

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE 45TH COUNCIL

JUNE 17, 2002

Location: Court House, Arichat

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

The Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Warden Cotton indicated that Councillor Boudreau will be making a presentation to Mr. Lorenzo Boudreau on behalf of Council for his dedication in attending Municipal Council meetings.

Councillor Boudreau presented a brief description of the life of Mr. Lorenzo Boudreau and presented him with a municipal shirt, pin and a plaque expressing Council's appreciation for his dedication in attending Municipal Council meetings.

Opening Remarks of the Warden

Warden Cotton thanked Municipal staff, the CAO and Councillors for their commitment and dedication over the past year.

Warden Cotton briefly outlined the Municipality's accomplishments over the past year, noting in particular infrastructure projects, staff changes and community grants.

Warden Cotton indicated that the upcoming year will have its challenges noting that he can count on Council for support.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Cotton indicated that Councillor McNamara wished to add appointment of the Area Advisory Committee Members, Councillor MacPhee wished to add correspondence from the Department of Transportation regarding River Bourgeois roads and Councillor Sampson wished to add the Richmond Arena.

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

Review of Minutes: May 13, 2002

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that the minutes of May 13, 2002 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

- (a) Development Isle Madame re: DIMA Demonstration Project/Request for Municipal Funding

Mr. Silver Donald Cameron presented on behalf of DIMA.

Mr. Cameron expressed appreciation to Council for the support they have provided to DIMA over the past few years.

Mr. Cameron noted that Mrs. Brenda Martell resigned as Acting Executive Director of DIMA at the end of April and presently there is no replacement.

Mr. Cameron indicated that the Board of DIMA has made some recent decisions to get rid of some of their assets, noting that they still have two outstanding projects, the completion of the Cape Auget Trail and the Waterfront Development Project.

Mr. Cameron noted that DIMA hopes to partner with La Picasse on the Cape Auget Trail Project and with the Municipality on the Waterfront Development Project.

Mr. Cameron indicated that the goals of DIMA were shifting from infrastructure development to business development.

Mr. Cameron indicated that DIMA will be seeking to obtain three year funding from all three levels of government, noting that they hoped that each level would support DIMA with creating three staff positions.

Mr. Cameron indicated that DIMA is not seeking any funding at the present time however they want to make Council aware of their plans and once they have proposals in place they will return to Council seeking support.

Warden Cotton indicated that Council has supported DIMA in the past and can see their continued support in the future.

In response to a question from Councillor Goyetche, Mr. Cameron indicated that both the Federal and Provincial Governments have shown interest in DIMA, noting that they are receptive to the principles however DIMA has not requested any funding from them as of yet.

Councillor Goyetche indicated that he can see more benefit in putting money into a community development organization instead of several smaller groups in the community.

Councillor Boudreau indicated that he is impressed with DIMA's work on the eco-trail, noting that they pulled the community and businesses together to accomplish all the repairs that were needed after the recent vandalism.

Mr. Cameron noted that a problem with the public's perception is that DIMA concentrates on projects in Arichat, noting that the problem is that many of DIMA's activities are not publicized noting that DIMA has completed projects in many communities throughout Richmond County.

Warden Cotton noted that if DIMA's projects develop over the summer months they can still be brought to the attention of Council even though they are not in session.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that the presentation by DIMA be tabled until a funding request is received by Council. Motion carried.

(b) Regional Occupational Centre re: Request for Municipal Funding

Mr. Joe Janega presented on behalf of the Regional Occupational Centre.

Mr. Janega indicated that the ROC Centre is an organization that serves the mentally challenged, noting that there are approximately 25-30 people participating in activities at the ROC center, of which 10 are from Richmond County.

Mr. Janega indicated that provincial funding is getting tighter, noting that funding has not decreased however it had not increased and costs have.

Mr. Janega indicated that the ROC Centre obtains a lot of their funding from fundraising and from selling product they produce in their bakery and wood working shops.

Mr. Janega indicated that they also raised money by cleaning halls however this business has been recently decreasing.

Mr. Janega indicated that the ROC Centre is currently operating at only a minor deficit however he predicts that the next fiscal year will be worse, noting that they may not be able to operate many of the projects they have offered to the mentally challenged such as swimming and bowling.

Warden Cotton indicated that Council supports the work of the ROC Centre.

In response to a question from Councillor Sampson, Mr. Janega indicated that the operating budget of the ROC Centre is approximately \$250,000.

In response to a question from Councillor Sampson, Mr. Janega indicated that there are six people on staff at the ROC Centre, both full and part-time.

In response to a question from Councillor Sampson, Mr. Janega indicated that insurance from the recent fire at the ROC Centre covered the structure but did not fully cover all of the contents.

Councillor Sampson indicated that he fully supports the activities of the ROC Center, noting the he has witnessed many times the joy on the faces of their clients, giving them a higher quality of life and more confidence.

Mr. Janega noted that there are openings on the Board of the ROC Centre if Council wishes to appoint a member to the Board.

Mr. Janega also noted that if Council wished to tour the facility they would be more than happy to accommodate them.

In response to a question from Councillor MacPhee, Mr. Janega indicated that some of the capital purchases that are required are a ventilation system, security system, lawn mowers and carpentry equipment.

Councillor McNamara indicated that she often visits the ROC Centre to purchase the product they produce as well as on social visits, noting that the staff is very hard working and the ROC Centre is a great place for the mentally challenged to develop their skills and self esteem.

Councillor Goyetche noted that in the past there were more than 10 people from Richmond that attended the ROC Centre, noting that the numbers dropped after transportation was cut.

Mr. Janega indicated that he is also approaching other municipal units for assistance.

In response to a question from Councillor Sampson, Mr. Janega indicated that the ROC Centre is not relocating however they are seeking an additional facility to house a used clothing store.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by MacPhee that the Municipality contribute \$5,000 to the ROC Centre, as a grant, to assist with their capital requirements resulting from the fire at their facility. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton and Deputy Warden Johnson expressed their support for the ROC Centre.

(c) Strait Richmond Health Board re: “Non-Smoking Public Places By-Law”

Ms. Andrea Donovan presented on behalf of the Strait Richmond Health Board.

Ms. Donovan indicated that they are requesting that Council introduce a 100% non-smoking by-law for Richmond County.

Ms. Donovan indicated that she had an overhead presentation prepared however there was no equipment available tonight.

Ms. Donovan noted that 45,000 Canadians die each year from cigarette use, noting that 570 people are hospitalized each day.

Ms. Donovan noted that smoking is the leading cause of death in Nova Scotia, taking 1650 lives per year, further noting that an additional 200 people per year die of second – hand smoke.

Ms. Donovan noted that tobacco smoke causes heart disease, lung cancer, nasal sinus cancer, SIDS, bronchitis, pneumonia etc...

Ms. Donovan noted that as the Tobacco Reduction Strategy Coordinator, she implements the Tobacco Reduction Strategy, which is comprised of three elements: Cessation, Prevention and Protection.

Ms. Donovan noted that it has been proven that there is no safe level of cigarette smoke exposure and in order to protect employee and the public a 100% ban must be initiated.

Ms. Donovan noted that if there were a ban on smoking, then it would be “de-normalized” in society and would play a role in preventing youth from smoking and help smokers to cut back or quit.

Ms. Donovan noted that ventilation is not an effective option and if all businesses were forced to become non-smoking it would put everyone on a level playing field.

Ms. Donovan indicated that it is the Municipality’s role to introduce a health public policy and protect their residents.

Ms. Donovan indicated that she is recommending a 100 % smoking ban, with no exceptions, an implementation phase of 3-6 months and a commitment to enforce the by-law.

Ms. Donovan indicated that she has a binder for Council, which contains a copy of her presentation, reading materials, by-laws and supporting documents.

Councillor MacNeil noted that he is very pleased that the Guysborough-Antigonish-Strait Health Authority is taking the initiative to introduce this by-law and he supports a 100% ban.

In response to a question from Councillor Beaton, Ms. Donovan indicated that Kentville has a 100% ban in effect and New Glasgow will enact the 100% ban in October.

In response to a question from Councillor McNamara, Ms. Donovan indicated that she does not have a list of suggestions for enforcement, noting that the public is often enforcers or perhaps if the municipality has a by-law enforcement officer he/she could take on the responsibility.

Ms. Donovan noted that New Glasgow has a plan for enforcement and the Municipality could use this as a reference.

