

JUNE 8, 2020

The regular Council Meeting of the Riverside-Albert Village Council was held at the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre on Monday, June 8, 2020. Mayor Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councillors Morrissey and Murphy in attendance; Councillor Brewster was absent. Also in attendance were Village Clerk Deborah Murray-Butland and two Village residents.

#### MEETING AGENDA

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

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES – MAY 20, 2020 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morrissey, to adopt the meeting minutes of the May 20, 2020 Special Council Meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Dated April 21, 2020 from DTI Minister Bill Oliver with request for an updated Five-Year Plan; the plan is requested by August 31, 2020.
- b) Dated May 29, 2020 from Tele-Drive Albert County with a second request for financial support; following brief discussion, it was moved by Councillor Morrissey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, that \$300.00 be donated to Tele-Drive Albert County for this year. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- c) Dated May 30, 2020 from Shepody Food Bank with letter of thanks.

#### MAINTENANCE REPORT

A small water leak has been found on the property owner's side of a residence on King Street; arrangements will be made with the owner who has agreed to cover cost of the repairs. At the present time, water usage for the Village system has dropped to nearly normal levels.

Public Works staff has been using cold patch to repair Village side streets; the local Department of Transportation has agreed to complete the actual patching later this summer. Sweeping of Village streets has been done.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was no Fire Department report presented for tonight's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Co-ordination

Mayor Campbell attended the SERSC board meeting on May 26, 2020 via ZOOM web conferencing.

RCMP

RCMP Cpl. Tamara Patterson, who is presently Acting Sgt. for Riverview detachment, forwarded an Acknowledgement of Consultation letter which was filled in by Mayor Campbell and returned on May 26, 2020. This past month, RCMP patrols have been active around the water treatment facility and at Crooked Creek Lookout Park, and it was requested that we update our No Parking and No Camping signs in those areas.

Recreation

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Riverside-Albert Recreation Centre was closed to the public on March 17, 2020. It remains closed until further notice.

Animal

There was brief discussion about amending the Riverside-Albert Animal Control By-law; copies will be provided to Council at the next regular meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2019 annual audit package was delivered to the accounting firm of Stevenson & Partners in April; John Redding stated they are behind schedule due to the pandemic and will begin the audit as soon as possible. The Clerk presented the budget updates for the Water & Sewer Revenue Fund up to and including March 31, 2020; there are a number of seriously overdue accounts.

ACCEPTANCE OF MONTHLY BILLS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Enabling Accessibility Project – Recreation Centre

The Enabling Accessibility Project at the Recreation Centre has been completed with the exception of testing of the chair lift, which will be done later following the pandemic. It was consensus that this item be dropped from the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Potential Sale – Municipal Office Building

It was consensus that potential sale of the Village Office remain tabled.

Federal Gas Tax Fund (GTF) 2019/2023

It was moved by Councillor Peter Murphy and seconded by Councillor Arnold Morrissey, “that the document entitled Village of Riverside-Albert Five-Year Capital Investment Plan for the GTF Administrative Agreement 2019-2023” be adopted”. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Safe Affordable Housing Committee

There was brief discussion about the new apartment complex planned for King Street; construction is set to begin in the Fall of 2020.

New Horizons Grant Application – Recreation Centre Kitchen Upgrades

New prices were received from Big Eric’s and Russell-Hendrix to renovate the kitchen at the Rec Centre under the New Horizons Grant.

ICIP Applications – Water System & Streets Upgrades

As mentioned at last month’s meeting, the applications for water system and streets upgrades are both on indefinite hold. It was consensus that this item be dropped from the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Hiring for the Position of New Village Clerk – Job Posting

Following brief discussion, it was consensus that the Riverside-Albert Village Clerk position be posted again until June 23, 2020.

2020 SEED & Young Canada Works Programs

The Village recently received funding under the Canada Summer Jobs Program and on June 8, 2020, Hunter Butland of Hopewell Hill was hired for 8 weeks; he will be working with the Public Works Supervisor and the SEED student in relation to COVID-19 guidelines.

COVID-19 Worldwide Pandemic – NB State of Emergency March 19, 2020

The Village Clerk developed a COVID-19 Operational Plan on June 1, 2020. The Province is gradually loosening restrictions in our zone and the Office is now open to Village residents with limited access, physical distancing, and regular cleaning and disinfection.

NEW BUSINESS

July Council Meeting

Following discussion, it was consensus that regular council meetings for July and August to be announced.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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Mayor

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Village Clerk