



**Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Council of Fundy Albert**

**June 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Riverside-Albert Rec Centre 9 Bicentennial Street, Riverside-Albert
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Present: Mayor Rochon
Deputy Mayor Ereaux
Councillor Elderkin
Councillor Land
Councillor Jonah
Councillor Coates

Absent: Councillor Ward-Russell

Staff Present: Linda Sabourin, CAO/Clerk

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rochon called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

That the Agenda be approved as circulated

Moved by Councillor Land

Seconded by Councillor Jonah

MOTION CARRIED - unanimous

3. Conflict of Interest Declarations

None

4. Adoption of Minutes

a. May 7, 2024

Remove reference to Councillor Land as Deputy Mayor and amend Councillor Ereaux's to reflect his title of Deputy Mayor.

THAT the Minutes be adopted as amended.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ereaux
Seconded by Councillor Land
MOTION CARRIED – unanimous

b. May 14, 2024

THAT the Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Moved by Councillor Elderkin
Seconded by Councillor Coates
MOTION CARRIED – unanimous

c. May 21, 2024

The report on water and sewer will be presented at the next Regular Council meeting, not Committee of the Whole meeting and for all minutes moving forward, please put "motion carried unanimously" when applicable.

THAT the Minutes be adopted as amended.

Moved by Councillor Land
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ereaux
MOTION CARRIED - unanimous

5. Consent Agenda

None

6. Public and Administrative Presentations

a) Englobe - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Municipal Asset Management Program Final Report (Hillsborough)

Genevieve McIntyre and Mathilde Wissi Diramba presented the Municipal Asset Management Program Final Report (Hillsborough), closing with a list of recommendations and fielding questions from council. It was noted that this asset plan was for Hillsborough, however it was noted there were older plans for Alma and Riverside-Albert that could be imported into this database.

7. Reports and Recommendations from Committees and Private Meetings

Water & Sewer Bylaw Consolidation Ad hoc Committee of Council met for the first time on May 15, 2024. Membership stands at 14 members: including Deputy Mayor Ereaux, councillor Elderkin and Mayor Rochon as an ex-officio member; 2 members from each of Alma, Riverside-Albert and Hillsborough; and 2 representatives from Englobe. The committee intends to meet monthly until the work is done. The purpose of the second meeting is to receive information from Englobe on the subject of water metering.

8. Reports from Administration

None

9. **Bylaws**

None

10. **Mayor and Councillor Statements and Inquiries**

Councillor Land raised a concern with speeding on Steeves Street near the playground and asked if it was possible to put speed bumps to slow vehicle traffic down. The Hillbilly Run was a success, but he condemned the action of some participants who tore through the streets leaving black marks on the pavement.

Councillor Elderkin attended the Spring Tea Caledonia Regional Highschool and the Riverside Community Health Center, Trails Day in Riverside Albert and the AGM for the Bennett Foundation. She noted there was a lot of great work happening in Fundy Albert with many different organizations and volunteers.

Deputy Mayor Ereaux asked if the Alma Warming Centre standby power system is operational and how it powers on when needed? The Clerk responded that the generator is automatic with a power outage. Deputy Mayor Ereaux asked for it to be confirmed and relayed to the public. Deputy Mayor Ereaux is asking, once again, for the budget to be posted under the sub-units to demonstrate which expenses are shared and which are local and what those are. He asked the CAO to confirm that the temporary water and reservoir in Alma are functioning well. The CAO confirmed all is working as it should be and there is no reason to believe there will be any issues or boil orders, however stressed that conservation is still very important through this busy tourist season. Deputy Mayor Ereaux pointed out that Fundy National Park has been receiving many guests this year and has many activities planned. He read an excerpt from a Park Newsletter that thanked the communities surrounding the park for their support. Lastly, Deputy Mayor Ereaux identified an emerging issue of Food Trucks in Fundy Albert and asked council to consider a future bylaw.

Councillor Jonah noted he received concerns over the sale of land on Steeves Street. He would like to see public consultation on any tenders of this nature so that the community can be heard over what their preferred land use would be.

Councillor Coates attended the Library Board Meeting, where they asked the province for an additional librarian for Hillsborough. They have started some renovations and have some requests in with the CAO for additional work. The ATV bylaw using roads and streets is on hold as they have not confirmed the location they want to have the 3-season trail from Hillsborough to Alma.

Mayor Rochon presented two reports from the Southeast Regional Service Commission - an annual report that can be found on their website, and a report from Richard Saillant, a renowned economist. He provided an update on the Golf Club Road and Route 114 at Grey Brook repairs.

11.

Notices of Motion and Resolutions

a) Motion to Dissolve the Hillsborough Recreational Council

Whereas, the existence of an independently elected council has not been in place in many years and the current governance structure of the Hillsborough Recreational Council has proven to be a de facto arm of the municipality; and

Whereas, the municipality cannot be considered a not-for-profit organization; and

Whereas, the dissolution of the Hillsborough Recreation Council would allow for transparency in Fundy Albert financial management practices and pave the way for the creation of a new Recreation Council;

Therefore, be it resolved that the municipal council formally close, or transfer ownership of, the Canadian Revenue Agency business account 85839 2111 RP0001 and cease to use the Hillsborough Recreation Council as a conduit for grant applications.

Further, the municipal council shall engage with relevant stakeholders, including those interested in resurrecting a Recreational Council in Hillsborough in the future.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ereaux

Seconded by Councillor Elderkin

MOTION CARRIED - Unanimous

b) Motion concerning the Fundy Albert Rural Plan

WHEREAS Fundy Albert Village Council is considering the adoption of Rural Plan By-law 2024-07 in order to consolidate the former Rural Plans for the Village of Alma, the Village of Riverside-Albert, the Village of Hillsborough, and the Westmorland-Albert Planning Area;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- A public hearing to consider objections to the proposed by-law be scheduled for Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillsborough Kiwanis Community Centre; and
- Rural Plan By-law 2024-07 be referred to the Southeast Planning Review and Adjustment Committee for its written views.

Moved by Councillor Elderkin

Seconded by Councillor Land

MOTION CARRIED - Unanimous

c) **Community Grants Program Applications - Chipoudy Community Revitalization Committee & Hope Wellness Eco-Resort**

Hope Wellness Eco-Resort

That Hope Wellness Eco-Resort be awarded a community grant in the amount of \$2600 for community music events in the community of Hillsborough in July and August of 2024.

Moved by Councillor Land

Seconded by Councillor Jonah

MOTION DEFEATED – Councillors Jonah and Land in favour, 3 against

Chipoudy Community Revitalization Committee

That Chipoudy Community Revitalization Committee be awarded a community grant in the amount of \$2500 for the Anderson Hollow Lighthouse project.

Moved by Councillor Elderkin

Seconded by Councillor Coates

MOTION CARRIED – Councillors Elderkin, Coates, Jonah and Deputy Mayor Ereaux in favour, 1 against.

d) **Letter of Support - Mental Health Trauma and Addiction Healing Center**

RESOLUTION – MENTAL HEALTH TRAUMA AND CRISIS HEALING CENTRE

I move that the Council of the Village of Fundy Albert authorize the mayor to prepare a letter of support in relation to Lynn Leblanc's request to the Province of New Brunswick for the creation of a mental health trauma and addiction healing center in Southeast New Brunswick.

Moved by Councillor Land

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Ereaux

MOTION CARRIED - Unanimous

e) **Motion to Engage Consultant for Preparation of Formal Response on Liquidated Damages**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of Fundy Albert that Sussex Excavators has breached the terms of the contract awarded on April 24, 2023, specifically relating to related to additional time and cost for extra work and/or slower production;

WHEREAS, the said breach has resulted in a substantial impact on the project's timeline and financial planning;

WHEREAS, Fundy Albert wishes to enforce the liquidated damages clause as stipulated in the contract to mitigate the losses incurred;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fundy Albert shall engage the services of EXP Municipal Engineering, a consultant assigned to the management of the project, to prepare a formal response to Sussex Excavators;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the consultant shall provide the formal response within 14 days of engagement, ensuring that it is comprehensive, legally sound, and clearly communicates Fundy Albert's position on the matter.

Moved by Councillor Elderkin
Seconded by Councillor Land

MOTION CARRIED - Unanimous

f) **Motion - Amendment to Motion of the Disposition of Land**

A resolution was introduced by Councillor Jonah that was not seconded. The motion therefore was not before Council.

Moved by Councillor Jonah

12. Public Comments and Statements

Ms. Trumbley thanked those who assisted in fixing up the playground. She spoke to fundraising for new park equipment, including the Fun Fair in June and the launch of a monthly raffle in the near future. She asked if the municipality can share the information on the raffle on their social media page.

Mr. Warnock asked that the Fundy Albert Rural Plan be posted longer than the required 21 days.

Mr. Woodward raised attention to a stretch of road that is in poor condition and the pilons have been removed causing a safety concern. He has made calls to the government and was told that something would be done. He also raised concern that Fundy National Park is not doing more about improving things for seniors.

Mr. Kelly stated that although we are "all one", the municipality is very large geographic area and just because something good happens in one area and not in the other areas, doesn't mean we shouldn't celebrate those wins.

Mr. Warnock noted that there is no stop sign at the corner of Forestdale & the 114 in Riverside-Albert.

13. Closed Session

At 7:48 pm Councillors Coates, Land and Jonah left the room. Councillors Jonah and Coates returned at 7:52 pm and Councillor Jonah returned at 7:53 pm.

Moved by Councillor Land
Seconded by Councillor Coates

THAT the meeting enters closed session per Local Governance Act 68 (1)(c) and 1(g).

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Jonah
Seconded by Councillor Land

THAT the meeting moves back to the regular session.

MOTION CARRIED

14. Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Mayor Ereaux

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Mayor

Clerk