In response to a question from Councillor Sampson, Ms. Donovan indicated that a recent study in Guysborough completed by Public Health Services indicated that 38% of youth smoke, noting that this is higher than the Nova Scotia average.

In response to a question from Councillor Goyetche, Ms. Donovan indicated that she worked with Smoke Free Nova Scotia in lobbying the Provincial government further noting that the Tobacco Reduction Advisory Committee also made recommendation to the government to enforce a 100% ban on smoking.

Ms. Donovan indicated that they were constantly pressuring the Nova Scotia Government however this time things did not work out.

Ms. Donovan noted that if the Province sees municipalities enforcing a 100% smoke free ban then they may follow the lead.

Councillor Goyetche commends local businesses that have taken the initiative to become smoke-free, however there are other factors such as pollution from production plants and cars that can cause the same effects of smoking.

The Clerk indicated that if there were a ban on smoking instituted then businesses would not jeopardize their operation by disobeying the regulations.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Bourque that Richmond County Council support the request of the Strait Richmond Health Board to enact a 100% non-smoking public place/workplace by-law in the Municipality of the County of Richmond and instruct our Solicitor to draft a by-law for our consideration that would have as its main aim the protection of the public from the harmful effects of smoking as well as an enforcement strategy. Motion carried.

Notice of Motion – Councillor Sampson: to amend the Municipal Hiring Policy, attached as “Appendix A”

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council amend the Municipal Hiring Policy as outlined in “Appendix A” (attached). Motion carried.

Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole re: Estimates/Tax rates/Other

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the three-year capital budget for the period April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2005 be established as follows:

2002/03

Arichat Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	- \$1,950,000
Louisdale/Evanston Water Storage Tank Upgrades	- 850,000

2003/04

Municipal Office Construction	- 1,750,000
Arichat Water Storage Tank Interior Painting	- 100,000
Evanston Water Storage Tank Valve Chamber Replacement	- 80,000
Subdivision/Trailer Park Construction	- 750,000

2004/05

Subdivision/Trailer Park Construction	- 750,000
Establishment of One Wastewater Management District	- 500,000
Arichat Sewage Collection System Upgrades (replacement of all pumping stations and piping repairs)	- 950,000
Evanston Sewage Treatment Plant Replacement	- 1,500,000
Sampsonville Water System Replacement	- <u>3,500,000</u>
Total	\$12,680,000

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following properties that have a charitable tax number, and that are included in By-Law #36, be provided with a total tax exemption for the current year:

Oceanview Museum
Isle Madame Active Living Centre
Arichat Parish Hall
Petit De Grat Parish Hall
Knights of Columbus Hall
Janvrin's Harbour Hall

Riverdale Community Hall
Louisdale Parish Hall
River Bourgeois Funeral Home
River Bourgeois Hall
L'Ardoise Parish Hall
L'Ardoise Funeral Home
Loch Lomond Hall
Johnstown Parish Hall
Mowat's Environmental Institute
St. Peter's United Church Hall
L'Ardoise Medical Centre
East Richmond Medical Centre
Ste. Anne's Community Nursing Care Centre

AND FURTHER MOVED that the properties of the Johnstown Community Development Co-Op, the Isle Madame Seniors Club, the Bonnie Brae Seniors Club and the St. Peter's Lions Club be totally exempted from taxes for the current fiscal year, in accordance with the authority contained in Provincial Legislation;

AND FURTHER MOVED that grants be provided to the following facilities, in order to provide them with an amount equal to their property taxes for the current fiscal year:

Rocky Bay Hall
D'Escousse Hall
Salmon River Hall
Framboise Hall
Lakeside Hall
MacAskill House Museum
Isle Madame Historical Society
Forchu Hall
River Bourgeois Historical Society
South Mountain Arm of Gold
Nicholas Denys Museum
Grand River Volunteer Fire Department
Basin River War Memorial
Richmond Villa

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and award the following grants to community groups:

- \$5,000 to Strait Richmond Health Care Foundation (Year 2 of 2 year commitment)
- 10,000 to Richmond County Literacy Society (Year 2 of 3 year commitment)
- 1,750 to Richmond County Tourism Association (Year 4 of 5 year commitment)
- 750 each to Oceanview Wildlife Association; the Point Tupper Heritage Association; the MacAskill House Museum; the Nicholas Denys Museum and the LeNoir Forge Museum
- 500 to Richmond Academy Scholarship Fund
- 1,200 to Stora Enso Hockey Tournament
- 600 to Island Community Justice Society
- 1,000 to Isle Madame Historical Society

