

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 10, 2003

Location: Court House, Arichat

Warden Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Council observed the singing of O'Canada.

The Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Bourque re: Dog By-Law (request In-Camera).

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that the agenda be approved, with the item added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: (a) January 13, 2003 (Regular Meeting)
(b) February 10, 2003 (Information Meeting)
(c) February 24, 2003 (Special Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Cotton that the minutes of January 13, 2003 (Regular Meeting); February 10, 2003 (Information Meeting) and February 24, 2003 (Special Meeting) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Councillor Beaton noted that he had been absent from the past Council Meeting because he had attended a municipal seminar.

Presentations:

(a) Congres Mondial Acadien 2004 Organizing Committee (Yvon Samson) re: Update

Mr. Yvon Samson presented a proposal from the Richmond County Organizing Committee for the Congres Mondial 2004, requesting a grant of approximately \$68,000 for a Coordinator.

Mr. Samson indicated that this position was necessary, to supplement volunteer activities, and he indicated that there were no further grant requests to be put forward on behalf of the Congres Mondial.

A question and answer period followed.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Bourque that the grant request be referred to Committee of the Whole and budget deliberations. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

(a) Committee of the Whole

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

Councillor Sampson gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council Meeting, to amend our Policy on Grants, Section 1, by deleting “a Livestock Health Services Board established pursuant to the Livestock Health Services Act” and substituting “any charitable, nursing, medical, athletic, educational, environmental, cultural or social organization within the Province”.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and staff, and award the tender for Municipal insurance for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2003 to Fraser & Hoyt (Frank Cowan Group) at their low tender bid of \$62,689.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Cotton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality re-join the Strait Highlands RDA effective April 1, 2003; and further advising them that Richmond should be involved in staffing the St. Peter’s office because it is located in Richmond County. Motion carried.

Councillor Beaton declared a conflict of interest and left the Council table for discussion and voting on this item, because his son is an employee of the Strait Highlands RDA.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that approval be given to the road name change from “D’Escousse Shore Road” to “Harry MacDonald Lane” in District #3, if it meets policy approval and receives the approval from the Department of Transportation and the District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) Department of Community Services re: Housing Authority Board Representative

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Councillor Beaton that municipal staff advertise for a municipal representative on the Regional Housing Authority Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Sampson that staff be authorized to purchase a suitable plaque as a token of thanks to Ms. Campbell for many years of service on the Regional Housing Authority Board. Motion carried.

(b) Department of Environment & Labour re: Trihalomethanes in Municipal Drinking Water Supplies

Information purposes.

(c) Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations re: Proposed Amendments to the Provincial Subdivision Regulations

This correspondence was referred to the District Planning Commission, for information and advice.

(d) Office of the Minister of Transport re: Highway 104

(e) Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission re: 2003/04 Operating Estimates

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that this item be referred to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

(f) Hon. Robert Thibault re: Petit De Grat Harbour Authority

(g) U.N.S.M. re: Draft Amended By-Laws

Councillor Cotton provided information from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Executive, regarding the status of proposed changes to the UNSM By-Laws.

(h) Town of Port Hawkesbury re: 2003/04 Airport Budget

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Councillor Bourque that this item be referred to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

(i) Smoke-Free Nova Scotia re: Port Hawkesbury Smoke-Free By-Law

(j) Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Commitments to Municipal Governments

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Councillor Bourque that staff be authorized to address a letter to the F.C.M., pointing out their several references in their press release

to the needs of “cities and towns”, and reminding the F.C.M. that rural municipal units have extreme needs for infrastructure, and further urging the F.C.M. to approach the federal government to advance as much of the \$3 billion infrastructure funding as possible. Motion carried.

(k) Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association re: Request for Tax Exemption

(l) Oceanview Wildlife Museum Society re: (i) Request for Tax Exemption
(ii) Grant Request

(m) Point Tupper Heritage Association re: Grant Request

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the correspondence from the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association regarding a request for tax exemption; Oceanview Wildlife Museum Society (request for tax exemption and grant request) and the Point Tupper Heritage Association (grant request) be referred to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

(n) Nova Scotia Youth Experiences in Science Foundation re: Youth Science Month

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Municipal Council support the designation of Youth Science Month. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

Items Added to the Agenda

(1) Councillor Bourque re: Dog By-Law

Moved by Councillor Bourque, seconded by Councillor Cotton that this item be referred to “In-Camera” session. Motion carried.

Warden Johnson recessed the regular Council Meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Warden Johnson reconvened the regular Council Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Cotton that the regular Council Meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Johnson adjourned the regular Council Meeting at 8:35 p.m.