

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

AUGUST 15, 2002

Location: Court House, Arichat

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

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Cotton requested that federal boundaries, gas utility/distribution, and infrastructure funding for St. Peter's (letter provided) be added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the agenda be approved, with items added. Motion carried.

Water Treatment Plant

Warden Cotton welcomed Henry Tan (Dillon Consulting) and Darrin McLean (Municipal Engineer) to the meeting.

Mr. McLean and Mr. Tan summarized several items of correspondence which had been previously distributed to Councillors (copies attached), indicating that the following four tenders had been received:

Joneljim Concrete Construction (1994) Ltd.	-	\$982,082.75
Eddy McKay Contracting Ltd.	-	1,190,000.00
Opron Maritimes Construction Ltd.	-	1,260,933.03
Maxim 2000 Inc.	-	1,513,142.40

Mr. Tan indicated that Dillon are recommending that Joneljim Concrete Construction be awarded the tender.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that the tender for the construction of the new Arichat water treatment plant be awarded to Joneljim Concrete Construction Limited, at their low tender bid. Motion carried.

Mr. Digout and Mr. McLean advised Council that the total costs for the Arichat water treatment project was approximately \$250,000 higher than the amount requested and approved for infrastructure funding, and they recommended that Council request an additional \$250,000 in infrastructure project funding, conditional on there not being an impact on the municipal water tank project that has been previously submitted.

Warden Cotton requested that Municipal Council consider the item added to the agenda, regarding the request from St. Peter's for municipal consent to additional infrastructure funding for the St. Peter's project.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Municipal Council request an additional approval of approximately \$100,000 in infrastructure funding for the St. Peter's sewage treatment plant project, conditional on the additional funding not impacting on the municipal water tank project, that has been previously submitted. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton thanked Mr. Tan and Mr. McLean for the information presented.

Site Selection Committee Report

Warden Cotton indicated that a verbal report would be provided by Councillor Boudreau, on behalf of the Adhoc Site Selection Committee established by Municipal Council, which consists of himself, Councillor McNamara and Councillor Boudreau.

Councillor Boudreau reported that the Committee was recommending that only two parcels of land be evaluated, being the present municipal office site of approximately 1.7 acres; and a site owned by the Nova Scotia Housing Commission located between the CSAP School and the Housing Commission subdivision.

Councillor Boudreau noted that public ownership would probably result in reduced site costs. He indicated that no formal contact had been held with the Housing Commission or with the Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial, but he had spoken with the Superintendent of the CSAP this evening, and informed him of Council's desire to evaluate the Housing Commission site.

The Committee is requesting that the Housing Commission be approached regarding their land, and also that the CSAP be kept informed of municipal evaluation of the Housing Commission site, if approval is received from the Housing Commission.

Moved by Deputy Warden Gail, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Municipal Council authorize the evaluation of the municipal office site in Arichat, and also the Housing Commission site identified (if approval from the Housing Commission is received) and further moved that these evaluations be provided to Council no later than the regular Council Meeting in October. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

(i) Gas Utility/Distribution:

Warden Cotton indicated that he has recently been approached verbally, by two of the proponents for gas distribution system, but none of the proponents have officially approached Richmond, and all three applicants have included a portion of Richmond in their franchise application. Warden Cotton noted that it appears all three proponents have only included the Point Tupper area, which is the industrial and commercial portion of Richmond County, which we feel would be required to assist the Municipality in creating a municipal franchise to distribute natural gas throughout Richmond County. The Municipality has not applied for a franchise, because this current phase required applicants to serve at least four counties, and the Municipality will consider applying for a franchise in the next phase, which will not have that requirement.

Warden Cotton asked Councillors if they wish to make representation to the applicants, and to the UARB, to include that Richmond may apply for a gas distribution franchise for our own Municipality.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that letters be written to the three applicants for gas franchises, noting that they have not consulted the Municipality of Richmond County prior to making application, and requesting them for detailed information on their plans to distribute gas throughout Richmond County;

AND FURTHER MOVED that the applicants and the UARB be advised that the Municipality of Richmond County is considering a distribution utility for Richmond County, and it would be difficult to create a utility if the Municipality agreed to have our heavy industrial park serviced by another gas distribution utility;

AND FURTHER MOVED that Municipal Council request permission from the UARB to make interventions and representations at the franchise hearings to be held by the Utility and Review Board. Motion carried.

(ii) Federal Boundaries:

Warden Cotton noted that hearings would be held in September, regarding proposed changes to the federal boundaries that include Richmond County, and he asked if Council wished him to make representation.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Bourque that Municipal Council authorize the Warden to make representations on behalf of Richmond Council at the Public Hearings regarding the redistribution of federal ridings. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Cotton adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.