

JUNE 10, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, June 10, 2019. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Brewster, Morrissey, and Murphy in attendance. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Fire Department volunteer Darrell Weir, and several guests. Also in attendance was RCMP Constable Jeffrey Dowe.

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 Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to adopt the minutes of the May 13, 2019 Council Meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dated April 25, 2019 from Alaina Lockhart MP about the 2018 Top-up Gas Tax Fund.
- b) Dated May 2019 from CBDC about their AGM on June 19, 2019.
- c) Dated May 16, 2019 from Alaina Lockhart MP about the New Horizons for Seniors Program. An application is being prepared for kitchen improvements to the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.
- d) Dated May 17, 2019 from Minister Jeff Carr about Cannabis Production Facilities.
- e) Dated May 30, 2019 from Canadian Wildlife Service about the opening of the new Shorebird Discovery Centre at Mary's Point.
- f) Dated May 30, 2019 from Gordon Wasson EXP with tender results for the Recreation Centre Accessibility Project.
- g) Dated June 5, 2019 from Alaina Lockhart MP about the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Water & Wastewater

Public Works Supervisor Wally Morrissey is fitting into the position very well. Along with Scott Reid as Operator in Charge of our water system, new waterline and new sewer line were installed this past month to two homes on Water Street. Both the water system and sewer system are functioning well this past month.

Streets & Storm Drains

As mentioned at last month's meeting, the Department of Transportation will be approached for prices to patch streets in the Village, and storm drains also need significant repair. Patching and grading on Water Street is very needed.

Beautification

The United Day Way of Caring is scheduled for later this week here in the Village, at the Crooked Creek Lookout Park, and at Forest Dale Nursing Home.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

This past month, there were calls to two grass fires and one call to a motor vehicle accident in Germantown. Also this past month, the Fire Department completed significant training in the following areas: scene set-up, truck set-up, identification of water sources for different areas, car extrication, pump training with the Alma Fire Department, and portable pump training with deck gun at Mary's Point. Hoses and equipment have been switched over for the grass season, and the Argo has been switched over with tracks off for the summer season. Coveralls were received for new members for the grass season, and Brunswick Fyr has completed inspection on the fire extinguishers. The Southeast NB Fire meetings were attended with lots of good information; hot dogs and chili were sold as a fundraiser at the Hillbilly ATV Run on Caledonia Mountain.

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to accept the Fire Department report for May 2019. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Co-ordination

The monthly meeting for the board of the Southeast Regional Service Commission was held on May 28, 2019. Representatives from Opportunities NB made a proposal for work-from-home options aimed toward rural areas.

RCMP

RCMP Constable Jeffrey Dowe reported there were 25 calls within our area over the past two months, which included two family disputes, two motor vehicle collisions, and four false 9-1-1 calls. Two check points were set up in April. He said that our area has been very quiet recently.

Recreation

The Recreation Centre was busy for the month of May with regularly scheduled activities (Pickleball, Zumba, Brownies/Guides, Bingo) as well as the UNMB Zone meeting, two training meetings for Fundy Park staff, and training for ACTA members. An announcement by Mike Holland MP was hosted by the Shepody Fish & Game Association on May 13 and a Town Hall meeting about Safe Affordable Housing was held on May 28. Both events were very well attended.

Animal Control

There is no news on animal control this past month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The budget update was presented to Council for the Water & Sewer Revenue Fund up to May 31, 2019. Stevenson & Partners are presently preparing the 2018 audit with the draft to be available by next month's meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to accept the bills for the month of May 2019. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

Building Canada Fund and Clean Water & Wastewater Fund

Under the Clean Water & Wastewater Fund, Sussex Excavators Ltd. submitted prices to install water sampling stations, water service, and sidewalk panels in the Village. Following discussion, it was moved by Councillor Murphy,

seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to accept the prices from Sussex Excavators Ltd as submitted on May 27, 2019. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

New Ambulance Shed – Bicentennial Road

Following negotiation with NB Power in relation to relocation of hydro poles, construction of the new ambulance shed should move ahead.

Intersection of King Street & Route 915

There is no news about the lower intersection of King Street & Route 915.

Acadian Monument Ceremony

The agenda, vendors, and historians are now in place for the Acadian Monument Ceremony scheduled for August 16, 2019.

Enabling Accessibility Project – Recreation Centre

On May 13, 2019, the request from the Village to borrow \$33,000.00 from the Municipal Capital Borrowing Board for the Enabling Accessibility Project at the Riverside-Albert Rec Centre was authorized conditionally upon receipt of the 2018 audited financial statements. The Enabling Accessibility Project tender closing was on May 30, 2019 with three prices submitted by Gordon Wasson, EXP. A Special Council Meeting will be planned soon to accept the lowest bid.

Potential Sale – Municipal Office Building

Potential sale of the Village Office is presently on hold.

Policy 007 – Staff Vacation Leave

Council plans to meet in committee to discuss changes to Policy 007.

Federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) 2018 Top Up Funding Allocation

There was brief discussion about plans for the Gas Tax Fund Allocation.

Safe Affordable Housing Committee

Following the Safe Affordable Housing public meeting held at the Rec Centre on May 28, Mayor Campbell met with Chair Roy Ries and two interested developers about the potential for new housing in our Village.

NEW BUSINESS

Chipoudy Communities Revitalization Committee – 2020 Calendars

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brewster, to support the CCRC by a donation of \$100.00 to their 2020 Calendar Campaign. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Update – Municipal Reform Process

Mayor Campbell gave a brief overview on updates to the Municipal Reform Process. Since their election, the Government has repeatedly stated it will make municipal reform a key priority. The Finn Report has been raised with increasing frequency, and Premier Blaine Higgs has met with Jean-Guy Finn since the election.

July Council Meeting

The July 2019 Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 8, 2019 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk