

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 29, 2000

Location: Point Tupper Heritage Museum

Warden Cotton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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The Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Second Reading: Adoption of Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for West Richmond

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the Committee approve second reading of the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for West Richmond. Motion carried.

Recommendation, Planning Advisory Committee: to provide notice regarding demolition/restoration of dangerous and unsightly property – Arichat Swimming Pool.

Deputy Warden Boudreau indicated that the Arichat Pool has been on the books for a number of years and at one point demolition was considered however actions were never carried through.

Deputy Warden Boudreau indicated that in the upcoming school year grades primary to eight students will be attending the Arichat school and the pool would prove to be a considerable hazard to younger children.

In response to a question from Councillor Sampson, Mr. Bain indicated that it would cost approximately \$20,000.00 to demolish the pool because it is constructed of concrete reinforced by re-bar throughout.

Mr. Bain indicated that the demolition would have to go to tender and the owners would have to be notified, noting that the pool was owned by the Isle Madame Recreation Association, no longer in existence. Mr. Bain indicated that the demolition would have to be posted tomorrow to allow the owners 7 days to appear before Council.

The Solicitor indicated that following "due process" would be the best route to protect the interests of the Municipality, however the possibility of recovering any costs from the owner for the demolition of the property, is not likely.

In response to a question from the Clerk, Mr. Bain indicated that previous correspondence sent to the owners of the pool was returned, so the only means of notifying owners would be to post the property.

Mr. Bain indicated that there have been attempts to secure the property by reinforcing the structure with steel plating to restrict access however this reinforcement was permeated.

Councillor McNamara indicated that the hazard of this property could not be measured in dollars and cents especially, since in September, the area will be occupied by younger children, more vulnerable to the existing dangers.

In response to a question from Councillor Johnson, Deputy Warden Boudreau indicated that he had placed advertisements on Telile requesting public input as to future uses of the pool structure, to which he received a poor response.

Moved by Deputy Warden Boudreau, seconded by Councillor McNamara that notice be given that the Municipality follow "due process" to have the Arichat Swimming Pool demolished because of its dangerous and unsightly nature. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Stone, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried