

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2000

Location: Court House, Arichat

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for O'Canada. The Clerk then asked that everyone remain standing to observe a minute of silence in memory of all veterans of our country.

Swearing in of Councillors

The Clerk requested that Councillors stand and read the Oath of Office together and the Clerk then administered the Oath of Office to Councillor Chuck Boudreau, Councillor James Goyetche, Councillor Malcolm Beaton, Councillor Gerry Bourque, Councillor Shirley McNamara, Councillor Richie Cotton, Councillor Joseph MacPhee, Councillor Steve MacNeil, Councillor Steve Sampson and Councillor Gail Johnson.

The Clerk reported that Justice F. Edwards had held the recount today for District #4 and he has certified the result of the election with Councillor Bourque being declared elected.

Nominations for Appointment of Warden

The Clerk called for nominations for the appointment of Warden.

Councillor MacNeil nominated Councillor Cotton.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that nominations cease. Motion carried.

The Clerk congratulated Warden Cotton on his re-election.

Warden Cotton thanked Councillors for his re-election and indicated he looked forward to working with Council during the next two years.

Appointment of Deputy Warden

Warden Cotton called for nominations for the appointment of Deputy Warden.

Councillor McNamara nominated Councillor Johnson.

Councillor Bourque nominated Councillor Goyetche.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council proceed with the election of Deputy Warden by a secret ballot. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton indicated that Mr. Digout, Mrs. Doyle and himself would count the ballots.

Warden Cotton announced the results of the ballots:

Councillor Goyetche - 5 votes

Councillor Johnson - 5 votes

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that a second vote be held, and if a tie still remains, that a draw from a hat take place. Motion carried. One nay – Councillor McNamara.

A second vote by secret ballot took place and Warden Cotton announced the results as follows:

Councillor Goyetche - 5 votes

Councillor Johnson - 5 votes

Sergeant Dave Roper drew a name from the hat.

The Clerk announced that Councillor James Goyetche becomes Deputy Warden.

Deputy Warden Goyetche thanked Council and indicated he was looking forward to a very successful year as Deputy Warden.

The Clerk indicated the secret ballots would be destroyed.

Warden Cotton requested that the next item “Call for Nominations and Appointments” be moved to the end of the agenda, in order to discuss the item added regarding “members at large” to the Richmond Villa Board.

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the call for nominations and appointments be moved to the end of the agenda. Motion carried.

Appointment of Municipal Signing Officers

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that the Warden, Clerk and Deputy Clerk; with Deputy Warden being an Alternate to the Warden be appointed as the municipal signing officers. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Cotton indicated he wished to add Richmond Villa appointments and the memo from the Clerk noting that Councillor Sampson wished to add a request to the Department of Transportation for review of speed zones in Lower L'Ardoise and a request for a road name change; and notes from various Councillors regarding Committee preference.

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

Review of Minutes: October 10, 2000

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of October 10, 2000 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

Correspondence:

(a) Hon. Ronald Russell re: Trunk 4

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Mr. Bruce Fitzner, District Director-Eastern, Mr. Don Carter and Mr. Robert Carroll be invited to attend a Council Meeting in order to provide information regarding the repairs and repaving of Trunk 4 and also information on funding allocations; and further moved that the Council Meeting at which they will appear be advertised and held in River Bourgeois in order that residents along Trunk 4 can attend the meeting. Motion carried.

(b) Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission re: Road Name Change – David's Lane (District #2)

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Municipal Council give approval to name a road in the Community of Alderney Point (District #2) to David's Lane, if this road name change meets policy approval and receives the approval of the Department of Transportation and the District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

(c) Isle Madame Historical Society re: LeNoir Forge

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the Tourism, Cultural and Recreation Department be requested to contact the Isle Madame Historical Society requesting information regarding the administrative responsibilities associated with the maintenance of the Forge. Motion carried.

(d) U.N.S.M. re: New Social Services Act

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that a letter be written to the Hon. Peter Christie, with copies to the Premier and Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, thanking them for honoring his commitment to the “phase out” of municipal contributions to social assistance by April 1, 2003. Motion carried.

(e) U.N.S.M. re: Municipal Taxation of Utilities

(f) Hon. Gordon Balser re: Scotia Rainbow Inc.

(g) Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations re: Amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations

(h) Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations re: Groundwater Exploration Program for Arichat Water System

Moved by Councillor Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Bourque that a letter be written to the Hon. Angus MacIsaac thanking him for his Department’s commitment towards the Groundwater Exploration Program for the Arichat Water System. Motion carried.

(i) Betty Bauman re: Widows of Nova Scotia

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor McNamara that a letter be written to Premier John Hamm requesting that he reconsider his decision to appeal the decision made in the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia that gives widows entitlement to back payment of compensation benefits that were taken away upon remarriage. Motion carried.

(j) Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department re: Computer Equipment Request

The Clerk reported there were two computers that were surplus equipment and were no longer required for municipal purposes.

The Clerk indicated Council should consider adopting a policy on disposal of surplus equipment.

Moved by Councillor Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Bourque that Municipal Council declare both computers as surplus equipment and donate one to the Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department for use within their Department and further moved that

Councillors make community organizations in their districts aware of the surplus equipment and dispose the second machine to a community organization that would require this equipment. Motion carried.

(k) Canadian Public Health Association re: AIDS Awareness Week

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Municipal Council proclaim December 1, 2000 as “World AIDS Day”. Motion carried.

(l) White Ribbon Campaign re: White Ribbon Week

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Municipal Council proclaim November 25 to December 6, 2000 as “White Ribbon Week”. Motion carried.

The Clerk requested that the men in the audience come forward to receive a white ribbon and sign the poster showing their support to end violence against women.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Cotton indicated Councillors had indicated they wished to have “members at large” on the Richmond Villa Board of Directors.

The Clerk indicated the solicitor had indicated the limit for Board membership was seven members and Municipal Council could decide on the number of Councillors and “members at large” they wished to sit on the Board.

Councillors noted that the Richmond Villa has very active community participation and are presently looking at having a new facility built in St. Peter’s and felt that it was important to involve the public on the Board.

Councillor Beaton declared a conflict of interest indicating his employer belongs to the Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations and he left his seat during voting and discussion of this item.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Richmond Villa Board of Directors consist of four Councillors and three “Members at Large” and further moved that an advertisement be placed requesting members at large from the general public. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton indicated he was suggesting the appointment of Councillor MacNeil to the present Board to replace Councillor Stone until the December Meeting, when the new Board will be in place.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that a letter be written to Mr. Robert Sweet, District Traffic Supervisor, requesting that he review the speed zone

in the Lower L'Ardoise area in order to determine if it can revert back to a 70 km zone from the present 50 km zone. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that Municipal Council give approval to the road name change from Shore Road to Little Harbour Road in Lower L'Ardoise (District #9), if this road name change meets policy approval and receives the approval of the Department of Transportation and the District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

Call for Nominations and Appointments

Warden Cotton appointed a 5 member Nominating Committee as follows: Warden Cotton, Councillor MacNeil, Councillor Johnson, Councillor McNamara and Councillor Beaton.

Warden Cotton indicated he had received written preferences from eight Councillors and requested Councillor Boudreau and Councillor Johnson to write down their Committee preferences for the Nominating Committee.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Bourque that the meeting be recessed. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton recessed the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Warden Cotton reconvened the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Warden Cotton reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee as follows:

(a) Planning Advisory Committee – 5 Councillors plus 3 Members at Large

Councillor Shirley McNamara
Councillor Steve MacNeil
Councillor Chuck Boudreau

Councillor Joseph MacPhee
Councillor James Goyetche

(b) Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission – 2 Councillors

Councillor Gerry Bourque

Councillor Malcolm Beaton

(c) Richmond Housing Corporation (Villa) – 4 Councillors plus 3 Members at Large

First Group: Councillor Shirley McNamara Councillor Steve MacNeil
Councillor Steve Sampson Warden Richie Cotton

Three Alternates: Councillor Joseph MacPhee Councillor Gail Johnson
Councillor Gerry Bourque

(The alternates will be replaced by the “Members at Large”).

(d) Eastern Counties Regional Library Board – 1 Councillor

Councillor Malcolm Beaton

(e) St. Anne’s Community Care Centre – 1 Councillor

Councillor Chuck Boudreau

(f) Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Park Commission – Warden plus 2 Councillors

Warden Richie Cotton Councillor Gerry Bourque
Councillor Shirley McNamara

(g) Heritage Advisory Committee – 2 Councillors plus 4 Members at Large

Councillor Joseph MacPhee Councillor Steve MacNeil

(h) Cape Breton Regional Solid Waste Committee – 2 Councillors plus 1 staff

Warden Richie Cotton Councillor Gail Johnson

(Staff member to be appointed by C.A.O.).

(i) Richmond Arena Board – 1 Councillor

Councillor Steve Sampson

(j) Port Hawkesbury Airport Committee – 1 Councillor

Councillor Gerry Bourque

(k) Police Services Advisory Committee – 3 Councillors

Councillor Gail Johnson

Councillor Malcolm Beaton

Councillor Steve Sampson

(l) Pension Advisory Committee – 2 Councillors plus 2 Staff

Warden Richie Cotton

Councillor Gail Johnson

(Staff recommended by C.A.O. are Clifford Boudreau and Karen Doyle).

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that the recommendations from the Nominating Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

It was agreed that advertisements will be placed in the local newspaper for the “Members at Large” of the Heritage Advisory Committee, the Planning Advisory Committee and the Richmond Villa Board of Directors.

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

There being no further business, Warden Cotton adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.