information session in Alma on May 16th. Mayor Campbell requested that registrations be submitted for this.

Audit firm Stevenson & Partners contacted the Clerk to say they will let us know as soon as they are ready to begin the 2016 audit. The 2017 budget updates up to and including the end of March for the General Revenue Fund were presented for tonight's meeting, and the Utility Fund updates will be prepared for Council as soon as possible.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wright, that the March bills be accepted as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

Unightly Premises

Changes to the Municipalities Act are necessary before the Village can move forward on unsightly premises. It is hoped these changes will be in place no later than January 2018.

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

The water storage tank project under the Building Canada Fund is ongoing.

RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

There was discussion about forms for residents who wish to pay their utility bill through their bank, and samples will be presented to Council for a final decision before they are mailed out.

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

The Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee (CCRC) are presently planning Shepody River Days for July; a meeting is set for next Thursday night.

By-law – Waste Collection & Disposal

The new By-law for Waste Collection & Disposal is now in draft form.

Clean Water & Wastewater Fund – Renewal of watermains & laterals

Work on renewal of watermains and laterals under the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund is to go to tender this spring.

Gas Tax Fund Agreement – New Capital Investment Plan

A meeting with Crandall Engineering is planned for later this month to discuss funding opportunities for the Gas Tax Fund.

Rural Plan By-law – Amendment

Amendments to the present Rural Plan By-law are being worked on. A committee of local individuals are working with Mayor Campbell and the Planners from the Regional Service Commission to finalize the new By-law.

NEW BUSINESS

Ducks Unlimited Canada Lars Larsen Memorial Dinner

The annual DUC Lars Larsen Memorial Dinner fundraiser is set for May 6, 2017; it was consensus of Council that 4 tickets be purchased for the event.

Big Spring Cleanup & HHW Day

As mentioned earlier, the Riverside-Albert big spring cleanup and household hazardous waste days are set for May 15th and 16th.

Highway 114 Stoney Creek Washout

On March 2, 2017, a serious washout took out a bridge on Route 114 in Stoney Creek, which necessitated a detour through Dawson Road. The new bridge is not yet finalized, and conditions on the Dawson Road are deteriorating rapidly. A public meeting was held with the Minister on March 29th in Hillsborough, and the Province has been providing weekly updates through the

Albert County Tourism Association which are forwarded in turn to us. The Department of Transportation & Infrastructure expects that the new bridge will be open to traffic by mid-May. Further information should be available by the May meeting.

Amendment – Rural Plan By-law Commercial Zone Permitted Uses

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that whereas Council has considered an application from Lindsay Butland to amend By-law No. RARP 1, the “Village of Riverside-Albert Rural Plan By-law” to add service stations as a permitted main use in the Commercial Zone subject to terms and conditions; be it resolved that the Council of the Village of Riverside-Albert directs that an appropriate by-law be prepared to amend By-law No. RARP 1, the “Village of Riverside-Albert Rural Plan By-law”; that the proposed by-law be referred to the Southeast Planning Review and Adjustment Committee for their views; that the notice of intention requirements of the Community Planning Act be fulfilled with respect to the proposed amendment, and sets the Council Meeting on May 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 5823 King Street, Riverside-Albert, NB at the date, time and place for the Public Hearing of consideration of objections to the proposed by-law. In conformity of Section 66 of the Community Planning Act, the Village of Riverside-Albert requests the written views of the Southeast Regional Service Commission on a text amendment to the Rural Plan By-law No. RARP 1.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MAY COUNCIL MEETING

The May Council Meeting is set for Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Riverside-Albert Municipal Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk