

APRIL 9, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, April 9, 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, 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 with the addition of a Moment of Silence before business is conducted, as well as an addition under New Business of a complaint regarding hogs running at large. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNANIMOUSLY.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Village Council held a moment of silence to honour those who lost their lives recently in Humboldt, Saskatchewan; a letter of condolences will be sent.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Albert County Chamber of Commerce has their AGM tomorrow night at the Fundy Curling Club; Councillor Morrissey would like to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a.) Dated March 2018 from Eco360 with report of solid waste activities.
- b.) Dated March 20, 2018 from Albert County Tourism with notes from AGM.
- c.) Dated April 3, 2018 from Tashmir Gani about Elation Glamping, Shepody.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail

Water

The Boil Water Advisory remains in effect until further notice. Dexter Construction was onsite March 26th with their subcontractor to prepare the site for the tank installation. Gretario arrived on site with tank parts the first week of

April and are in the process of assembly, which should take approximately three weeks with a remaining three weeks for commissioning. It is estimated the tank project will be complete by mid-June.

Wastewater

Operations for the wastewater side were normal this past month with the exception of one sewage pump not working; it will be removed and rebuilt.

Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

At a Special Council Meeting, Rice Construction was awarded the tender for renovations to the Recreation Centre. Local groups using the building have been notified and are clearing out items from their rooms ahead of the construction. Rooms to be renovated include the Fish & Game storage and meeting rooms, Guides Room, and storage room to the left of the entry to the building. Walls are to be insulated, vapour barrier, wallboard, etc. Electrical light fixtures to be replaced/updated. New propane furnaces will replace the outdated oil furnaces.

Solid Waste Collection

The Mobile Eco Depot was at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on March 21st – March 22nd. There were 80 vehicles on the first day with less the second day due to a snow storm. The Solid Waste Commission plans to continue to offer this service to residents of southeastern NB again next year.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was no one present from the Fire Department to give a report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Co-ordination

For the Regional Service Commission, Mayor Campbell reported on the GIS project, which is an inventory of non-engineered methods of storm water management using natural assets; Public Works Superintendent Heather Cail will sit on the panel. Alaina Lockhart MP held an Open Town Hall Meeting at the Riverside-Albert Rec Centre on April 4, 2018; it was well attended.

RCMP

RCMP Staff Sgt Chantal Ouellette was present to give a brief report. Activities have been quiet here in the Village but the areas of Harvey and Waterside have recently seen several crimes against property. Members will be prepared for the annual Pollett River Run which is normally held the last weekend of April each year.

Recreation

The Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre was busy last month with regular activities as well as several rentals and a Town Hall meeting sponsored by Alaina Lockhart MP. The annual Job Fair is set for tomorrow.

Animal Control

To date, there are presently 49 dogs registered at the Village Office; if not yet done, owners are encouraged to register their dogs as soon as possible.

TREASURERS REPORT

The budget updates for the first quarter ending March 31, 2018 were circulated to Council for tonight's meeting. Applications were made to hire summer students under both the Federal and Provincial programs; the Provincial SEED Program has notified us that we are eligible to hire two students if they have vouchers. The minimum wage increased to \$11.25 per hour on April 1, 2018. Alexandra Ferris, Executive Director of Community Finances with the Province contacted the office to let us know she will be leaving for another position; she advised that adjustments to the 2016 audit will be finalized with our auditors. The second installment of water and sewer billings will be sent out next week.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Building Canada Fund and Clean Water & Wastewater Fund

A letter dated March 27, 2018 was received from Forest Dale Home Administrator Vicki Caissie in relation to the long-standing boil water advisory in place since September 26, 2017. A letter of reply will be prepared.

RBC Direct Payments – Water & Sewer Customers

Following careful consideration, Mayor Campbell recommended that direct payments for water & sewer customers are too costly to consider at the present time.

Nature Conservancy of Canada – Fundraising Caledonia Gorge Project

An Open House to announce the success of the Nature Conservancy of Canada fundraising project is planned for May 15, 2018 at the Rec Centre.

Offer on Lot – Bicentennial Road

It is anticipated that the new ambulance shed will be constructed on Bicentennial Road later this year.

Tender Submissions – Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre

A Special Council meeting is planned for Thursday, April 12, 2018 to accept the tender for upgrades to the Recreation Centre under the Gas Tax Fund.

EMO Brunswick Alpha Exercise

An Emergency Measures exercise is planned for June 13, 2018.

Waiver – Rec Council Events

A draft waiver for participants in sports events at the Recreation Centre was sent on to Jones Insurance, who advised that the Village solicitor take a look at it for their comments; it has been forwarded to Fowler Law.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual CCRC Job Fair

The annual CCRC Job Fair is set for April 10, 2018 at the Recreation Centre.

Nature NB Information Meeting

Nature NB will hold an information meeting on May 3, 2018 at the Recreation Centre.

DUC Lars Larsen Memorial Dinner

The annual Ducks Unlimited Canada Lars Larsen Memorial Dinner will take place at Broadleaf Guest Ranch on May 5, 2018.

Hogs Running at Large

There were complaints about hogs running loose from a farm here in the Village. The owner will be contacted with further information to be available at next month's meeting.

May Council Meeting

The May Council Meeting is set for Monday, May 14, 2018 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Village Clerk

Mayor