

FEBRUARY 11, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, February 11, 2020. Mayor Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Brewster, Morrissey, and Murphy in attendance. Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland, Darrell Weir, and several Village residents were also in attendance.

MEETING AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to adopt the meeting agenda as presented with the addition of a request for rental of office space for Cape Enrage staff. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to adopt the meeting minutes of January 13, 2020 Council Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dated January 24, 2020 from Hospice SE NB with letter of thanks.
- b) Dated January 24, 2020 from Foods of the Fundy Valley with request for sponsorship for the spring Maple Tour in Riverview; it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Brewster, to offer 'In-Kind' use of the Riverside-Albert Rec Centre for one day for their fundraising. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c) Dated January 24, 2020 from Albert County 175 with request for sponsorship. It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that \$250.00 be donated for the Albert County 175 year-long event. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- d) Dated January 24, 2020 from the Nature Conservancy of Canada with request for sponsorship for their project to expand the protected area within the Caledonia Gorge. This to be discussed under Old Business.
- e) Dated January 27, 2020 from the Hillsborough Youth Drop-In Centre with request for support to keep the centre open following funding shortfalls. It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Brewster, that \$100.00 be donated as well as use of the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre for one day of fundraising. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f) Dated February 6, 2020 from the Riverside-Albert Recreation Council with request for installation of a water fill station to be purchased by the Recreation Council. It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brewster, that cost of the installation be approved for the water fill station to be purchased by the Riverside-Albert Recreation Council. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- g) Dated February 2020 from the Shepody Fish & Game Association with a document on the Crooked Creek Protected Natural Area (PNA); it was consensus that Council review the document to be tabled to next month's meeting.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

This past month, a new dusk-to-dawn light was installed at McClelan Park. The Regional Service Commission will be hosting a one-day Solid Waste Workshop on March 12, 2020 at the Wingate Hotel in Dieppe. Public Works Supervisor Wally Morrissey and Mayor Campbell plan to attend.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Darrell Weir presented the Fire Department report for January 2020. There were four calls in January – a vehicle stuck on Cape Enrage hill, to assist Hillsborough Fire Department on a structure fire, a delivery truck overturned on the Chapman Creek turn, and power lines down in Germantown. Levitt Safety has completed flow tests for air packs leading to further regulation changes. Riverview Fire donated five air packs plus ten spare bottles; it was requested that Council pass along thanks to Riverview Town Council. Volunteers toured the Albert County Health & Wellness Centre to better understand fire related changes to their facility. Brent Nelson has moved up to the position of Captain and the Fire Marshall and his Deputy are soon expected to do an audit on the Fire Department equipment. The new pressure washer has been purchased and delivered. It was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to accept the Fire Department report as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Co-ordination

Mayor Campbell attended the January SERSC meeting held on January 28, 2020; he spoke briefly about plans for a redemption centre for our Village.

RCMP

Due to resource issues, RCMP A/Cpl. Chris Plomp was unable to attend tonight's meeting and emailed the following report:

Here are the relevant stats for your area for 2019-10-01 to 2020-01-31:

- 14 calls for service.
- 2 impaired driving investigations (one charged, the other ongoing).
- 1 subject on our offender list for curfew checks by members.
- 3 calls traffic related from Mr. Elderkin.
- 1 operation for traffic conducted by my Team A in early January for Mr. Elderkin's complaints which resulted in a male being charged for driving 150 km/hr down the Main Street in Riverside-Albert; he was impaired. Other tickets also issued during this operation.

Recreation

During January, the Recreation Centre held three birthday parties, one family gathering, and the Save Shepody Mountain public meeting. Along with Bingo and a number of regular monthly meetings, there were Zumba classes, weekly Pickleball sessions, fish fly tying, and seamstress work for Australian relief. Recreation Council volunteers held their meeting to plan this year's winter carnival and ACTA/Chamber of Commerce also held a meeting on January 23rd.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2020 budgets were approved by the Province with a copy returned for our file on January 15, 2020. The 2019 T-4 slips and summary were prepared and submitted last week, as well as the 1st Installment of 2020 water and sewer bills. The Clerk prepared and submitted the 2018 Annual Reports for both Water and Wastewater; Public Works Supervisor Wally Morrissey will be working with the Clerk to prepare the 2019 reports for both utilities, as well as the 2019 ERRIS report which must be submitted online. The 2019 annual audit is presently being prepared for the accounting firm of Stevenson & Partners.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

It was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Murphy, to accept the bills for January 2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

Enabling Accessibility Project – Recreation Centre

A meeting is planned 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 still on hold.

Policy 007 – Staff Vacation Leave

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Brewster, that Council of the Village of Riverside-Albert approve Policy 007 – Staff Vacation Leave Policy dated February 2020 with revisions as discussed. The updated policy will be placed in the Village of Riverside-Albert Policy Binder.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) 2019/2023

It was consensus to table the new Capital Investment Plan under the Federal Gas Tax Fund until following further discussion of Council.

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

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that \$1,000.00 be donated to the Nature Conservancy of Canada to support NCC's conservation expansion of the Caledonia Gorge Nature Reserve. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Recreation Centre Rental Rates

It was consensus that the Recreation Centre Rental Rates be tabled to next month's meeting.

1st READING – RIVERSIDE-ALBERT BY-LAW NO. 2B

The first reading of Riverside-Albert By-law No. 2B, which is a By-law Respecting the Composition of the Council and the Remuneration of the Mayor and Councillors of the Village of Riverside-Albert, was read for the first time in its entirety.

NEW BUSINESS

Hiring for the Position of New Village Clerk – Job Posting

It was consensus that the Job Posting for the position of new Village Clerk be tabled to next month's meeting.

2020 SEED & Young Canada Works Programs

Applications have been submitted under both the provincial and federal programs for funding for 2020 summer students.

Rental of Office Space at Riverside-Albert Municipal Office Building

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Brewster, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, that a room be available for rent as office space for a Cape Enrage staff member at the Riverside-Albert Municipal Office building for a fee of \$200.00 per month during period of the rental, and that a key to the exterior doors be signed out to the staff member during period of the rental.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

March Council Meeting

The March Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre.

2ND READING – RIVERSIDE-ALBERT BY-LAW NO. 2B

The second reading of Riverside-Albert By-law No. 2B, which is a By-law Respecting the Composition of the Council and the Remuneration of the Mayor and Councillors of the Village of Riverside-Albert, was read for the second time by title only.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Mayor

Village Clerk