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a grant in the amount of \$2,500 be given to the Kingston Medical Clinic to assist with the purchase of computer equipment. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a grant in the amount of \$2,500 be given to the River Bourgeois Community Services Youth Development Committee under our community grant funding, to assist with their project, with the understanding that the funds will be taken from the Youth Program funds, if it meets proposed policies. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a grant in the amount of \$1,000 be given to the Petit De Grat Acadian Festival, \$1,000 to the L'Ardoise Acadian Festival, and \$500 to the Johnstown Milling Frolic. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a grant in the amount of \$2,500 be given to the L'Ardoise Economic Association for Development to assist with their Business Builders Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole and that funding not be provided to Henson College (Municipal Endowment Fund); Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation; Canadian Liver Foundation; Alzheimer Society; The Lung Association of Nova Scotia and the Mission to Seafarers. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Municipal Council establish the same rates as last year for fire departments as follows:

District 5 & 6 (Louisdale & West Bay Road)	-	.10¢
L'Ardoise Volunteer Fire Department	-	.16¢
Loch Lomond Area Volunteer Fire Department	-	.12¢
St. Peter's & District Volunteer Fire Department	-	.14¢
Grand River Volunteer Fire Department	-	.15¢
District #10 Volunteer Fire Department	-	.12¢
Framboise-Forchu Area Volunteer Fire Department	-	.15¢
Isle Madame (Districts 1,2,3,4)	-	.09¢

AND FURTHER MOVED that no money be given to fire departments until they provide the financial information for their departments. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve merit increases of 2.5% for those staff who are not at the maximum on their salary scale classification; and further moved that the following employees be commended for additional effort and initiative, with a merit increase of 3%:

Karen Doyle
Darrin McLean
Louis Digout

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality collect the rate for the St. Peter's Village Commission, when they establish a rate. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an area rate of .04¢ be collected in District #2, to cover the costs of carrying out community improvements. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve an additional Police Officer for the Richmond County contingent. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Bourque that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2003 in the amount of \$9,656,994 (copy of budget attached as Appendix "A");

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$7,057,547 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2003, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than

rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of .67¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$1.33 which rates said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18 percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid from the final billing after the 31st day of October, 2002;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30th day of September, 2002 as the day of which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole that WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Richmond intends to carry out plant renovations and expansion to the Arichat Sewer Treatment Plant, situated on the waterfront at Arichat, Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS to carry out these renovations and expansion, the Municipality of the County of Richmond requires additional lands adjacent to its facilities at Arichat;

AND WHEREAS to facilitate the acquisition of the necessary lands, the Municipality deems it necessary to expropriate lands;

AND WHEREAS the annexed description and plan prepared by Brian Anderson, the said plan being dated the 6th day of May, 2002 having been prepared for that purpose;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Richmond expropriate the lands described in the descriptions annexed hereto and the Municipal Clerk/CAO be authorized to execute the necessary expropriation documents and to cause these to be filed at the Registry of Deeds at Arichat, Richmond County, Nova Scotia. Motion carried

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Director of Public Works be appointed as the staff representative; and further moved that Warden Cotton be appointed as the elected representative to serve on the Regional Adhoc Committee. Motion carried

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond Municipal Council fully support the new model of ownership for the Richmond Villa. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the recommendations of the Youth Adhoc Committee, as attached. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize a one year lease for Bay #2 at the Industrial Mall to Mr. Vince Burke, with the lease commencing August 1, 2002. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Lorenzo Boudreau be recognized for his dedication in attending Council Meetings and that he be recognized as an honorary Councillor, without voting privileges. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Committee of the Whole Report for the Month of June 2002 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

