

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Village Office on Tuesday, November 12, 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, RCMP Constable Mark Langis, and Jacqueline Duplessis to make a presentation. Fire Department Officer Darrell Weir and several Village residents were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Brewster, to adopt the meeting agenda as circulated with the addition of an item under Correspondence from the Albert County Tourism Association Christmas Lights Committee. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PRESENTATION: Jacquelyn Duplessis – Albert Co Health Centre Programs

New staff member Jacquelyn Duplessis made a brief presentation on the programs presently offered at the Albert County Health Centre. Programs include weekly Seniors Drop-In sessions, Health Fairs, and grief counselling sessions.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to adopt the meeting minutes of October 15, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as presented. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Brewster, to support Hospice South East with \$637.00 under the 2020 budget. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dated September 10, 2019 from the SERSC 2018 Annual Report.
- b) Dated October 21, 2019 from Fundy National Park on their planned Fall/Winter 2019/2020 activities.
- c) Dated October 31, 2019 from Foods of the Fundy Valley with letter of thanks for support for the 2019 Alma Fleet Launch.

- d) Dated November 6, 2019 from Marc Leger about a Greenway Trails Forum being organized to shape the future of non-motorized trails in New Brunswick.

- e) Dated November 6, 2019 from the Albert County Tourism Association Christmas Lights Committee; following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that \$50.00 be given in support of the 2019 Christmas Lights contest. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Wally Morrissey is ensuring that everything is running smoothly in the Public Works Department this past month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Fire Department Officer Darrell Weir gave a report for September and October 2019.

In September, the Department responded to calls for downed hydro lines in Germantown, two mutual aid calls to Hillsborough, and one mutual aid call to Alma. There were two accidents in Riverside-Albert, one of which was serious with a person trapped in the vehicle. The new hot dog trailer worked very well at the Albert County Exhibition. There were no calls during Exhibition week.

In October, the Department responded to two accidents on Route 114 and Route 915. Pump training was successfully completed at Mary's Point. Two vehicle safety inspections were done with two more in the near future. The stand pipe is drained by the Village Office. The Fire Chief and Officers are busy with Fire Department activities now and into the coming winter. The Fire Department Annual Christmas Dinner is set for Saturday, November 30, 2019 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

In closing, Mr. Weir gave a detailed report on the Regional Fire Dispatch (RFD) Initiative. The system presently in place will become obsolete and will be replaced by the RFD Initiative as of the end of this year. A representative from the Codiac PSAP will be contacting the Village Office to meet with Council in the near future about their plans in relation to this new system.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Co-ordination

The SERSC board met on October 29, 2019 with Mayor Campbell in attendance; items discussed included acceptance of the 2020 Budget, a presentation on Westmorland Albert Transpo (Urban Rural Rides), and a presentation from Trails Coordinator Marc Leger.

RCMP

RCMP Constable Mark Langis was in attendance, and reported there have been very few calls over the past several months within Region 7. Previously down from 21 to 12 members, there are presently 17 members within our region. Halloween was quiet in our area this year.

Recreation

The Enabling Accessibility Project continues at the Recreation Centre. During October, the Federal Election was held there including four days of advance polls, a Seniors Wellness Fair, a church fundraiser dinner, and one birthday party. Along with the monthly Fish & Game meetings, there were regular Zumba classes, weekly Pickleball sessions, and monthly Bingo. The Annual General Meeting of the Riverside-Albert Recreation Council was held on October 20, 2019. Chair Mindy Holmstrom will submit the AGM minutes in time for next month's Council meeting.

Animal Control

There is no news on animal control this past month.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Up to date budget updates will soon be presented to Council for the General Revenue Fund and the Water & Sewer Revenue Fund in order to begin the 2020 Budget process. Registered letters will be sent out later this week to several seriously overdue customers.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to accept the bills for October 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; it was consensus that this item be removed from Old Business until further notice.

Enabling Accessibility Project – Recreation Centre

The Enabling Accessibility Project at the Rec Centre is awaiting delivery of the wheelchair lift.

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 and Public Works Supervisor Wally Morrissey recently met with EXP consultant Gordon Wasson about plans for the next phase of the Federal Gas Tax Fund. Mr. Wasson is presently reviewing the new Capital Investment Plan to submit to Council in the near future.

Safe Affordable Housing Committee

The Safe Affordable Housing Committee is presently awaiting funding.

New Horizons Grant Application – Recreation Centre Kitchen Upgrades

The Clerk contacted Service Canada this past month for an update on the New Horizons Grant application; a decision will be made around the first of 2020.

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

Mayor Campbell recently met with Denise Roy of the Nature Conservancy of Canada related to expansion of the protected area surrounding our watershed.

The NCC is once again promoting their fundraising efforts, and are requesting support from us in next year's budget.

Regional Fire Dispatch (RFD) Program

A meeting will be held as soon as possible with Fire Chief Everett Osmond to discuss the Regional Fire Dispatch (RFD) Program.

2020 General Operating and Utility Fund Budgets

The Clerk is awaiting figures from the Province to begin the 2020 Budget process. Meetings with Council will soon be arranged to begin planning.

NEW BUSINESS

Environmental Trust Fund

There will not be an application to this year's Environmental Trust Fund.

December Council Meeting

Due to an important Christmas dinner, the December Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Riverside-Albert Village Office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk