

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Deputy Warden Rankin 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.

Deputy Warden Rankin indicated that Councillor Boudreau and Councillor Cotton were unable to attend the meeting.

Items Added to the Agenda

Deputy Warden Rankin noted that there were no items added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: (a) June 16, 2008 (Special Meeting)  
(b) June 16, 2008 (Annual Session)

Warden Boudreau noted that he felt the conflict of interest declared by Councillor Cotton on Page 6 should be noted before the motion, rather than after the discussion and motion.

The CAO indicated he would check into the matter, and report back to Council.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the minutes of June 16, 2008 (Special Meeting) and June 16, 2008 (Annual Session) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

First Reading Approval – Deputy Warden Rankin: to give First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include Telile Community Television, the River Bourgeois Lighthouse and the River Bourgeois Memorial Cenotaph, attached as Appendix “A”.

Moved by Warden Boudreau, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council give First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include Telile Community Television, the River Bourgeois Lighthouse and the River Bourgeois Memorial Cenotaph, attached as Appendix “A”. Motion carried.

Notice of Motion – Deputy Warden Rankin: to amend the “Grants to Charitable Organizations” Policy, by adding to Section 1: “1(A) Applications will not be eligible that are for projects to construct, create, establish, renovate, repair, improve or enhance structures, foundations or buildings beneficial to the district and its community”, attached as Appendix “B”

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the “Grants to Charitable Organizations” Policy be amended, by adding to Section 1: “1(A) Applications will not be eligible that are for projects to construct, create, establish, renovate, repair, improve or enhance structures, foundations or buildings beneficial to the district and its community”, attached as Appendix “B”. Motion carried.

The consensus of Council was that Section 1(A) be moved to the front of the policy, because this is a significant change, and he also recommended that Item #7 be moved to the front of the policy as well, in order that groups are fully aware that projects must be completed within two years of project approval.

#### Committee Reports:

##### (a) Committee of the Whole

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

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that expressions of interest be sought from human resource/recruitment firms, in order to assist with finding a replacement for the CAO after retirement, with the main criteria being experience in recruitment and cost of services. Motion carried.

Councillor Sampson gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council Meeting, to adopt the Physical Activity Policy, which is attached as Appendix “A”.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Warden Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Telile be given a grant for 50 per cent of their eligible expenditures, to a maximum grant of \$10,400. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and that the funding remaining in the

“Grants to Charitable Organizations” program be allocated equally to each of the Districts, for their District \$3,000 funds, in accordance with the June 16, 2008 motion;

AND FURTHER MOVED that grants from each of the 10 District \$3,000 Funds be allocated as follows:

- - \$500 per district, for a total of \$5,000, granted to the Leaside Society;
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- - Grants of \$1,930 per district, to a total of \$19,300, to be granted to Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association;
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- - \$1,930 per district, to a total of \$19,300 grant, to be allocated to the Richmond County Literacy Network

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and that a Quit Claim Deed be provided to the St. Peter’s Lions Club, for the streets on their property that are not public roads, conditional on the Lions Club providing a suitable indemnity agreement to the Municipality. Motion carried.

Councillor Sampson gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, by adding the property of the St. Peter’s Lions Club, which was contained in tax account 9081488.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality of Richmond guarantee a debenture in the amount of \$55,000, to be issued by the Village of St. Peter’s for sidewalk purposes. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and that the following grant requests be approved:

- Councillors’ District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #1 (Arichat Community Development Association), \$450
- Councillors’ District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #1 (Arichat Community Development Association), \$750
- Councillors’ District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #2 (Centre La Picasse), \$1,200
- Councillors’ District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #2 (Red Caps Baseball Club), \$450

- Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #2 (Université Sainte Anne, Petit de Grat Campus), \$312.80
- Municipal District \$17,000 Fund – District #2 (Petit de Grat Beautification Society), \$2,000
- Municipal District \$17,000 Fund – District #3 (Rocky Bay Irish Club), \$5,000
- Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #3 (Lennox Passage Yacht Club), \$300
- Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #3 (Rocky Bay Irish Club), \$300

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

(b) Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor McNamara presented the monthly report of the Planning Advisory Committee (copy attached).

Councillor McNamara noted she felt that the Terms of Reference should be tabled, in order to give Councillors an opportunity to review the terms of reference, prior to approval.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Warden Boudreau that the Terms of Reference for Area Advisory Committees be tabled, in order to allow Councillors to review and discuss the terms of reference at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that the request from the residents/landowners from District #7 who have written to Council regarding the Area Advisory Committee Policy/Membership be tabled until the Terms of Reference have been reviewed and approved by Council. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee regarding the Proposed Wind Turbine By-Law requesting direction from Council for the public participation component of the process, with the following three options available:

- Establish a new Area Advisory Committee;
- Have the Planning Advisory Committee do it;
- Have Municipal Council, through the Committee of the Whole do it.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Warden Boudreau that Municipal Council mandate the Planning Advisory Committee, with the support from the Eastern District

Planning Commission, to conduct the public participation component of the process regarding the Proposed Wind Turbine By-Law, with the Planning Advisory Committee reporting back to Municipal Council. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that the amended Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy be adopted, as attached in Appendix “B”.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the motion be tabled until a report is received from the Eastern District Planning Commission regarding summary offence tickets and prosecutions. Motion carried.

In response to a question, the Solicitor noted that there is no specific policy regarding the delegation of the ability of the Administrator to issue tickets.

The CAO indicated he would request the Executive Director to provide a report to Council indicating what he is proposing.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the monthly report of the Planning Advisory Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency re: Wind Energy Development

The consensus of the Councillors was that further clarification be requested from the Strait-Highlands RDA regarding possible sites for wind energy development.

(b) Hon. Mark Parent re: Lake Uist Wind/Hydro Project

(c) Department of Environment re: Point Tupper Wind Farm Assessment

Moved by Warden Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Martell that a letter be written to the Provincial Minister of Environment requesting that his department grant conditional environmental approval to the Point Tupper Wind Farm Project. Motion carried.

(d) Sydney and Area Chamber of Commerce re: Route 4 – St. Peter’s to Sydney Upgrading

(e) Canadian Union of Postal Workers re: Strategic Review of Canada Post

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that a letter be written to the Prime Minister, and Canada Post, expressing Municipal Council’s opposition to deregulation and indicating that Municipal Council fully supports the continuation of the current postal system. Motion carried.

(f) Mr. Peter Julian, MP re: Products Containing Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that a letter be written to Mr. Peter Julian, MP, expressing Richmond Municipal Council's support in his efforts to band products containing polybrominated diphenyl ethers. Motion carried.

(g) Hon. Jim Karygiannis, MP re: Bill C-568

(h) Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations/Richmond Villa re: Continuing Care Month Campaign

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Richmond Municipal Council declare September as Continuing Care Month in Richmond County. Motion carried.

(i) Ecole Beauport re: Thank You

(j) Cape Breton Fiddlers' Association re: Thank You

(k) Canadian Society for Training and Development re: Request to Declare September 22-26, 2008 as Learn @ Work Week

Moved by Warden Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Richmond Municipal Council not endorse the request from the Canadian Society for Training and Development regarding their request to declare September 22-26, 2008 as Learn @ Work Week. Motion carried.

(l) Village of St. Peter's re: Request for Municipal Guarantee (2)

Item previously dealt with.

#### Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

#### Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Deputy Warden Rankin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.