

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 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.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Boudreau indicated that there were no items added to the agenda, however, with the consent of Council, Councillor McNamara wished to add the recent blast from Martin Marietta. Warden Boudreau wished to add congratulations to the École Beau Port High School Volleyball team and extend Christmas greetings.

It was agreed to add these items to the agenda.

Review of Minutes: November 13, 2008

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of November 13, 2008 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

(a) Grant Thornton re: Review of Financial Statements (hard copy previously delivered)

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Grant Burgess to the meeting.

Mr. Burgess reviewed the financial statements, as previously distributed, noting the excellent financial situation and management of the Municipality of Richmond

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Burgess for his presentation.

Deputy Warden Johnson arrived at 7:58 p.m.

(b) Solicitors re: Legal Advice (“In-Camera”)

This item was discussed in the “In-Camera” session.

Second 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 “A”:

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Municipal Council give Second 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 “A”. Motion carried.

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 McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that meetings be arranged with provincial department representatives and Anadarko, to determine the status of efforts to return the site to industrial use and job creation, and with this information also being available to assist with evaluating related municipal agreements. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Province of Nova Scotia make the amendments to Bill No. 267, The Cape Breton Island Marketing Levy Act. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Province of Nova Scotia, following the amendments to Bill No. 267, proclaim the enabling legislation that would provide the Municipality with the authority to levy a room tax. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Councillor MacNeil be appointed as the municipal representative on the St. Peter’s-Samsonville and Area Water Utility Board, to replace Mr. Darrin McLean. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Committee of the Whole and that the solid waste curbside collection contracts be awarded as follows:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Annual Price for Regular Collection</u>	<u>Estimated Price for Heavy Collection</u>	<u>Total Estimated Annual Price</u>
1 (Isle Madame)	Rene Levandier	\$66,400	\$30,000	\$96,400
2 (West of Canal)	Garry Burke	\$75,823	\$27,000	\$102,823
3 (East of Canal)	Tommy Bona	\$86,900	56,500	\$143,400

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Committee of the Whole and that the new rates proposed by the Richmond County Truckers Association be accepted; that being \$440 plus taxes per round trip to haul to Green Island Recycling, Sydport; and \$350.00 plus taxes per round trip to haul to 2nd Generation Landfill, Guysborough; with the rates being effective April 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Committee of the Whole and that a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$18,000 be approved for the Grand River Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and establish the list of capital priorities, for the year ending March 31, 2009, as follows:

Priority #1	-	Evanston Sewage Treat Plant Upgrade	-	\$2,225,000
Priority #2	-	Arichat Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades	-	\$750,000

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a general right-of-way be conveyed to the heirs of Allison and Irene Lewis, for fair market value, and further moved that the conveyance be conditional on the grantees paying the costs associated

with preparing the legal documents, including obtaining a description for the right-of-way (if necessary). 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, to include the parcel of land in St. Peter's owned by the Knights of Columbus, on which a monument was erected in memory of Lawrence Kavanaugh (Account #9630147).

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant application from the River Bourgeois Community Services Society, for their Cenotaph Restoration Project, be approved in the amount of \$6,727.32, with funds to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #7. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the vacated premises of the former Petit De Grat Post Office/Canada Post property be placed on the list of unsightly premises; and further moved that correspondence be sent to Canada Post advising them of Council's decision. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal advising them that Council is not interested because the Fourchu Development Association have indicated that they are not interested in acquiring the surplus lands on Fourchu Highway. Motion carried.

Councillor Sampson gave notice to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the Louisdale Lions Club (account #2168286).

The Committee reported on a substantial number of items that had been referred from Council, including:

- The Committee had been authorized to make the appointments to the Planning Advisory Committee, of "Members at Large", and we are pleased to advise that the following three Members have been appointed:
 - Doug Begg
 - Barry Landry
 - Wayne Boudreau

- The Committee was authorized to make appointments of "Members at Large" to the Richmond Villa Board of Directors, and we are pleased to advise that the following individuals have been appointed:

- Alice Mombourquette
- Therese Digout
- Blair Campbell

- The Committee had been authorized to appoint members to the CAO Recruitment Selection Committee, and the Committee delegated that authority to Warden Boudreau

- The U.N.S.M. correspondence regarding a “Code of Conduct” had been referred to the Committee, and the Committee decided that the Code of Conduct should not be adopted in its present form, but should be revised to include both Council and staff.

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

(b) Planning Advisory Committee:

Deputy Warden Johnson presented the monthly report of the Planning Advisory Committee (copy attached).

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of staff and the Planning Advisory Committee and give First Reading approval to amend the Central Richmond Land Use By-Law allowing smaller lot sizes in the Rural Residential (RR-1) and Rural General (RG-2) Zone subject to subdivision approval from the Department of Environment (attached as Appendix “A”); and further moved that Council establish a Public Hearing date of 6:30 p.m., January 12, 2009 at the Municipal Office Council Chambers. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and approve the Area Advisory Committee “Terms of Reference”, as amended (attached as Appendix “B”). (9 Ayes; 1 Nay: Councillor McNamara). Motion carried.

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

Correspondence:

(a) Mrs. Rhonda Bowen re: Retirement Notice

It was noted that the services provided by Mrs. Bowen are greatly appreciated and best wishes to her during her retirement.

(b) Richmond County Literacy Network re: Support for Development Isle Madame Association

(c) Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women re: Letter of Thanks

(d) L'Ardoise Jolly Club re: Grant Request

Items Added to the Agenda

(1) Councillor McNamara re: Blast from Martin Marietta

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor David that a letter be written to the Department of Environment requesting a copy of the results of their investigation of the blast. Motion carried.

(2) Warden Boudreau re: École Beau Port High School Volleyball Team

Warden Boudreau wished to extend congratulations to the coach, Chasta Boudreau, and girls of the École Beau Port High School Volleyball Team for becoming the league, Regional and Provincial Champions.

(3) Warden Boudreau extended holiday greetings to the residents of Richmond County.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Doug Begg approached Council and commented on the importance of carefully choosing members of the Area Advisory Committee, as it will impact all residents of each community.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor David that the meeting proceed to "In-Camera" Council session. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau reconvened the regular Council Meeting at 9:57 p.m.

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.