

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, September 9, 2019. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Brewster and Morrissey in attendance; Councillor Murphy was absent. Also present were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland and Village resident Darrell Weir on behalf of the Riverside-Albert Fire Department.

### **MEETING AGENDA**

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

### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Brewster, to adopt the meeting minutes of July 8, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to adopt the minutes of the August 8, 2019 Special Council Meeting as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Dated August 6, 2019 from Minister Jeff Carr with the Federal Gas Tax Fund 2019 allocation amounts and guidelines.
- b) Dated August 12, 2019 from Habitat Moncton with housing opportunity in Hillsborough, NB.
- c) Dated August 15, 2019 from NB Trails President concerning the future of the NB Trails Council.
- d) Dated August 26, 2019 from Connecting Albert County with request for a letter of support for the Trail Micro-Grant; the letter was required as soon as possible and was submitted to them on August 27, 2019. It was consensus of Council that they were in agreement for this support.
- e) Dated September 3, 2019 from Winnie Smith and Family with thanks for Acadian celebration day held on August 16, 2019.
- f) Dated September 3, 2019 from the Albert County Exhibition 2019 with the opening day set for Thursday, September 12, 2019.

- g) Dated September 3, 2019 from Foods of Fundy Valley with support request for the Alma Fleet Launch set for October. It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that the Village of Riverside-Albert donate \$50.00 to the FFV for the 2019 Alma Fleet Launch. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

#### **Water & Wastewater**

Scott Reid from the Village of Hillsborough has been acting as Riverside-Albert's Water Operator in Charge from January 18<sup>th</sup> until October 11<sup>th</sup> of this year. The Village of Hillsborough will be contacted with a request for an extension from the October date until Public Works Supervisor Wally Morrissey is certified to operate our water system.

The annual Drinking Water Audit was held on August 15, 2019. A non-compliance issue with a temporary water main was discussed and will be addressed by letter to the Village Office in the near future.

The annual Waste Water Audit was also held on August 15, 2019. Guidelines for completing a Combined Sewer Overflow and Sanitary Sewer Overflow will also be sent to the Village Office in the near future.

#### **Streets & Storm Drains**

The local Department of Transportation depot patched Water Street at a cost of approximately \$11,000.00; the invoice has not yet been received.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Fire Department meetings were postponed over the summer. There was mutual aid with the Village of Alma for a missing person in Waterside, a lost person in Fundy Park, and an injured firefighter from Alma during a fire call. Volunteers attended a motorcycle accident on Daniel Flats. The internet at the Fire hall is up and running with new passwords, and Fire Prevention Officer Tammie Morrissey is preparing for Fire Prevention Week to include fire drills at Riverside Consolidated School. The First Aid course is coming up again, and repairs have been done on the Hot Dog Trailer. A written report was received from Roger Tingley of Cape Enrage regarding an Emergency Procedure Plan.

It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to accept the Fire Department report for July/August 2019. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning & Co-ordination

Discussion is ongoing with the Southeast Regional Service Commission about operation of municipal water systems.

RCMP

There is no news from the RCMP for tonight's meeting.

Recreation

The Enabling Accessibility Project was underway at the Recreation Centre over the summer months. Despite construction, there were a few meetings, a birthday party, a family reunion, a wedding reception, and an anniversary celebration. Bingo was also held the last Thursday of each month in July/August.

Animal Control

There is no news on animal control this past month.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Budget updates will be available at next month's meeting for both funds up to and including September 2019. Meetings for the 2020 budget will begin soon. The Tourist Information Centre was busy over the summer months.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS**

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Brewster, to accept the bills for the months of July and August 2019. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Clean Water & Wastewater Fund

The water system sampling stations are now installed and complete.

New Ambulance Shed – Bicentennial Road

As mentioned at last month's meeting, construction of the new ambulance shed is moving ahead.

Intersection of King Street & Route 915

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

Acadian Monument Ceremony

The Acadian Monument Ceremony on August 16, 2019 was a huge success with approximately 500 people in attendance. Mayor Campbell thanked Village Council and everyone who contributed to the event and the monument.

Enabling Accessibility Project – Recreation Centre

Rice Contracting is awaiting a permit for a chair lift from the Fire Marshall.

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

A meeting will be held to discuss plans for the Gas Tax Fund Allocation.

Safe Affordable Housing Committee

It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that Council of the Village of Riverside-Albert fully support the endeavours of the Safe Affordable Housing Committee for our Village and the surrounding area; and that Riverside-Albert Village Council agree to donate a parcel of land on the corner of King Street and Bicentennial Road for the construction of an apartment complex. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

New Horizons Grant Application – Recreation Centre Kitchen Upgrades

There is no news on the New Horizons Grant application for \$25,000.00.

ICIP Applications – Water System & Streets Upgrades

There is no news on our ICIP applications for work on water and streets.

**New Business**

2019 Union of Municipalities of NB Annual Conference & AGM

Mayor Campbell and Councillor Morrissey are registered to attend the 2019 UMNb annual conference scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Fredericton.

Riverside Consolidated School – Rec Centre Rental Rate

It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that the rent for Riverside Consolidated School use of the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre remain at \$11,500.00 for the 2019/2020 school year. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Application for Financing – NB Municipal Finance Corporation  
(Recreation & Cultural Services) Rec Centre Enabling Accessibility Project

It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that the Clerk and Mayor be authorized to issue and sell to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation a Municipality of Riverside-Albert debenture in the principal amount of \$33,000.00 on such terms and conditions as are recommended by the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation , and be it resolved that the Municipality of Riverside-Albert agree to issue post-dated cheques payable to the New Brunswick Municipal Finance Corporation as and when they are requested in payment of principal and interest charges on the above debenture. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ECO Depot

The ECO Depot will return to the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for collection of large household garbage items.

Nature Conservancy of Canada

The Nature Conservancy of Canada has expanded their project to double the size of its nature reserve over the next twelve months. Last year, NCC and its partners conserved 145 hectares of rare old Acadian forest near Riverside-Albert, which protected the village’s water reservoirs and only water supply. The charitable land trust now has an opportunity to expand its existing nature reserve by purchasing adjacent properties, which would further protect our water supply by conserving more forest upstream of the water reservoirs. In order to complete this expanded project, the NCC will need to raise further funds.

October Council Meeting

Due to Thanksgiving Monday, the October Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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Mayor

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Village Clerk