

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 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.

Warden Boudreau asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of those who sacrifice their lives in the conflicts representing Canada.

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

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor Johnson sent her regrets.

Items Added to the Agenda:

There were no items added to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes:

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of October 13, 2009 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Strait Regional School Board (Superintendent Jack Beaton and Board Chair Mary Jess MacDonald) re: Strategic Plan/Educational Issues

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Beaton and Mrs. MacDonald to the meeting.

Mr. Jack Beaton and Mrs. Mary Jess MacDonald Ms. White provided a presentation which highlighted the board's strategic plan and six key issues . (copy attached)

A question period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Beaton and Mrs. MacDonald for their presentation.

First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, 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 (attached as Appendix “A”):

Moved by Councillor Martell, **seconded** by Councillor David that Municipal Council give First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, 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 (attached as Appendix “A”). Motion carried.

Notice of Motion: (a) Councillor Johnson: to adopt the Dangerous and Unsightly Premise Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond (attached as Appendix “B”):

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council adopt the Dangerous and Unsightly Premise Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond (attached as Appendix “B”); Motion carried.

Notice of Motion: (b) Councillor Johnson: 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 (attached as Appendix “C”)

Moved by Deputy Warden McNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Martell that Municipal Council adopt the amendment to 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 (attached as Appendix “C”). Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- (a) Committee of the Whole:

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

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

- \$10,000 to Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, District #1;
- \$152.00 to Development Isle Madame, Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, Districts #1, 2, 3 and 4;
- \$794.00 to the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund – District #3;
- \$2,250.52 to the River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund – District #7;
- \$1,000 to Eastern Counties Regional Library, Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund - all districts;
- \$600 (\$100 per district) to the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Municipal District Activity Fund -\$5,000 for Districts #2, #3, #5, #7, #9, & #10
- \$250 to St. Hyacinth C.W.L., Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000; District #3
- \$200 to the Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000; District #4 (Children’s Halloween Party);
- \$500 to the Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000; District #4 (Annual Pig Roast).

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and adopt the Physical Activity Strategy for Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and **WHEREAS** Council has received the report “Communications and Economic Coordination Officer” prepared by Mr. Dan White in consultation with the Adhoc Committee of Council chaired by Councillor Alvin Martell;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to actively participate in promotion of economic activities and initiatives in Richmond County and surrounding areas in cooperation with the private sector, individuals, economic development organizations and other levels of government.

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the benefit of coordinating communication activities in all aspects of County initiatives.

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the need to facilitate the maintenance and implementation of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CAO prepare the Terms of Reference and job description for the position of Communications and Economic Activities Coordinator for presentation to a subsequent meeting of Committee of the Whole. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and appoint Mrs. Donna Boudreau as a “Member at Large” to serve on the Richmond Villa Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written to the Premier requesting that the level of funding of the heating rebate provided to lower income earners be returned to the level provided in 2008 and encourage that an emergency fund be put in place for this year if oil prices escalate. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be directed to pursue PCAP funding for an engineering study for the supply of water to the area of French Cove and Cape George Estates, Richmond County. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that the committee of the whole report be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

(b) Planning Advisory Report:

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

Councillor McNamara gave notice that she will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to adopt By-Law #58, Burning By-Law, respecting the prohibition of grass field burning, attached as Appendix “A”.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the Planning Advisory report be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) CAO re: Library Board Association of Nova Scotia Merit Award, Councillor McNamara

Warden Boudreau presented Councillor McNamara with a certificate of recognition for her years as an advocate for libraries, literacy and involvement with her communities.

Items Added:

There were no items added to the agenda.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER