

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 5, 2000

Location: St. Peter's Fire Hall

Deputy Warden Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for O'Canada.

The Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Deputy Warden Boudreau indicated Warden Cotton, who recently became a new grandfather, was away in Halifax and both Councillor Goyetche and Councillor Beaton were out of the province representing the Municipality.

Second Reading: Amendment to St. Peter's Land Use By-Law re: Proposed Mobile Home Park (attached)

Deputy Warden Boudreau indicated he would be voting on the motion.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Second Reading on the Amendment to the St. Peter's Land Use By-Law regarding the proposed mobile home park be denied. Motion lost (three for – Councillors MacPhee, Sampson and Johnson; three against – Deputy Warden Boudreau, Councillors Bourque and McNamara).

Councillor McNamara indicated she could not support the motion because she felt the motion should be tabled tonight and referred back to the Area Advisory Committee, comprised of St. Peter's residents to be involved in the planning process, noting that any planning in Richmond County has always been done by the community it affects.

Moved by Councillor McNamara that the matter be tabled and returned to the St. Peter's Area Advisory Committee. After the solicitor indicated the motion was non-debatable after it returns to the table, Councillor McNamara withdrew her motion.

Councillor McNamara indicated 70% had signed the petition and she felt the Area Advisory Committee should be afforded the opportunity to deal with the issues brought forward at tonight's hearing and allow the community to make their own decisions.

Councillor Sampson indicated that more than 70% have indicated their feelings of opposition and feels that critical areas have not been addressed properly.

Councillor Bourque indicated he felt the matter should return to the Area Advisory Committee and the St. Peter's Village Commission should explore the possibility to rezone. He indicated he is a member of the Planning Advisory Committee and was never aware of any cause for concern and was also advised there were no concerns or opposition from the Area Advisory Committee. He stressed if development was to take place in Richmond County, there was a need to advance and progress throughout Richmond County and indicated he felt it was imperative that the mover and seconder reconsider sending it back to the Area Advisory Committee and Planning Advisory Committee for reconsideration.

Councillor Johnson indicated there were mistakes made but she would stand by the motion to deny the request for rezoning.

Deputy Warden Boudreau indicated he felt this matter should be returned to the Area Advisory Committee because he feels the problem lays there and the proper information did not come forth from the Area Advisory Committee and to the Planning Advisory Committee, and he indicated that if both the Area Advisory Committee and Planning Advisory Committee returns with a recommendation not to rezone, then he feels the process would have been followed.

Deputy Warden Boudreau indicated he would be voting on the motion.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Bourque that the rezoning application for an amendment to the St. Peter's Land Use By-Law regarding the proposed mobile home park be referred back to the Area Advisory Committee in order to give the residents of St. Peter's an opportunity to review this matter again. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation, Committee of the Whole: To Provide Notice Regarding Adoption of Policy Regarding Interest on Taxes Rebated Due to Assessment Appeal

Councillor Bourque declared a conflict of interest indicating he is an employee of the Assessment Department and he left his seat during voting and discussion of this item.

Councillor McNamara gave notice that she would introduce a motion at the next Council Meeting to adopt a policy regarding interest on taxes rebated due to assessment appeal.

Public Hearing re: Demolition of Arichat Swimming Pool

The Clerk indicated the Planning Advisory Committee has recommended to Council that the Arichat Swimming Pool be demolished and Council gave seven days' notice to the owners to attend tonight's meeting to present their views and concerns regarding the dangerous condition of the swimming pool.

Deputy Warden Boudreau asked if there was anyone present to make a presentation on this matter.

The Clerk indicated the owners were properly served and are not present at the meeting, and he requested that it be noted in the minutes that no one came forward to make a presentation.

Mr. Mark Stone addressed the meeting, indicating he is the new principal of the Arichat School which is adjacent to the Pool, and the swimming pool was a very dangerous structure and he was extremely happy to know Council will be taking action to demolish this structure and ensure the safety of the children.

In response to a question from Councillor Bourque, Ms. Sodero indicated a 30 day notice is required and she noted the 30 day notice had been prepared and would be posted tomorrow if the motion goes through tonight.

Ms. Sodero read a letter received from the Royal Bank indicating they were willing to release the mortgage to the Municipality at no charge.

Ms. Sodero also indicated she also had reports from the Building Inspectors which indicated the swimming pool was very dangerous.

Deputy Warden Boudreau indicated he would be voting on the motion regarding the pool.

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the property be properly posted for 30 days, after which time it be tendered and demolished. Motion carried unanimously.

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

There being no further business, Deputy Warden Boudreau accepted a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.