

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2009

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 Chief Financial Officer took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Boudreau indicated he wished to add recommendations to Council regarding the CAO hiring process, to be discussed "In-Camera"; and he requested and received unanimous consent to add late items regarding legal negotiations, to be reviewed "In-Camera" and also to allow the MLA to extend New Year's wishes to Municipal Council.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor David that the items added be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: (a) January 12, 2009 (Public Hearing)
(b) January 12, 2009 (Regular Meeting)

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of January 12, 2009 (Public Hearing) and January 12, 2009 (Regular Meeting) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

(a) Mr. Peter Campbell re: Certificate of Commendation from the Governor General of Canada

Sergeant Paul Vickers and Corporal Rick Beaton presented Mr. Peter Campbell with a Certificate of Commendation awarded by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, in recognition of his actions following an incident in Soldier's Cove on July 6, 2007.

Warden Boudreau commended Mr. Campbell for his tremendous act of bravery on behalf of Richmond Municipal Council and all citizens of Richmond County.

(b) R.C.M.P. re: Statistical Report

Warden Boudreau welcomed Sergeant Paul Vickers and Corporal Rick Beaton to the meeting.

Sergeant Vickers and Corporal Beaton presented the statistical report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2008; and also presented the Richmond County District priorities for 2008/09.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Sergeant Vickers and Corporal Beaton for their informative presentation.

Sergeant Vickers noted that he had commenced his new position in Bible Hill, as the Annual Performance Plan Coordinator for the Provincial R.C.M.P., and indicated he wished to thank Municipal Council for their tremendous support to him and the other members of the Detachment during his past 5 ½ years in Richmond County. He noted his family truly enjoyed living in the area, and will miss their many friends and wonderful community.

(c) East Novability re: Services

Warden Boudreau welcomed Ms. Andrea MacEachern to the meeting.

Ms. MacEachern, Job Coach for East Novability, briefed Municipal Council on the services being provided by their organization.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Ms. MacEachern for attending the meeting.

Second Reading Approval: to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law; to include a parcel of land in St. Peter's owned by the Kavanaugh Columbus Club (account #9630147); and also include a property of the Louisdale Lions Club (account #2168286), attached as Appendix "A"

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Richmond Municipal Council give Second Reading approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include a parcel of land in St. Peter's owned by the Kavanaugh Columbus Club (account #9630147) and also include a property of the Louisdale Lions Club (account #2168286), attached as Appendix "A". Motion carried.

Solicitor re: Legal Advice re: Industrial Mall

Warden Boudreau indicated that this item would be reviewed “In-Camera”

Committee Reports:

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

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grants be approved:

- Acadiaville Community Centre Society; \$1,321.76 Municipal District \$17,000 Fund: District #4;
- Acadiaville Community Centre Society; \$1,250 Councillors District Activity - \$3,000 Fund: District #4;
- West Arichat & District Village Circle Society; \$200 Councillors District Activity - \$3,000 Fund: District #4.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and proceed with the surplus lands on Old Shore Road, Martinique and Highway 320, Arichat to allow the adjacent land owners to acquire it. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Regional Development Agency be instructed to convene a meeting of all stakeholders to determine if there are monies available to support the SPEDO Cultural Centre. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the development of the ICSP plan for the Municipality of the County of Richmond, be managed, in-house, by County staff;

THAT the development of that plan be specifically assigned, for management, to the Director of Public Works;

THAT the Director work with a team comprised of 3 or 4 Councillors, EDPC staff, Provincial representatives, other county staff and outside agencies or stakeholders as he deems necessary to the process;

THAT the Director develop a brief “Terms of Reference” for this team which will clarify the team’s roles, responsibilities and reporting structures;

THAT the Director establish a time-line and a schedule of meetings as would be required to complete the task in the allotted time;

THAT the County engage the services of the EDPC to consult and assist in the drafting of the final plan, for a fee to be presented to Council on February 9th, 2009;

THAT the Director, in concert with the EDPC, present to Council, an interim progress report no later than the annual council session in June, 2009;

THAT a formal request for EDPC services be made to the EDPC board prior to their board meeting of February 5th, 2009 with a request for affirmation of their service to be given council by February 9th, 2009;

THAT Council, recognizing the urgency and importance of this task, grant all possible latitude to the Director of Public Works in completing the required work recognizing the effort and workload imposed on him by this resolution.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Richmond Municipal Council accept the recommendation to have the Eastern District Planning Commission assist in this work, with the qualification that it be contingent on a suitable financial arrangement being arrived at. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and table the request put forth by Development Isle Madame Association for funding in the amount of approximately \$25,196 for budget deliberations to be considered under economic development funds. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Chief Financial Officer request budget amounts from each Director, providing them with a deadline of the end of February 2009, and further moved that the budget be completed by the end of March, if possible. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and the Committee of the Whole and that a Quit Claim Deed be provided to Mr. Patrick Sampson and request that an indemnity be signed by the Estate and heir, Mr. Leonard P. Sampson. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and the Committee of the Whole and that a

Quit Claim Deed be provided to Mr. Poan and request that he also sign an indemnity.
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and the Committee of the Whole and that the property (account number 3743195) be sold to Mr. Clifford Marchand, at the appraised value, conditional on Mr. Marchand paying the costs of the appraisal and associated legal costs, including migration. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grants be approved:

- Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic, \$200; Councillors District Activity-\$3,000 Fund: District #7;
- Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic, \$200; Councillors District Activity-\$3,000 Fund: District #8;
- Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic, \$200; Councillors District Activity-\$3,000 Fund: District #9;
- Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic, \$200; Councillors District Activity-\$3,000 Fund: District #10;
- River Bourgeois Technology & Training Centre, \$200; Councillors District Activity-\$3,000 Fund, District #7.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the proposal of the Director of Public Works and engage CJ MacLellan & Associates for the development of standards & policy for private sector developments/extension. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence:

- (a) Port Hawkesbury Justice Centre re: 2009 Arraignment Dates, July to December, 2009

Warden Boudreau indicated he had sent correspondence to the Minister of Justice, opposing the discontinuation of court service in the Arichat Court House. He noted that a meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2009, in an attempt to regain full court service at the Arichat Court House.

- (b) Cape Breton Regional Municipality re: Briefing Document – Cape Breton Island Marketing Levy

For information purposes.

(c) Nova Scotia Labour and Workforce Development re: Municipal Responsibility for Fire Inspections

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

(1) Warden Boudreau re: MLA

Mr. Michel Samson addressed Municipal Council, extending New Year's wishes to Municipal Council, and thanked Council for their stance regarding the Court House and improvements and upgrades on Highway 4.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting move to "In-Camera" session at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau reconvened the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Martell that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the CAO Selection Committee and appoint the new CAO for the Municipality. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

COUNCIL RECORDER:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER