

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Village Office on Monday, December 11, 2017. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Murphy, Morrissey, and Wright in attendance. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Brewster, and several guests.

**MEETING AGENDA**

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to adopt the minutes of the November 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 November 17, 2017 from Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Albert Branch with request for Christmas gifts support; it was consensus that \$50.00 be donated as in previous years.
- b.) Dated December 4, 2017 from Jones Insurance Services with information for public use of municipal buildings such as the Recreation Centre.
- c.) Dated December 5, 2017 from James Wilson about the Year 2020, which is the 175<sup>th</sup> year of founding of Albert County.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Public Works Superintendent Heather**

**Cail**

**Water Projects – Building Canada Fund & Clean Water & Wastewater Fund**

All work is complete for this year in relation to the two water projects; crews will return in the Spring of next year to complete clean-up and landscaping, and to install and commission the new water storage tank.

**Water & Wastewater Department**

The Boil Water Advisory enforced on September 26, 2017 remains in effect; we are waiting for a piece of water plant equipment expected later this week. There were normal operations in wastewater this past month.

Streets & Sidewalks

The winter maintenance program is now in effect for streets and sidewalks; complaints have been received from residents about recent snow removal operations and the Department of Transportation was contacted.

Solid Waste

Weekly garbage separation indicates significantly more blue bags than clear. The mobile Eco Depot trailers return to the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm. The Fall event was very successful for Riverside-Albert with 80 vehicles counted. For the week of December 25<sup>th</sup>, weekly garbage collection will change from Tuesday to Wednesday; residents will be notified in a newsletter set to go out tomorrow.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Brewster**

This past month has been quiet at the Fire Department with one call for a motor vehicle accident. Fire Chief Peter Murphy recently attended the annual Southeastern Firefighters Association meeting, four volunteers an electric bus training session in Moncton and three volunteers a carbon monoxide training in Riverview. The Department plans to help out with the annual Santa in the Park later this month. In 2017, Riverside-Albert Fire volunteers logged 2,339 hours of work with many more hours not logged, such as for the 50/50 draw and the hot dog wagon fundraiser. The annual Christmas party is set for December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Wright, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to transfer a sum of \$5,500.00 from the Fire Department General Operating fund to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund for the Riverside-Albert Fire Department firefighting equipment, in accordance with Riverside-Albert By-law No. 5, which is a By-law to establish a Reserve Fund for the Riverside-Albert Fire Department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Streets

As mentioned under the Public Works report, DOT was contacted about complaints received about recent snow removal operations.

Planning & Co-ordination

At the November meeting of the Regional Service Commission, the tourism initiative for regional destination marketing was passed; Riverside-Albert's share will cost approximately \$170.00 in 2018.

RCMP

Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette was unavailable to attend tonight's meeting.

Recreation

Since the November meeting, activities at the Rec Centre are ongoing; Brownies & Guides, kids basketball, Pickleball and Zumba classes are ongoing each week; the monthly Fish & Game meeting and Bingo games continue. The Albert Vocational Training Centre booked the Rec Centre tonight for their Christmas dinner. The annual Santa in the Park is set for Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Animal Control

There is no news to report on animal control.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The Clerk is preparing year-end and information for the 2018 budgets. Registered letters will be sent out later this week to a number of residents with seriously overdue accounts. If unpaid, water may be disconnected.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS**

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to accept the bills for the month of November. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Unightly Premises

Regarding unsightly premises, Mayor Campbell is continuing to contact the Province about a derelict property they now own on the Albert side of the Village. The doors and windows were recently boarded up by Village staff.

Building Canada Fund and Clean Water & Wastewater Fund

The two projects were discussed under the Public Works report.

RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

The Clerk is waiting to hear back from the Royal Bank regarding the Village as a Corporate Payee for utility bill payments. Village residents will be notified as soon as the bank has everything in place.

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Intersection of King Street & Route 915 and the Stoney Creek Bridge

A letter was sent out to Minister Bill Fraser requesting a new assessment be done on the Stoney Creek bridge and the intersection of King Street and Route 915. We will await his reply.

Nature Conservancy of Canada – Fundraising Caledonia Gorge Project

Fundraising for the Nature Conservancy of Canada Caledonia Gorge Project was recently confirmed to be over \$120,000 with the NCC recently extending the fundraising deadline to December 31, 2017.

2018 Budget Planning and Utility Rates

The initial budget planning meeting for Council is set for December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Offer on Lot – Bicentennial Road

The offer to purchase land from the Village for a new ambulance shed is ongoing. A meeting with the surveyor was held recently.

**Third Reading & Enactment – Riverside-Albert By-law No. 28A (Waste Collection)**

The Village Clerk gave the third and final reading of Riverside-Albert By-law No. 28A – Village of Riverside-Albert Waste Collection By-law, by title only. It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Wright, that the Village of Riverside-Albert enact Riverside-Albert By-law No. 28A – Village of Riverside-Albert Waste Collection By-law. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**New Business**

Special Council Meeting – Adoption of 2018 Budgets and Utility Rates

As soon as a date is set for a Special Council Meeting to adopt the 2018 budgets, it will be posted according to the Procedural By-law.

January Council Meeting

The January Council Meeting is set for Monday, January 8, 2018 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Mayor

Village Clerk