

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Deputy Warden Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

The C.A.O. took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Deputy Warden Johnson indicated that she wished to add the a road name change in District 10; she also indicated that she wished to withdraw an item added pertaining to the demolition of the Johnson school tipping fees.

Councillor McNamara requested and received unanimous consent to add a letter of congratulations from Council to be sent to a person who received an honour from the Department of Education.

Councillor David requested and received unanimous consent to add a thank you to persons who worked towards the Florida Panthers War Canoe Challenge event that took place today.

The C.A.O. requested and received unanimous consent to add a document from the Strait Regional School Board regarding H1N1.

**Moved** by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor MacNeil to approve the agenda, as presented with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: June 22, 2009

**Moved** by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of June 22, 2009 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

In response to a question by Councillor Marchand, the C.A.O. will have staff prepare an explanation of the monies spent on the fireworks and distributed to Council via email.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

(a) Presentation to Dr. Laurie MacNeil

It was noted that Dr. Laurie MacNeil was unable to be present for the presentation this evening because he was the only physician on duty.

It was noted that arrangements will be made which will be convenient to Dr. MacNeil and circulated to the press.

(b) Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association (Dr. Teresa MacNeil/Mr. Jim Foulds) re: Bras D'Or Biosphere Reserve

Deputy Warden Johnson welcomed Dr. Teresa MacNeil and Mr. Jim Foulds to the meeting.

Dr. Teresa MacNeil and Mr. Jim Foulds presented a slide presentation (copy attached) and summarized the Bras D'Or Biosphere Reserve initiative.

A question period followed.

In response to a question by Councillor David, Dr. Teresa MacNeil agreed to provide Council with documentation from residents and elected officials of the County of Shelburne, indicating their views on the Biosphere Reserve in their County.

In response to a question by Warden Boudreau, Dr. Teresa MacNeil agreed to provide Council with a copy of a letter she wrote pertaining to the Nova Scotia Mining Association.

Deputy Warden Johnson thanked Dr. Teresa MacNeil and Mr. Jim Foulds for their presentation.

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 Chief Financial Officer and the Committee of the Whole and approve the five year Capital Investment Plan as follows:

Evanston Sewer Project	-	\$2,225,000
Arichat Sewer Project	-	\$ 750,000
West Arichat Sewer Project	-	\$7,400,000

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 approve borrowing resolutions for the Arichat Sewer Project to a maximum of \$450,000 and the Evanston Sewer Project to a maximum of \$1,000,000. Motion carried.

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

- Isle Madame Boat Club/Municipal District Activity - \$20,000, District #1 in the amount of \$9,300
- DIMA/Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, Districts #1, 2, 3 and 4 in the amount of \$400 (\$100 per district)
- Riverdale Community Services Society/Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, Dist #5 in the amount of \$3711.33
- River Bourgeois Community Services Society/Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, District #7 in the amount of \$1875.00
- St. Peter's Economic Development Organization/Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, District #8 in the amount of \$3,000

Motion carried.

**Moved** by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality not take over subdivision roads at this time. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence:

- (a) Hon. Marilyn More re: Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations

For information purposes.

- (b) Environment Canada re: Changes to Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations

For information purposes.

- (c) Transport Canada re: Shoreline Speed Restriction in Nova Scotia

For information purposes.

- (d) Municipality of the County of Annapolis re: Sunken Shovel Master Barge in the Gulf of Maine, November 22, 2008

It was noted that the request for a letter of support should be thought out thoroughly before any decision is made.

- (e) Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities/Nova Scotia Health Promotion and Protection re: H1N1 (Human Swine Influenza)

For information purposes.

- (f) Development Isle Madame Association re: Thank You/Composting & Recycling Education Awareness Project

For information purposes.

- (g) Stella Maris Pastoral Unit Team re: Thank You

For information purposes.

- (h) Nova Scotia Association of Health Organizations re: Declaration of Continuing Care Month

**Moved** by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the month of September be declared Continuing Care Month and that a proclamation be issued by the Warden. Motion carried.

Items Added:

1. Deputy Warden Johnson re: Road Name Change in District 10

Deputy Warden Johnson indicated that a request was put forward in November 2008 with the completed petition and application to change the existing road name for 6054P to North Pond Lane.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council give approval to the road name change from “6054P” to “North Pond Lane” in District #10, if it meets policy approval and receives the approval of the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal and the Eastern District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

2. Councillor McNamara re: Letter of congratulations from Council to a person who received an honour from the Department of Education.

Councillor McNamara indicated that Debbie Romain, secretary for the Richmond County Literacy Network Association, received the “Community Literacy Volunteer Award” from the Nova Scotia School of Adult Learning.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that a letter of congratulations be sent to Debbie Romain, who received the “Community Literacy Volunteer Award”. Motion carried.

3. Councillor David re: thank you to persons who worked towards the Florida Panthers War Canoe Challenge event that took place today.

Councillor David indicated that the Florida Panthers were invited to Richmond County for a War Canoe Challenge, in which there was great initiative from Staff and Council to ensure that that event was a success.

Councillor David indicated that acknowledgement should be sent, in writing, to Staff that participated in making this event a great accomplishment.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Deputy Warden Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.