

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 11, 2009

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Warden Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The CAO took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Warden Boudreau indicated that no items added to the agenda had been received, but he invited any Councillors that wished to add an item to request unanimous consent.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: April 15, 2009 (Public Hearing)
April 15, 2009 (Regular Meeting)

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Beaton that the minutes of April 15, 2009 (Public Hearing) and April 15, 2009 (Regular Meeting) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Presentation to Mr. Chuck Boudreau, Mr. Richie Cotton and Mr. Clair Rankin

Warden Boudreau presented Mr. Chuck Boudreau, Mr. Richie Cotton and Mr. Clair Rankin with a plaque in recognition for their outstanding years of service.

Mr. Clair Rankin gave words of thanks to Council.

Mr. Chuck Boudreau gave words of thanks to Council.

Mr. Richie Cotton gave words of thanks to Council.

(b) Nova Scotia Community College-Strait Area Campus (Raylene Bowman) re:
Strait to Work Program

Warden Boudreau welcomed Ms. Raylene Bowman to the meeting.

Ms. Bowman briefed Council on the Strait to Work Program offered by the Nova Scotia Community College-Strait Area Campus.

A question period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Ms. Bowman for her informative presentation.

(c) Mr. Billy Joyce re: La Coopérative Radio Richmond Ltée Funding
Funding Proposal

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Billy Joyce to the meeting.

Mr. Joyce outlined the goals of La Coopérative Radio Richmond Ltée and requested funding for the operations of the association.

A question period followed.

It was the consensus of Council to accept the presentation and refer the funding request to Committee of the Whole for discussion.

Council requested that Mr. Billy Joyce distribute an English copy of the budget he presented, as well as, a copy of the marketing, feasibility and sustainability study, which have been conducted for La Coopérative Radio Richmond Ltée.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the presentation of Mr. Billy Joyce, on behalf of La Coopérative Radio Richmond Ltée, and refer the funding request, in the amount of \$100,000, over a three year period, to Committee of the Whole for consideration. Motion carried.

Second Reading Approval: to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the parcel of land in River Bourgeois, formally owned by the Nova Scotia Nature Trust (Account # 01459724) and to change the name on the account numbers 9026754 and 3317951 to Nova Scotia Nature Trust from the Mowatt Environmental Institute; and also to include the parcels of land in Arichat owned by the Arichat Boat Club (Accounts #3386325; #7935854 and #1644688), attached as Appendix "A":

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor David that Municipal Council give Second Reading approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law (amendment attached); to include the parcel of land in River Bourgeois, formally owned by the Nova Scotia Nature Trust (Account # 01459724) and to change the name on the account numbers 9026754 and 3317951 to Nova Scotia Nature Trust from the Mowatt Environmental Institute.

It was the consensus of Council to table this motion until legal research is conducted to determine if there is seasonal residency on this property.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor David that Municipal Council give Second Reading approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law (amendment attached); to include the parcels of land in Arichat owned by the Arichat Boat Club (Accounts #3386325; #7935854 and #1644688). Motion carried.

Notice of Motion - Deputy Warden Johnson: to amend the “Grants to Charitable and not for Profit Organizations” Policy (attached as Appendix “B”); the “Municipal District Fund - \$17,000” Policy (attached as Appendix “C”); and the “Municipal District Activity Fund - \$3,000” Policy (attached as Appendix “D”):

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council adopt the amendment to the “Grants to Charitable and not for Profit Organizations” Policy (attached as Appendix “B”); the “Municipal District Fund - \$17,000” Policy (attached as Appendix “C”); and the “Municipal District Activity Fund - \$3,000” Policy (attached as Appendix “D”). Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Committee of the Whole and that the Richmond Municipal Services Design and Construction Specification be adopted as presented and begin application of the document immediately. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that the grant request, in the sum of \$5,000 to the Little Anse Sampsons Cove Social Action Club/Centre; Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #2 be accepted contingent on the organization obtaining funding from other government sources, as indicated in their application. Motion carried.

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

- \$1,550 to Dorothy's Pets in Need Society; Councillors District Activity Fund - \$3,000, Districts #1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10;
- \$1,000 to Dorothy's Pets in Need Society; Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #7;
- \$500 to Grou Tyme, Councillors District Activity - \$3,000, District #9;
- \$2,296 to the Loch Lomond Heritage Association; Councillors District Activity - \$3,000 Fund, District #10;
- \$8,500 to L'Archeveque Wharf Preservation Society; Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #10;
- \$700 to the Rocky Bay Irish Club, Councillor District Activity - \$3,000 Fund, District #3;
- \$250 to the Richmond Rize Volleyball Club, Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund - District #2;
- \$250 to the Richmond Cheer Athletics, Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund - District #2;
- \$4,150 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 Ladies Auxiliary, Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #1, 2, 3;
- \$200 to the Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund - District #4;
- \$30,000 to the Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #4.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality of Richmond commit to the sale of the property in L'Ardoise to the Coastal Riders Club, for legal and migration fees incurred. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval of the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2010 in the amount of \$12,209,847 (copy of budget attached as Appendix "A");

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$6,248,700 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2010, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may

occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of .72¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$1.90; which rates said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18 percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30th day of September, 2009 as the day on which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written to the Hon. Brooke Taylor, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, supporting the petition regarding the West Bay Highway, from County Line Road to The Points, Richmond County and the petition for repair to Cameron Mountain Road. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence:

- (a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations – Qualifications of Building Officials
- (b) Dr. Teresa MacNeil: Board of Directors of the Bras d’Or Biosphere Reserve Association

It was the consensus of Council that Dr. Teresa MacNeil be requested to appear before Council in September to provide a response to the questions, put forth by Council, regarding the Bras d’Or Biosphere Reserve.

- (c) Early Childhood Resources Centre and Child Care Connection Nova Scotia re: Proclaim June, 2009 as “Child Care Awareness Month”

Moved by Councillor Beaton, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that the month of June 2009 be declared Child Care Awareness Days Month. Motion carried.

(d) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Request for Road Name Change

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that the petition for road name change be accepted and forwarded to Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, and the Eastern District Planning Commission, with an emphasis to have the first name option selected if possible. Motion carried.

Items Added:

There were no items added.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

Mr. Richie Cotton approached Council and requested an explanation of the phasing out of the Business Occupancy Tax.

Mr. Stewart MacDonald, CFO indicated that the effectiveness of the Business Occupancy Tax is eleven cents.

Warden Boudreau indicated that he wished to recognize this week as National Police week, and commend our local R.C.M.P. for the outstanding effort and service provided.

Warden Boudreau indicated that he would like to extend congratulations, on behalf of Council, to the South Mountain Arm of Gold Society for having received the Lieutenant Governors Community Spirit Award.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Deputy Warden that that the meeting move to “In-Camera” session at 8:32 p.m.

Municipal Council met “In-Camera” to discuss a property transaction and financial matter.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Deputy Warden Johnson that the meeting revert to regular session. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the “In-Camera” Meeting at 9:22 p.m.

Warden Boudreau reconvened the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that authority be given to the Warden and Chief Financial Officer to complete the property transaction, AND FURTHER MOVED that Committee of the Whole be authorized by Council to complete the negotiations, if necessary. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.