

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 8, 2000

Location: Court House, Arichat

Warden Cotton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and the Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Warden Cotton noted that this was a special meeting, for the purpose of reviewing information and making a decision on an agreement to provide water and sewer services to the proposed Richmond Academy.

Warden Cotton requested that Darrin McLean, Municipal Engineer, summarize the evaluation of the Louisdale water and sewer systems, carried out by Porter Dillon, with regard to a potential hook-up of the Richmond Academy.

Mr. McLean provided a hand-out of a report from Porter Dillon, regarding sewer services. The report indicates that the sewer system has ample capacity to accommodate the Richmond Academy. Mr. McLean indicated that several minor items would have to be arranged, such as hook-up to our SCADA system, etc., but the sewer system has plenty of capacity.

Mr. McLean summarized the Porter Dillon analysis of the water system, indicating that we had sufficient capacity for domestic use by the school, and sufficient pressure for the sprinkler system, however, as reported previously, the water system did not have sufficient pressure to provide fire hydrant protection to the school.

In response to an inquiry, the Clerk indicated that the municipal solicitor had provided Ashford with the Council offer from the July 19th meeting; however Ashford indicated that they would prefer to construct their own water system, rather than connect to the water system, and make a contribution for the tankage required to provide fire hydrant protection.

Mr. Digout indicated that the Ashford Group contacted the Municipality within the last few days, proposing that the Municipality provide water services for domestic use at the school, and for the sprinkler system at the school, and that the Ashford Group provide the water required for fire hydrant protection, and indemnify the Municipality from liability.

The Municipality would also provide sewer services. The proposed agreement contains a confidentiality clause regarding financial terms.

Warden Cotton then opened the floor for Councillors to ask questions of staff and the solicitor.

Warden Cotton then noted that legal advice was required for a decision on a proposed agreement, and also the agreement contained a confidentiality clause, which would require “In-Camera” discussion by Council.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Deputy Warden Boudreau that the meeting proceed to “In-Camera” session. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton thus recessed the regular Council Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Warden Cotton reconvened the Special Council Meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Richmond Municipal Council give approval and ramification to the proposed agreement between the P3 School Partners and the Municipality of Richmond, and authorize the signing officers to enter into that agreement, and further moved that Richmond Municipal Council authorize municipal staff to take such measures as are necessary to implement and put into effect the agreement, and further moved that the Municipal Council agree to maintain the confidentiality provisions of the agreement. Motion carried (8 ayes; 2 nays – Nays – Councillor Sampson and Councillor MacPhee).

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Stone that the Special Council Meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Cotton adjourned the Special Council Meeting at 8:30 p.m.