

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

Location: Court House, Arichat

Deputy Warden Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for O'Canada.

The Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda

Deputy Warden Boudreau indicated that there were two items to be added to tonight's agenda, as outlined in the Clerk's memo, regarding Scotia Rainbow and Technical Committee, Infrastructure Planning.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the items added be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: (a) June 19, 2000 (Annual Session)
(b) July 19, 2000 (Special Meeting)
(c) August 8, 2000 (Special Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Stone that the Minutes of June 19, 2000 (Annual Session), July 19, 2000 (Special Meeting) and August 8, 2000 (Special Meeting) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Petitions and/or Delegations:

(a) Tourism Isle Madame re: Progress Report/Grant Request

Deputy Warden Boudreau welcomed Mrs. Claire Doyle and Mr. Greg Silver to the meeting.

Mrs. Doyle and Mr. Silver presented their report on behalf of Tourism Isle Madame.

Mrs. Doyle indicated that the project of establishing a signage plaza and the upgrading of signage for Isle Madame began in 1997 and since then 8 additional signs have been erected along Route 104.

Mrs. Doyle indicated that they were seeking an endorsement from Municipal Council in order to obtain FRAM funding from ECBC for the signage plaza on Isle Madame.

Mr. Silver distributed visuals displaying the plans for the signage plaza to be erected at the Burnt Island Bridge, along with detailed mapping of the area, which has been reviewed and edited by members in all communities on Isle Madame.

Mr. Silver noted that the signage plaza would be comprised of a shelter containing only a roof and pillars and would house an 8 ft. detailed map of Isle Madame together with a business directory and perhaps a brochure. Mr. Silver also noted that the area would be landscaped containing a parking area and a nature trail.

Mrs. Doyle indicated that the total cost of the project is \$54,000, and they will be seeking \$19,000 in FRAM funding from ECBC.

Mrs. Doyle noted that it was also important to establish similar information kiosks at the other two major points of entry to the Island, the Arichat Boat Club and the Lennox Passage Yacht Club.

In response to a question from Councillor Bourque, Mrs. Doyle indicated that the plans for the signage plaza have been developed in consultation with D.I.M.A and La Picasse.

In response to a question from Councillor Sampson, Mrs. Doyle indicated that the cost of \$54,000 is for work that is yet to be completed, further indicating that funding until now has included fundraising and a contribution from St. Joseph's Credit Union.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Beaton that a letter be written to Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation indicating that Richmond Municipal Council fully supports Tourism Isle Madame and the use of FRAM funds to assist with their proposed project for the establishment of a signage plaza on Isle Madame. Motion carried.

Notices of Motions:

Deputy Warden Boudreau requested that Councillor Johnson present the Notices of Motions on his behalf.

- (a) To establish a policy which will provide that the term of office of Warden shall be for a two year term, following regular Council elections, with the option to re-offer (attached as Appendix "A")

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act provides that the term of office of the Warden expires when the term of office of the Council expires, unless prior to the selection of a Warden, the Council, by policy, adopts a shorter term of office for the Warden;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Richmond Municipal Council establish a policy that the term of office of the Warden shall be two years from the date of selection;

AND FURTHER MOVED that a Councillor shall have the option of re-offering for the office of Warden. Motion carried.

(b) To establish a policy to the effect that the term of office of the Deputy Warden shall be one year, to commence following the regular Council elections (attached as Appendix "B")

In response to a request for clarification from Warden Cotton, Council agreed that it would be permitted that a Deputy Warden may re-offer for term of office.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Bourque that WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act provides that Council shall select one of its Council members to be the Deputy Warden of the Council;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act provides that prior to the selection of a Deputy Warden, the Council shall determine, by policy, the term of office of the Deputy Warden;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Richmond Municipal Council adopt a policy that the office of Deputy Warden shall be one year. Motion carried.

(c) (i) To amend the Recorded Resolution, "Payment of Councillors" (copy attached), by deleting Section 9 which provides for penalties for missing more than three Council meetings.

(ii) to amend the policy regarding "(1) Definition of "Just Cause", Regarding Penalties for Absence from Meetings" and "(2) Method of Payment of Stipend" (copy attached) by deleting Section 1 regarding the definition of just cause for meeting absences, and Section 2 regarding the holdback of stipend regarding meeting absence penalties.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Stone that the Recorded Resolution "Payment of Councillors" be amended by deleting Section 9 which provides for penalties for missing more than three Council meetings;

AND FURTHER MOVED that the policy regarding "(1) Definition of "Just Cause", Regarding Penalties for Absence from Meetings" and "(2) Method of Payment of Stipend" be amended by deleting Section 1 regarding the definition of just cause for meeting absences, and Section 2 regarding the holdback of stipend regarding meeting absence penalties. Motion carried.

Tabled from Last Meeting:

(a) Annual Appointments to the Heritage Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that this item be tabled until the November Council Meeting, in order to obtain additional information. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Councillor Beaton presented the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Stone that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the allocation of a CED grant in the amount of \$20,000 to the St. Peter's Lions Club, for the second phase of their marina expansion project. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and increase the amount for C.E.D. funding for the current year to \$67,500 from \$50,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and fully support the efforts of the L'Ardoise Economic Association for Development and give approval to the allocation of a CED grant in the amount of \$20,000 for their "L'Ardoise Walk Through History" project. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the allocation of a CED grant to the Lennox Passage Yacht Club for 50% of their costs, up to a maximum of \$15,000 for their proposed wharf reconstruction and marina expansion project. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Bourque that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and allocate the remaining \$10,000 of CED funding requested by Development Isle Madame for the Arichat Waterfront Revitalization Project. Motion carried

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Stone that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and extend the Information Technology position to December 31, 2000. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the allocation of the remaining CED funding (unserved areas) available for District #10 to the Loch Lomond Heritage Society, in the amount of approximately \$1,750. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the road name change from “6052” to “Husky Drive” in District #7 and further moved that this name be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and the District Planning Commission for their approval. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the road name change from “Old Ferry Road –5084(P)” to “Anchor Road” in District #5 and further moved that this name be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and the District Planning Commission for their approval. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Gail that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and have a private road in Loch Lomond (District #10) named “Donald’s Lane” and further moved that this name be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and the District Planning Commission for their approval. Motion carried.

Councillor Beaton gave notice that he will introduce a resolution at the next regular Council session to amend the policy on grants, from the current practice of providing 50% funding immediately upon Council approval, to indicate that the 50% will be paid upon commencement of the project.

Councillor Beaton gave notice that he will introduce a resolution at the next regular Council session to adopt the attached policy on confidentiality.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of September be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) Vested Property Clerk re: Quit Claim Deed – Robert French

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Warden Cotton that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Solicitor and issue a Quit Claim Deed to Mr. Robert French, to solve the problems associated with the property. Motion carried.

(b) Department of Community Services re: Departmental Changes.

(c) Councillor Sampson re: Private Road Name Change – “LeRue’s Lane”

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Bourque that Municipal Council give approval to the road name change from “5096(P) – O’Brien Road” to “LeRue’s

Lane” in District #9 if it meets policy approval and receives the approval from the Department of Transportation and the District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

(d) Diana Resort Ltd. re: Private Road Name – “Diana Mountain Road”

Moved by Councillor Stone, seconded by Councillor Bourque that a letter be written to Mr. Winkler, outlining that the road naming policy developed by the Department of Transportation, the District Planning Commission and Municipal Council requires a petition from the homeowners on a road that a request for a road name is made. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor Stone that a letter be written to the District Planning Commission indicating that it is the opinion of Council that private roads should be named and signed within a subdivision before it is an approved subdivision, further noting that this could simplify attempts at obtaining civic numbers. Motion carried.

(e) 3021423 Nova Scotia Ltd. re: Private Road Name – “Nature Dream Boulevard”

Moved by Councillor Stone, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Municipal Council give approval to name a private road in a new subdivision in Roberta (District #8) as “Nature Dream Boulevard” if this road name meets policy approval and receives the approval of the Department of Transportation and the District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

(f) Sunset Gate Development Ltd. re: Private Road Name – “MacKay Drive” and “Sunset Lane”

Moved by Councillor Stone, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Municipal Council give approval to name two private roads in a new subdivision at St. George’s Channel (District #7) as “Sunset Lane” and “MacKay Drive”, if these road names meet policy approval and receives the approval of the Department of Transportation and the District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

(g) Evans MacIssac, MacMillan re: Private Road Name – “Orion Crescent”

Councillor McNamara indicated that she did not believe there has been any development of this subdivision.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Stone that Municipal Council give approval to name a private in a subdivision at Walkerville (District #5) as “Orion Crescent” if this road name meets policy approval and receives the approval of the Department of Transportation and the District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

(h) Minister Responsible for Petroleum Directorate re: Premier’s Energy Council

The Clerk indicated that this is a response to a letter written on behalf of Council regarding the appointment to the Premier's Energy Council, noting the lack of representation from Richmond and surrounding Municipalities.

Warden Cotton noted that the appointment was in the hands of the UNSM and they appointed a representative from Bridgewater further noting that future appointments would also be at their discretion.

(i) Office of the Premier re: Premier's Energy Council

(j) Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline re: Realty & Business Occupancy Tax Assessments

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

(k) Department of Environment re: Changes to the Solid Waste –Resource Management Regulations

(l) Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture re: West Lennox Passage Proposals

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor McNamara that staff request that the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture examine the mapping of the West Richmond Plan and superimpose it on a map outlining aquaculture proposals for the West Lennox Passage Area, to ensure that they do not accept a proposal that would interfere with the West Richmond Planning area. Motion carried.

(m) Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs re: Provincial Capital Assistance Program

Warden Cotton re: Technical Committee, Infrastructure Planning

Moved by Warden Cotton, seconded by Councillor Bourque that a letter be written to the Minister of Municipal Affairs asking him to appoint representatives with a technical background to the Municipality's Technical Committee so that the infrastructure needs of Richmond County can be examined. Motion carried.

(n) Municipal Engineer re: Occupational Health and Safety Program

Moved by Councillor Goyette, seconded by Warden Cotton that the Occupational Health and Safety Standard Operating Procedures be accepted as presented by the Director of Public Works. Motion carried.

(o) Department of the Environment re: THM Testing

(p) Village on the Canal Association re: Funding Request

Councillor Stone indicated that last year the CED Grant money for District # 8 was used to set up a page in the Doers and Dreamers Guide for the Village on the Canal Association to promote the St. Peter's area, however since this grant money is not available this year there is no means of funding this project, further noting that the deadline for the Doers and Dreamers Guide has already passed.

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor Stone that the Director of Recreation and Tourism be approached regarding the level of funding that he believes should be allocated from the budget towards advertising in the Doers and Dreamers Guide and further moved that the Director be requested to prepare a report for Council on this matter. Motion carried.

(q) Councillor Beaton re: Resignation from the Richmond Villa Board of Directors

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council accept Councillor Beaton's resignation from the Richmond Villa Board of Directors. Motion carried.

(r) U.N.S.M.

(i) Hotel Room Tax

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that this item be referred to the UNSM's Resolutions Committee/Annual Conference for discussion on the issue of hotel room tax. Motion carried.

(ii) Plebiscites

(s) Department of Health re: Emergency Services – Strait Richmond Hospital/St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor Beaton that a letter be written to the Minister of Health expressing Council's extreme concern for the residents of Isle Madame and surrounding areas now that there is only one doctor serving the residents and further moved that the Minister be requested to provide information on the impact that the lack of doctors will mean to local hospitals and services. Motion carried.

(t) Telile re: VHF Broadcast Project Update

(u) Alzheimer Society re: Promoting Awareness of Alzheimer Disease

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Warden Cotton be authorized to host "A Mayor Mug Up @ Coffee Break" on September 21, and further moved that Municipal Council declare September 21, 2000 as "Coffee Break Day", in order to help raise funds and promote awareness of Alzheimer disease. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Boudreau recessed the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Deputy Warden Boudreau reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

(1) Councillor Goyetche re: Scotia Rainbow

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Beaton that a letter be faxed to the Hon. John Hamm and the Right Honourable Jean Chretien requesting their effort and support of their offices and the agencies of both the provincial and federal government to support and maintain the work force at the Scotia Rainbow Group in Arichat;

AND FURTHER MOVED that a meeting be requested with the Premier and the Prime Minister or their designated officials, in order to hear first hand of the benefits of these jobs in Richmond County;

AND FURTHER MOVED that copies of the correspondence be sent to the Hon. Gordon Balsler, the Hon. Ernie Fage; Mr. Michel Samson, MLA; the Hon. George Baker, Senator Bernie Boudreau and Mrs. Michelle Dockrill, MP. Motion carried.

Councillor Bourque indicated the employees of Scotia Rainbow had met with the Receivers, Ernst and Young, earlier tonight requesting information about the future of the plant.

Councillors expressed their support for the employees of Scotia Rainbow.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Trudy Sampson, spokesperson for the employees of Scotia Rainbow, thanked Council for their support, indicating that they wish for this to be a peaceful protest with their ultimate goal being securing their jobs for the long term.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Deputy Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.