(b) Planning Advisory Committee Report, June 2002

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that Richmond Municipal Council inform the Department of Transportation of the desire to have a route number assigned to the section of highway running from St. Peter's to the County Line Road. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Bourque that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that Council encourage the Province, through use of Section 106 of the Environment Act, to designate the lands located around the wellhead for the municipal water supply for the communities of Louisdale, Evanston and Whiteside area as a "Protected Water Supply Area" specifically lands which encompass the groundwater draw down area for Production Well#1 (PW1) and Production Well #2 (PW2) as delineated by Dillon Consultants and the watershed for Shannon Lake and also encourage the Province when designating the lands located around the wellhead for the municipal water supply for the communities of Louisdale, Evanston and Whiteside area as a "Protected Water Supply Area" in accordance with Policy 1.0 that they give consideration to the wording proposed in Appendix "A" in the Shannon Lake Wellhead Protection Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that a representative of the St. Peter's Village Commission be appointed to the St. Peter's Area Advisory Committee, to fill the vacancy on that Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the following individuals be appointed to the West Richmond Area Advisory Committee for District #5 and District #6:

- Councillor Shirley McNamara
- Mary B. Hureau
- Jean Landry
- Alfred McNamara
- Catherine Totten
- Sheldon MacLeod
- Darrell & Sandra Scanlan
- Blair McNamara
- Margie & Neil Feltmate
- Rosalinda MacRae
- Frances McCarthy
- Sylvester MacInnis
- Terry White (Brenda White alternate)
- Wilma & Sam Conrod
- Paul Shears
- Billy Proctor
- Rose Goyetche

AND FURTHER MOVED that Warden Cotton, Councillor for District #6, also serve on this Committee as the 19th member. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Council adopt the Planning Advisory Committee Report for the month of June 2002. Motion carried.

(c) Clerk re: Annual Report

The Clerk reviewed the Municipality's Statement of Operations for the year ending March 31, 2002, noting that the Municipality has a modest surplus of approximately \$147,000 for the fiscal year.

The Clerk reviewed some major infrastructure projects that have dominated the past years agenda, noting in particular the proposed replacement of the nursing home facility in St. Peter's.

The Clerk commended Council for decision-making abilities in order to accomplish all of the infrastructure projects.

The Clerk noted he is concerned for the relationship of rural communities with the provincial and federal governments noting that he continues to observe the concentration of financial resources in urban areas.

The Clerk thanked the Warden and Council on behalf of staff and thanked staff for their leadership and effort on behalf of the Richmond County Community.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the Clerk's Annual Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Annual Appointments

(a) Municipal Solicitors

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that Pickup and MacDowell, be retained as Municipal Solicitors for the fiscal year 2002-2003. Motion carried.

(b) Municipal Auditors

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that David Smith be retained as the Municipal Auditor for the fiscal year 2002-2003. Motion carried.

(c) Signing Officers

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the CAO, the Warden and the Deputy Clerk be retained as signing officers for the fiscal year 2002-2003, with the Deputy Warden serving as an alternate to the Warden. Motion carried

(d) Representative – Eastern Counties Regional Library Board

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Councillor Beaton be retained as the Council representative for the Easter Counties Regional Library. Motion carried.

(e) Heritage Advisory Committee (3 Councillors)

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Bourque that Councillor MacPhee, Councillor MacNeil and Councillor Beaton be retained as members of the Heritage Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

(f) Inverness/Richmond District Planning Commissions (2 Councillors)

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Councillor Bourque and Councillor Beaton be retained as members of the Inverness/Richmond District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

(g) Representative – Strait regional Airport Committee

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Councillor Bourque be retained as the Council representative on the Strait regional Airport Committee. Motion carried.

(h) Planning Advisory Committee (5 Councillors)

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Bourque that Councillor McNamara, Councillor MacNeil, Councillor Boudreau, Councillor MacPhee and Councillor Goyetche be retained as Council representatives on the Planning Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

(i) Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Development Commission (Warden plus 2 Councillors)

Moved by Councillor Boudreau, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that Warden Cotton, Councillor McNamara and Councillor Bourque be retained as Council representatives on the Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Development Commission. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association re: Repairs to Section of Highway from Scott's River to West Bay

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council forward the petition from the South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association to the Minister of Transportation and further moved that the Municipality request copies of all Department of Transportation staff reports on road conditions for Richmond County. Motion carried.

(b) Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission re: Annual Report

The Clerk reviewed the Annual Report submitted by the Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission, noting that they experienced a deficit of \$40,500.

Councillor MacPhee commended the Planning Commission for preparing such a detailed report, noting their use of technology in presenting their information.

The Clerk indicated that Mr. John Bain has indicated that he is available to the Municipality at any time.

(c) Mr. Rodger Cuzner re: Cape Auget Lighthouse

Councillor Boudreau requested that any further correspondence regarding the Cape Auget Lighthouse should be forwarded to him as soon as they are received at the Municipal Office.

(d) Emergency Measures Organization re: 911 Services

The Clerk indicated that of the \$252,200 the Minister has approved from the 911 Cost Recovery Fund, the Municipality of Richmond receives \$3,033.21.

(e) Department of Transportation and Public Works re: Guard Rail on the Old Wharf Road in Poulamond.

For information purposes.

(f) St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre Board of Directors re: Council Representative

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Councillor Boudreau be appointed as the Council representative on the St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre Board. Motion carried.

(g) Premier John Hamm re: Provincial Smoke-Free Places Legislation

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that a copy of the motion made tonight supporting the establishment of a 100% ban on smoking in public places in Richmond County through the establishment of a non-smoking by-law be forwarded to Premier Hamm. Motion carried.

(h) Hon. Angus MacIssac re: Twinning of Highway 104

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Bourque that a letter be written to our M.P., with a copy to the federal Minister of Transportation, indicating the Municipality's support for the twinning of Highway 104, to the Causeway, and the completion of Highway 104 from St. Peter's to Sydney. Motion carried.

(i) Municipality of the District of Guysborough re: Electoral Boundaries Recommendations

For information purposes.

(j) Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department re: List of Officers/Financial Report

For information purposes.

(k) Senior Citizens Secretariat re: Senior Citizens Week

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Municipality proclaim the week of June 16-22, 2002 as Senior Citizen's Week. Motion carried.

Councillor Boudreau indicated that the Municipality should be doing more than just sign proclamation and should have a more active role in promoting the causes that they designate.

Warden Cotton noted that it would be nearly impossible to plan activities for every cause that the Municipality supports, noting that maybe a few should be picked out each year and special activities should be planned.

Councillor McNamara indicated that she is in favor of proclaiming support for various causes and indicated that indirectly the Municipality supports a lot of these causes without having to plan specific activities or attend ceremonies.

Deputy Warden Johnson noted that sometimes it may not be enough just to sign a proclamation.

Items Added to the Agenda:

(1) Councillor McNamara, Chairman of the Planning Advisory Committee Re: Appointment of Area Advisory Committee Members

Previously Addressed.

(2) Councillor MacPhee re: Correspondence from the Department of Transportation re: River Bourgeois Roads

Previously Addressed.

(3) Councillor Sampson re: Richmond Arena

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the \$15,000 grant for this year to the Richmond Arena (4th year of 4 year commitment) be segregated from the municipal grant funds. Motion carried.

Councillor Sampson noted that the funding arrangement between the Municipality and the Richmond Arena, where each contributes \$7,000 per year into a contingency fund for the Arena, had expired in 2000.

Warden Cotton noted that no request was received by the Municipality last year to continue the funding arrangement.

Warden Cotton indicated that the Arena wished to renew this funding arrangement, noting that they have also asked for assistance with their mortgage.

Warden Cotton indicated that there are two options:

- 1- to implement a reserve fund for a period of five years with each party contributing \$10,000 per year, noting that the portion contributed by the Richmond Arena could go directly onto their mortgage until it is paid in full.
- 2- Look into a one time funding arrangement to pay off the mortgage (approximately \$100,000)

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Municipality enter into a five-year funding agreement where the Municipality would contribute \$10,000 per year into a reserve fund to be matched by the Richmond Arena, noting that the contribution by the Richmond Arena would go directly to paying off their mortgage.

In response to a question from Councillor Johnson, Warden Cotton indicated that the \$10,000 per year funding arrangement would replace the previous \$7,000 per year funding from previous years.

Councillor Goyetche indicated that the any decisions regarding funding for the Richmond Arena should be tabled until September when Council can review their financial statements, noting that he will not support the motion establishing a contingency fund.

In response to a question from Councillor McNamara, Councillor Sampson indicated that the Richmond Arena will not be in distress if a decision regarding funding was tabled until their financial statements were reviewed by Council in September.

With the permission of the mover and seconder the motion was withdrawn.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Beaton that a decision regarding funding for the Richmond Arena be tabled until such time as they provide the Municipality with a copy of their financial position. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.