

**OCTOBER 15, 2019**

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Morrissey and Murphy in attendance; Councillor Brewster was absent. Also present was Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland.

**MEETING AGENDA**

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to adopt the meeting agenda as circulated with the addition of a memorial for Everett Hoar. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to adopt the meeting minutes of September 9, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Dated September 23, 2019 from Brooklyn Wilkins with request for sponsorship for the Royal International Miss Pageant; it was consensus this request be tabled until 2020 budget preparations.
- b) Dated September 25, 2019 from Bob Rochon about the Emergency Measures Organization Brunswick Bravo exercise scheduled for October 23, 2019 in Alma; the Clerk plans to attend and participate.
- c) Dated October 7, 2019 from Sentier NB Trail Council about the demise of the NB Trail Council.
- d) Dated October 8, 2019 from Worksafe NB about a decrease in Firefighters 2020 rates.
- e) Dated October 9, 2019 from Southeast Eco360 about a reception to acknowledge winners of the Eco360 Environmental Awards to be held on November 28, 2019 at the Riverview Town Hall.
- f) Dated October 11, 2019 from Hospice South East with request for support; Mayor Campbell will inquire from Chair Chuck Steeves what other communities are planning to give with an update for next month.

**MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Water & Wastewater

In an email dated October 8, 2019, Hillsborough Administrator Shari Kaster stated that Hillsborough Village Council has no objection that their Public Works Supervisor Scott Reid will continue to act as Riverside-Albert's Water Operator in Charge for another six months to April 2020. Last month, Riverside-Albert Public Works Supervisor Wally Morrissey attended Water Treatment training in Halifax, and also attended Water Distribution training earlier this year.

Unightly Premises

The Village of Hillsborough may have an individual that is willing to handle the processes for unsightly premises for us if our community had someone willing to do it in Hillsborough.

Crooked Creek Hiking Trail

Hurricane Dorian knocked down a number of trees on the hiking trail. Cleanup is planned as soon as possible.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

No one from the Fire Department was available to give a report at tonight's meeting. Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that \$100.00 be given to the Riverside-Albert Fire Department in memory of Everett Hoar who volunteered with the Department for many years. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning & Co-ordination

The SERSC Finance and Budget Committee met to discuss the 2020 Proposed Budgets in early August. There was no board meeting in September; the next regular meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2019.

RCMP

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

Recreation

The Enabling Accessibility Project is well underway at the Recreation Centre. Despite construction, September saw a few meetings, two birthday

parties, the Albert County Exhibition Queen's Pageant luncheon, and the Fire Department chili fundraiser preparations. Zumba classes are back to join the weekly Pickleball sessions and monthly Bingo. There was brief discussion about the new generator which presently does not turn on automatically during hydro outages as it should; Riverview Electric will be contacted as soon as possible.

Animal Control

There is no news on animal control this past month.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Budget updates were presented to Council for the General Revenue Fund up to and including September 2019. The final installment of water and sewer bills will be sent out soon, and overdue customers will be contacted.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS**

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

New Ambulance Shed – Bicentennial Road

There is no news on the new ambulance shed.

Intersection of King Street & Route 915

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

Enabling Accessibility Project – Recreation Centre

The Enabling Accessibility Project at the Rec Centre is ongoing.

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) 2019/2023

Mayor Campbell plans to meet with EXP consultant Gordon Wasson about plans for the next phase of the Federal Gas Tax Fund.

Safe Affordable Housing Committee

There is no further news on the Safe Affordable Housing Committee.

New Horizons Grant Application – Recreation Centre Kitchen Upgrades

There is no news on the New Horizons Grant application; the Clerk will contact Service Canada and request an update for next month's meeting.

ICIP Applications – Water System & Streets Upgrades

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

Nature Conservancy of Canada – New Project

Denise Roy of the NCC has requested a meeting with Mayor Campbell related to expansion of the protected area surrounding our watershed.

**New Business**

Formal Complaint – Employment Standards Branch

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that an amount of \$1,973.46 be paid in accordance to the Formal Complaint under the Employment Standards Act. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Regional Fire Dispatch (RFD) Program

The Regional Fire Dispatch Program has been recently presented to Fire Departments within our Region. On October 7, 2019, the Village of Hillsborough entered into an agreement in favour of the RFD. It was consensus of Council that this be tabled until further information is received from our Fire Chief.

2020 General Operating and Utility Fund Budgets

Meetings will soon be arranged to begin planning for next year's budgets.

AGM Riverside-Albert Recreation Council

The Annual General Meeting for the Riverside-Albert Rec Council is set for Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 7 pm at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

2019 Remembrance Day Ceremony

The 2019 Remembrance Day Ceremony for Riverside-Albert is set for Thursday, November 9, 2019 at the Riverside-Albert Rec Centre.

Offer from Property Services Branch – 5923 King Street

A letter dated September 3, 2019 was received from the Property Services Branch in relation to the empty lot located at 5923 King Street, valued at \$5,100.00 plus HST, registration fees, and survey costs.

November Council Meeting

Due to the Remembrance Day holiday, the November Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at the Riverside-Albert Village Office.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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Mayor

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Village Clerk