

**OCTOBER 16, 2017**

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, October 16, 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, Fire Department volunteers Darrell Weir & Kyle Brewster, RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette, and several guests; Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail was absent. Also in attendance to give a presentation was Nathalie Gallant, Director of Community Business Development Corporation – Westmorland-Albert.

**MEETING AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented with an addition of a letter of thanks from the Anglican Parish churches. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION – Nathalie Gallant – Director CBDC**

**Westmorland Albert**

Nathalie Gallant gave a brief presentation about the Community Business Development Corporation. The CBDCs are not-for-profit organizations run by volunteers from the local business communities who firmly believe in improving the economic viability of their region. Their objective is to help build stronger communities in Atlantic Canada by stimulating private sector employment in our rural areas in the creation, expansion, and training for small and medium-sized businesses. The CBDCs offer a variety of loan products and services that help entrepreneurs succeed at their business. Their next Business Information Session is set at the Village Office on October 26, 2017 at 12 noon.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Wright, to adopt the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Council Meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a.) Dated August 29, 2017 from Minister John Ames with Wellness Walkers grant approval in the amount of \$3,000.00 which will be used to purchase Nordic walking equipment for the local Wellness Walkers group.
- b.) Dated September 16, 2017 from Laurie Betts Jr. regarding flying an Acadian flag at McClelan Park; an email of response was sent by Mayor Campbell.
- c.) Dated September 18, 2017 from Minister Bill Fraser with Canada 150 Regional Development Grant approval in the amount of \$10,000.00 for upgrades to the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.
- d.) Dated September 25, 2017 from business owner Lindsay Butland with concerns about the dangerous intersection at the lower corner by her store. This request has been sent off to the Department of Transportation.
- e.) Dated September 26, 2017 from Dr. Mariane Paquet, Regional Medical Officer of Health, advising a Boil Order Advisory on September 25, 2017.
- f.) Dated October 5, 2017 from Roland LeBlanc, Eco360, with invitation to the Environmental Awards ceremony scheduled for November 15, 2017.
- g.) Dated October 6, 2017 from Holy Whale Brewing in Alma offering a donation program; it was agreed this be forwarded to the Rec Council.
- h.) Dated October 10, 2017 from the St. Mary's and St Alban's Anglican churches with thanks to Council for the donation of the former market sign.
- i.) Dated October 11, 2017 from Federation of Canadian Municipalities with grant approval in the amount of up to \$50,000.00 for costs related to Capital Asset Management Planning.

Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail was absent from the meeting.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Fire Department volunteer Kyle Brewster presented tonight's report. Since the last report, there have been three structural fires, several motor vehicle accidents, and several mutual aid calls. The hot dog stand and fundraiser musical evening were both very successful. The 2007 Chev Suburban was purchased last month, and the old rescue van can now step down. As soon as the non-slip coating is installed on the Firehall floor, an Open House and recruitment

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campaign are both planned. There were concerns expressed about the Fire Department access to the water holding tanks on County Road which is temporarily in bad condition due to the present water main replacement projects.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Streets

King Street and several side streets are temporarily torn up right now due to the watermain and water storage tank projects. A base coat will be placed on King Street before the winter, and it is hoped that Department of Transportation will pave the street next year under our Five-Year Plan for streets improvement.

### Planning & Co-ordination

Mayor Campbell attended the September meeting of the Regional Service Commission held on September 26, 2017 at Moncton City Hall.

### Water & Sewer

The two water projects are ongoing.

### RCMP

RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette was in attendance to give a report at tonight's Council meeting; since last month's meeting, there were eleven calls for service, seven of which were false 9-1-1 calls, several family dispute calls, a mischief call, theft of a car (unsubstantiated) and one collision with a deer. There will be a police presence in our area on Halloween night.

### Recreation

Since the September meeting, the Open House for the Nature Conservancy of Canada watershed project and the Queens Pageant luncheon were both held at the Rec Centre, the Little Tigers basketball was set for each Wednesday night while Pickleball and Zumba classes are ongoing each week; the monthly Fish & Game meeting and Bingo games continue. Staff from the Health & Wellness Centre continued to hold their monthly meetings there as well.

### Animal Control

Dog Constable Austin McKinley met with the Clerk recently. He was able to successfully register three more dogs for 2017 at no additional cost to the Village.

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### **TREASURERS REPORT**

At the last Committee Meeting, budget updates for both revenue funds were distributed to Council. A meeting with the audit firm of Stevenson & Partners will be requested about the significant surplus in the 2016 Financials.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS**

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to accept the bills for the month of September as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Unightly Premises

Following tax sales, two properties owned by the Province were demolished this past month on King Street on the Albert side of the Village.

#### Building Canada Fund and Clean Water & Wastewater Fund

Both water system improvement projects are in full operation. At times, work may proceed overnight with dust, construction noise, and the occasional loss of water. The water storage tank will be commissioned in the spring of 2018.

### RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

Following brief discussion, it was consensus of Council that the Royal Bank be contacted to set up the Village as a Corporate Payee for utility bill payments.

### By-law – Waste Collection & Disposal

The first and second readings of the new Waste Collection & Disposal By-law should be on the agenda of next month's meeting.

### Letter of Understanding – Monument of Chipoudy

A letter of understanding between the Village of Riverside-Albert and the working group for the Monument of Chipoudy was signed on October 15, 2017.

### Intersection of King Street and Route 915

It is anticipated that a full assessment will be done to create greater safety at the intersection of King Street and Route 915 in the spring of 2018.

### Nature Conservancy of Canada – Fundraising Caledonia Gorge Project

A very successful Open House for the Nature Conservancy of Canada Caledonia Gorge Project was held at the Recreation Centre on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

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A very generous donation of \$6,000.00 was given by the CCRC (Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee) along with other donations sent in by multiple local residents. It is hoped that the goal of \$250,000 will be met by this time next month, and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

### **First Reading – Riverside-Albert By-law No. RARP-2**

The Village Clerk gave the first reading of Riverside-Albert By-law No. RARP-2 in its entirety.

### **New Business**

#### Big Fall Cleanup – October 23, 2017

The Big Fall Cleanup for Riverside-Albert is set for October 23, 2017.

#### Snow Removal & Sanding – 2017/2018 Winter Season

It was consensus of Council to use Village staff and equipment to do snow removal this winter.

2017 Remembrance Day Service – Thursday, November 9, 2017

The 2017 Remembrance Day Service is set for November 9, 2017.

2018 Budget Planning and Water & Sewer Rates

The first budget planning meeting will be held in the very near future.

November Council Meeting

The November Council Meeting is set for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at the Riverside-Albert Village Office.

**Second Reading – Riverside-Albert By-law No. RARP-2**

The Village Clerk gave the second reading of Riverside-Albert By-law No.

RARP-2 by title only.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Mayor

Village Clerk