

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 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 C.A.O. took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Warden Boudreau indicated that he wished to add an item pertaining to salary scale adjustments.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Beaton, **seconded** by Councillor David that the minutes of September 14, 2009 of be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Council Election: Deputy Warden:

Warden Boudreau called for nomination and also requested consent that the position for the new Deputy Warden would commence November 1, 2009.

Councillor Sampson nominated Councillor MacNeil, District #8 and area, for the position of Deputy Warden commencing November 1, 2009 and Councillor Boucher seconded the nomination.

Warden Boudreau called for further nominations.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau declared and welcomed Councillor MacNeil as the Deputy Warden for the term November 1, 2009 to November 1, 2010.

Councillor MacNeil thanked Council for the opportunity.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) GASHA (Andrea Boyd White) re: Pandemic Preparedness

Warden Boudreau welcomed Ms. White and her colleagues to the meeting.

Ms. White provided a presentation which highlighted the pandemic preparedness. (copy attached)

A question period followed.

In response to the request for assistance from the GASHA representatives, Warden Boudreau indicated that Staff will assist Councillors in preparing for town hall meetings to provide further awareness on the pandemic preparedness plan, if required.

Warden Boudreau thanked Ms. White and her colleagues for their presentation.

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 Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that tipping fees for the Johnstown Community Development Cooperative for disposal of the waste from the former Johnstown School be waived to a maximum of \$5,000. Motion carried.

The CAO indicated that previous discussions regarding the fees associated with the disposal of waste from the former Johnstown School did include the tipping fees. Deputy Warden Johnson gave notice that she will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend By-Law #56 to add the name of the Municipality for Account #4011937 under Schedule C; remove Account #s 9140972, #9141006 and #9141030 under Schedule B, as these properties are now owned by a private company; and include the Little Anse Lighthouse Centre, Account #02566648, under Schedule B.

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

- \$300 to the Lennox Passage Yacht Club with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund for District #3;
- \$300 to the Rocky Bay Irish Club with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund for District #3;
- \$2,000 to St. Hyacinth's Parish with funds to be taken from the Municipal District \$20,000 Fund for District #3;
- \$5,000 to the Rocky Bay Irish Club with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity - \$20,000 Fund for District #3

Motion carried.

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 award the paving of the McNamara Bend subdivision to Ocean Paving Ltd., in the amount of \$55,280 plus applicable taxes, with work to begin as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued from the Municipality's Solicitor in accordance with the Municipality's Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy and Procedure in regards to the property of Saveway Auto Salvage Ltd.(PID:75040352/Assessment Account: 02424894). Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter of support be sent to the Minister of Health Promotion & Protection regarding the lifeguard services required at Point Michaud Beach. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden gave notice that she will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council Meeting to adopt the Dangerous and Unsightly Premise Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the grant request for L'Ardoise Celtic Colours, Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000, District #9, in the amount of \$500. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the only application received, and appoint Mr. Rudolph Boudreau, as the Richmond representative on the Board of the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau indicated that several meetings have been missed due to there being no representation for Richmond; therefore, Staff shall expedite the process of appointing Mr. Boudreau to the Board.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Council establish a Committee to study the possibility of getting involved in recruiting health care professionals. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Deputy Warden Johnson be appointed as the Richmond County Municipal Representative on the Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association Board. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Johnson gave notice that she will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend Section 7 of the Policy on Councillors' Payment, to reflect that the annual increase in the stipend for Councillors will be at the same percentage increase as that negotiated for staff.

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

(b) Advocacy Committee:

Councillor Martell presented the Advocacy Committee report (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor Martell, **seconded** by Councillor MacNeil that the Advocacy Committee report be accepted as presented in final draft. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the same Adhoc Committee be appointed by Council to review the recommendations of the report and **FUTHER MOVED** that the Committee provide Council with a report on the outcomes and recommended actions to be taken as a result of the report. Motion carried.

(c) Planning Advisory Committee:

Councillor McNamara presented the monthly Planning Advisory Committee report (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and commence the process for advertising for members to various Area Advisory Committees, as outlined in the Area Advisory Committee “Terms of Reference”. Motion carried.

In response to a question asked by Councillor David, Councillor McNamara indicated that the previous Area Advisory Committees had been disbanded as a result of a motion passed by a previous Councillor.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that the CEPI Bras D’Or Lakes Development Standards be required to be reviewed by local Area Advisory Committees when establishing a plan for an area, or when doing a review of a planned area. Motion carried.

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

(d) Others, if any:

Warden Boudreau indicated that there were no other reports to present.

Correspondence:

- (a) Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities re: Nova Scotia Wetland Conservation Draft Policy (2)

For information purposes.

- (b) Government of Canada re: New Horizons for Seniors Program

For information purposes.

- (c) Nova Scotia Power re: New Energy Efficiency Program for Low Income Homeowners who Heat with Electricity

For information purposes.

(d) Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association re: Postal Services

Moved by Councillor Marchand, **seconded** by Councillor Martell that the Council of the Municipality of Richmond County does not except the closure of rural post offices, and **FURTHER MOVED** that the Council of the Municipality of Richmond County demand that the Federal Government enforces the moratorium on the closure of rural post offices. Motion carried.

(e) Municipality of the County of Annapolis re: Municipal Representation on the Resource Recovery Fund Board

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor MacNeil that Council support the Municipality of Yarmouth in their effort to change the structure of the Resource Recovery Fund Board. Motion carried.

(f) Municipality of the County of Cumberland re: FSANS Position Paper

For information purposes.

(g) Mr. George Grinnell re: Denial of Bernard Burke's Request to Convert Sporting Mountain into a Toxic Waste Dump

For information purposes.

The CAO noted that Staff will forward this document to the Eastern District Planning Commission to include a copy in the package prepared for the Department of Environment.

(h) Nova Scotia Community-Based Transportation Association re: Membership

Moved by Councillor Beaton, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that correspondence be sent to the UNSM requesting their support in insisting that all Municipal Units in Nova Scotia participate in the program, which provides funding to transit projects, and turn their funding over to the respective groups. Motion carried.

(i) Halifax Mission to Seafarers re: Financial Request

For information purposes.

(j) Richmond County Literacy Network re: Request for Approval of Costs for Councillor McNamara to attend "The Imperative of Lifelong Learning" Event

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor Beaton that Council support Councillor McNamara in attending the Imperative of Lifelong Learning Event to take place at the Westin Hotel in Halifax on October 26, 2009. Motion carried.

(k) Clean Nova Scotia re: Declaration of “Waste Reduction Week”

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor David that the week of October 19 – 26, 2009 be declared Waste Reduction Week. Motion carried.

Items Added:

1. Warden Boudreau re: Salary Scale Adjustments

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded** by Deputy Warden Johnson that **WHEREAS** Council met “In-Camera” with the CAO to discuss staff remuneration on June 23, 2009;

AND WHEREAS Council gave instruction to the CAO;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the salary scale, classifications and adjustments to an employee contract as implemented on June 29, 2009. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

Mr. Richard Burt addressed Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Mrs. Amanda Boudreau addressed Council regarding an item that was not on the agenda and was instructed to contact the Warden and/or the CAO on the issue.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Gilbert, **seconded** by Councillor Beaton that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.