

JANUARY 13, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, January 13, 2020. Deputy Mayor Arnold Morrissey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Brewster and Morrissey in attendance; Mayor Campbell was absent due to eye surgery. Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Darrell Weir for the Fire Department and Village resident Myrna Stewart were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brewster, to adopt the meeting minutes of December 10, 2019 and December 18, 2019 Council Meetings as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dated December 19, 2019 from Albert County 175 with media release.
- b) Dated December 19, 2019 from Horizon Health about the Great Kindness Challenge set for Riverside School on January 28, 2020.
- c) Dated December 30, 2019 from Forest Dale Home Foundation with request for support for television services. It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brewster, that \$150.00 be donated to the Forest Dale Home Foundation to support television services for the residents. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- d) Dated January 4, 2020 from 2019 National Canadian Teen Brooklyn Wilkins of Hopewell Cape with request for sponsorship to represent Canada at the Royal International Miss Pageant in Florida; it was consensus further information be requested for next month's meeting.
- e) Dated January 6, 2020 from Elections NB to raise awareness and encourage candidates to offer for the May 2020 local elections.
- f) Dated January 7, 2020 from Village resident Beulah Morrissey with request for installation of outside electrical plugs at the Rec Centre.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Last month, a guardrail was replaced on King Street following a motor vehicle accident, and the Recreation Centre gymnasium floor and upstairs hallway were successfully stripped and waxed over the Christmas break.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Darrell Weir presented the Fire Department report for December 2019. There were two calls in December -- an arson call in Shepody and motor vehicle accident in the Village. A valve repair was completed at the stand pipe below the Village Office with thanks to Public Works Supervisor Wally Morrisey. Motor vehicle safety inspections of fire protection vehicles are now changed in that three of the four vehicles must now go to Riverview Truck for inspections instead of our local Dixon's Repair Shop. The Fire Chief is continuing to have a number of meetings with updates for the volunteers. TMR radios must be purchased in order to maintain communication between all Fire Departments for necessary fire protection under the Regional Fire Dispatch Program.

COMMITTEE REPORTSPlanning & Co-ordination

There was no SE Regional Service Commission meeting in December.

RCMP

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

Recreation

During December, the building held two birthday parties, two holiday parties, and was once again utilized as a distribution centre for the annual Christmas Aid Boxes. Along with the monthly Fish & Game meeting, there were regular Zumba classes, weekly Pickleball sessions, and fish fly tying. Recreation Council volunteers were very busy during the successful Christmas Tree Social, which was organized and held for the first time this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On behalf of the Fire Department, the Clerk inquired with the Community Finances branch if a maturing GIC could be utilized to pay off the debenture for the 2007 Sterling pumper; she was advised this was not possible and that the GIC

should be re-invested. The 2020 budgets were prepared and sent to the Community Finances Department in Fredericton on December 19, 2019.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to accept the bills for December 2019. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

New Ambulance Shed – Bicentennial Road

The 9-1-1 civic address for the new ambulance shed is now in place.

Enabling Accessibility Project – Recreation Centre

A meeting will soon be held to address construction problems in relation to the Enabling Accessibility Project at the Recreation Centre.

Potential Sale – Municipal Office Building

Potential sale of the Village Office is presently on hold.

Policy 007 – Staff Vacation Leave

It was consensus to table changes to Policy 007 until next month's meeting.

Federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) 2019/2023

It was consensus to table the new Capital Investment Plan under the Federal Gas Tax Fund until next month's meeting.

Safe Affordable Housing Committee

There is no news on the Safe Affordable Housing Committee.

New Horizons Grant Application – Recreation Centre Kitchen Upgrades

We are awaiting a decision on our New Horizons Grant application.

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

It was consensus to table support to the Nature Conservancy of Canada for expanded protection of the watershed until next month's meeting.

Regional Fire Dispatch (RFD) Program

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brewster, that the Village of Riverside-Albert Fire Department enter into an Agreement for the Regional Fire Dispatch Program as outlined in the

Regional Fire Dispatch Agreement between the Codiac Regional Policing Authority and the Village of Riverside-Albert. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

WEPAC Nomination to Protect Shepody Mountain

The Water & Environmental Protection for Albert County (WEPAC) group submitted a nomination to Minister Mike Holland MLA to have Crown lands on Shepody Mountain designated as protected under the new Federal/Provincial initiative to increase conservation areas in the Province. A letter of support dated January 2, 2020 was sent to Minister Holland from Mayor Campbell. A public meeting was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on January 8, 2020 with over 100 people in attendance. At the meeting, it was announced that 700 hectares of the mountain would become conserved Crown land.

2020 Animal Control Agreement

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to accept the 2020 Animal Control Agreement between Austin McKinley, Animal Control Officer, and the Village of Riverside-Albert. Prices and conditions remain the same as last year.

Recreation Centre Rental Rates

It was consensus that discussion on the Recreation Centre rental rates be tabled until next month's meeting.

Retirement – Deborah Murray-Butland, Village Clerk

The Clerk announced that her retirement is planned for later this year.

February Council Meeting

The February Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk