

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2008

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Warden Boudreau 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.

The Clerk noted that Councillor Cotton is absent because he was having a hospital procedure.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Boudreau noted he wished to add a thank you note from DIMA; Deputy Warden Rankin wished to add new rules at Post Office and Councillor Johnson wished to add the Lake Uist Project.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden Rankin that the items added be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: September 8, 2008

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of September 8, 2008 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations

- (a) Ocean Management Research Network (Dan Lane) re: International Community-University Research Alliance Program

Warden Boudreau welcomed Professor Dan Lane from the Telfer School of Management, University of Ottawa to the meeting.

Professor Lane presented a slide presentation regarding climate change/managing adaptation to coastal environmental change and summarized the International Community-University Research Alliance Program, requesting Council's support for participation in their proposed project.

A question and answer period followed.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Richmond Municipal Council fully support the request from the Ocean Management Research Network and that a letter of support be provided regarding their proposed International Community-University Research Alliance Program. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau thanked Professor Lane for his informative presentation.

Second 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 Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Municipal Council give Second 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.

First Reading Approval - Councillor Sampson: 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, attached as Appendix "B"

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council give First Reading approval 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, attached as Appendix "B". Motion carried.

Notice of Motion - Councillor Sampson: to adopt the Physical Fitness Activities Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond, attached as Appendix "C"

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Rankin that Municipal Council adopt the Physical Fitness Activities Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond, attached as Appendix "C". Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole

Deputy Warden Rankin presented the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole (copy attached).

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Gerald Walsh Associates

Inc. be selected to carry out the recruitment services for the new CAO for Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Stewart MacDonald be promoted to Chief Financial Officer, with compensation to be at Scale 31, to include the duties of Treasurer; and further moved that these duties be under the supervision of the CAO and Council. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant requests from Acadiaville Community Centre Society, in the amount of \$200, with funds to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund for District #4; and from the River Bourgeois Mariner Society in the amount of \$2,539.85, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #7 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be sent to our Provincial and Federal Government MP's and MLA's, in an advocacy role, to encourage some form of relief greater than \$450, for low income families. Motion carried.

Several Councillors noted that this matter was a topic of great concern with seniors during their election campaign.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality provide Mr. Fougere with a retirement benefit of \$400 per month, for a five year period, in recognition of his 16 years of direct service as an employee of the Municipality, and further moved that this benefit be conditional on Mr. Fougere providing a written agreement regarding any potential municipal liability. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) Hon. Angus MacIsaac re: New On-line Business and Manufacturing Directory

It was the consensus of Council that this correspondence be forwarded to the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency.

(b) Department of Environment re: Water Resources Management

(c) Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal re: Surplus Lands on Fourchu Highway

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that a local group in the Fourchu area be approached to determine if they are interested in acquiring the surplus lands; and further moved that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal advising that additional time is required, in order to provide sufficient time for the local group to respond. Motion carried.

Councillor Boudreau suggested that copies of maps be scanned in color in the future, in order to properly view the area being discussed.

(d) Dr. Allan Kipp re: Richmond Advantage Programme

(e) Shannon Diggdon re: Grant Requests:

- Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Centre, Councillors District Activity Fund - \$3,000, District #2
- Island Steppers, Councillors' District Activity Fund - \$3,000, District #2
- Louisdale Lions Club, Councillors' District Activity Fund - \$3,000, District #6
- MacAskill House Museum Society, Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #8

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Martell that Municipal Council approve the following grant requests:

- \$300 to the Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Centre, with funds to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 for District #2;
- \$300 to the Island Steppers, with funds to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 for District #2;
- \$1,000 to the Louisdale Lions Club, with funds to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 for District #6;
- \$2,150 to the MacAskill House Museum Society, with funds to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #8.

Motion carried.

(f) Correctional Service Canada re: Restorative Justice Week 2008

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Richmond Municipal Council declare the week of November 16-23, 2008 as Restorative Justice Week 2008. Motion carried.

(g) Canada Post re: Mental Health Foundation

(h) Human Resources and Social Development Canada re: New Horizons Program

Items Added to the Agenda

(a) Warden Boudreau re: Thank You Letter from DIMA

Warden Boudreau requested that Councillor Martell present the correspondence regarding the Isle Madame roadside cleanup project.

Councillor Martell provided a brief summary of the project, and thanked Municipal Council for their support in such a worthwhile project, and distributed recycling bags and mugs to Council members.

(b) Deputy Warden Rankin re: New Rules at Post Office

Deputy Warden Rankin indicated that he had received many complaints regarding the new regulations whereby individuals were required to show identification when picking up parcels at the post office, and required to sign a release form if picking up a parcel for someone else. He noted that a memo has recently been received from Canada Post advising staff that they that they can proceed to give parcels to individuals they know, and request identification if the individuals are not known.

(c) Councillor Johnson re: Lake Uist Project

Councillor Johnson provided an update regarding the Lake Uist Project noting that the environmental assessment will only be complete by mid 2010, with many open houses and consultations being held prior to that date.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Ms. Gloria Hill thanked Municipal Council for the adoption of the amendment to the Tax Exemption By-Law, that will provide a tax exemption to Telile.

Warden Boudreau thanked Ms. Hill for the information posted on Telile regarding the location of polls for the elections being held today.

Deputy Warden Rankin requested and received unanimous consent to add an item to thank Councillor Boudreau for his 11 years of dedicated service to Richmond Council and to the residents of Richmond County.

Councillor Boudreau indicated that he truly enjoyed his 11 years serving on Municipal Council and noted that his decision to not re-offer was simply due to job changes, and wished everyone success in Saturday's elections; and indicated he was looking forward to the work to be carried out by the new Council that will make Richmond County a better place to live.

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.