

MARCH 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, March 12, 2018. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Brewster, Murphy, and Morrissey in attendance. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail, Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Brewster, several guests, and RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette.

MEETING AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to adopt the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Council Meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Following brief discussion about the request received last month from the Forest Dale Home Foundation, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that \$150.00 be donated to the Cable TV Fund. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a.) Dated February 9, 2018 from Minister Bill Fraser with response to Mayor Campbell's letter regarding safety concerns on Route 114.
- b.) Dated February 19, 2018 from Connecting Albert County with request for 2018 advertising support. It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that \$300.00 be donated for a business card ad. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- c.) Dated February 20, 2018 from Horizon Health with request for proclamation that March 2018 be proclaimed Nutrition Month; Mayor Campbell issued the Proclamation, which will be posted publicly.
- d.) Dated February 26, 2018 from Raymond Boucher to 'Help Save Covered Bridges'; the next meeting is March 17th in Sussex.
- e.) Dated February 28, 2018 from Kathy Tower with request for fundraiser for a new 'Santa' suit; it was consensus that this be tabled to next month.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail

Water

The Boil Water Advisory remains in effect until further notice. Technicians from Moncton Plumbing have begun work on the control building and instrumentation for the new water storage tank. We are awaiting Federal approval for the installation of two water sampling stations under the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund.

Wastewater

Operations for the wastewater side were normal this past month.

Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

Tenders were received last month for renovations to the Recreation Centre under the Gas Tax Fund and all came in too high for the budget. The Village has been working with Crandall Engineering for a reduced price from the lowest bidder, Rice Construction. Upgrades under the GTF Capital Investment Plan include new insulation, lighting, and energy-efficient furnaces. Further information will be available for next month's meeting.

Solid Waste Collection

The Mobile Eco Depot is set for the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on March 21st – March 22nd from 12:00 noon to 8:00 pm both days.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Fire Chief Kyle Brewster reported that, over the past month, volunteers responded to a flu fire on Water Street and a structure fire on Route 915. Bunker gear was cleaned, and air bottles and packs were inspected. There was also a reminder to everyone to check batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors. It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to accept the Fire Department report. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Co-ordination

For the Regional Service Commission, Mayor Campbell has a seat on the Tourism Focus Committee, and is presently chairing the Recreation Committee. He plans to attend the Annual General Meetings later this month for both the Albert County Tourism Association, and the Albert County Chamber of Commerce.

RCMP

Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette gave a brief report. Activities have been quiet with three calls over the past month related to crimes against persons. There was brief discussion about the same two or three cars often parked behind the Recreation Centre, and mention also about the Southeast District of the RCMP Quarterly Report sent last month for Council's review.

Recreation

The Riverside-Albert Recreation Council met last week, and Chair Mindy Holmstrom was present to give a report. In December, a fundraising breakfast at Riverside School raised \$247.00. It was unanimously voted by the Rec Council that \$200.00 be donated to Kathy Tower towards purchase of a new 'Santa' suit. Pickleball has been going strong for almost a year with up to 17 players; fees collected from players have been used to purchase paddles, balls, etc. Little Tigers basketball has gone well this year and will finish next month for the year. Spring Basketball will begin on March 21st for kids in Grades Two to Five. Contact has been made with a couple of local writers who have agreed to assist in the writing of grants to raise funds to purchase a sign for the building.

Animal Control

The 2018 dog tags are now available from the Office; one complaint was received this past month when someone's dog was running at large.

TREASURERS REPORT

Applications were made to hire students under both the Federal and Provincial programs, and the Assessment and Tax Roll for the year 2018 was received. Preparations are presently underway for the 2017 audit.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Building Canada Fund and Clean Water & Wastewater Fund

As mentioned at last month's meeting, Council is hoping to meet very soon with EXP consultant Gordon Wasson about unexpected engineering fees related to the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund.

RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

The Clerk received updates from our representative with the Royal Bank regarding the Village as a Corporate Payee for utility bill payments. Further steps are required with each additional bank before the service is completely in place. Village Council and residents will be notified as soon as everything is ready.

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

Minister Bill Fraser's letter of response was read earlier this evening under Correspondence; it was consensus that the Council consider sending further letters until the necessary safety improvements are in place at the lower corner.

Nature Conservancy of Canada – Fundraising Caledonia Gorge Project

The acquisition for the Caledonia Gorge project is presently being finalized.

Offer on Lot – Bicentennial Road

The purchase of land from the Village for an ambulance shed is ongoing.

CWWF Project – Deallocation of Leftover Funds

As soon as the Village is notified that the Federal approval is received, leftover funds from the Clean Water & Wastewater Project will be used for water sampling stations.

Tender Submissions – Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

As mentioned under tonight's Public Works Report, Crandall Engineering is working with the lowest bidder and the Village in order to reduce costs for upgrades to the Recreation Centre under the Gas Tax Fund.

Acadian Monument

On August 16, 2019, a ceremony is planned to celebrate the Acadian history in our area including the official unveiling of the monument at McClellan Park.

NEW BUSINESS

EMO Brunswick Alpha Exercise

In relation to Bob Rochon's presentation at last month's meeting, an Emergency Measures exercise is planned for June 13, 2018. Mr. Rochon will be contacted for an update for next month's meeting.

Waiver – Rec Council Events

Council was presented with a draft waiver for participants in sports events at the Recreation Centre. The Clerk was asked to send the draft off to Jones Insurance for their comments.

April Council Meeting

The April Council Meeting is set for Monday, April 9, 2018 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk