

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2009

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Deputy Warden MacNeil asked that everyone remain standing while Councillor Sampson shared words of praise for the late Monsieur Girrior; a moment of silence was held after Councillor Sampson's praise.

Deputy Warden MacNeil wished Season's Greetings to all and the best in 2010.

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

Items Added to the Agenda:

Deputy Warden indicated that Warden Boudreau wished to add a letter of thanks to Mark Peck, SNSMR and he wished to add the removal of the scoreboard from the old St. Peter's High School for EREC.

Councillor McNamara requested unanimous consent to add two congratulations by way of letter.

Deputy Warden MacNeil indicated that the presentation scheduled for this evening would be postponed until the New Year.

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

Review of Minutes: November 9, 2009

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that the minutes of November 9, 2009 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

First Reading Approval: to adopt By-Law #58, Burning By-Law, a by-law respecting the prohibition of grass field burning, as a By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (attached as Appendix "A")

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor David that By-Law #58 be sent back to PAC with direction to have the staff of the Eastern District Planning Commission revise By-Law #58 to reflect the wishes of the Planning Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

First Reading Approval: to adopt By-Law #59, GASHA Fire Protection Rate Exemption By-Law, as a By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (copy of by-law to be provided at the meeting)

Moved by Warden Boudreau, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council give First Reading Approval to adopt By-Law #59, GASHA Fire Protection Rate Exemption By-Law, as a By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (copy of by-law to be provided at the meeting). Motion carried.

Second Reading Approval: to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to remove Account #s 9140972, #9141006 and #9141030 under Schedule B, as these properties are now owned by a private company; include the Little Anse Lighthouse Centre, Account #02566648, under Schedule B; and add the name of the Municipality for Account #4011937 under Schedule C; (attached as Appendix "B")

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Martell that Municipal Council give Second Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to remove Account #s 9140972, #9141006 and #9141030 under Schedule B, as these properties are now owned by a private company; include the Little Anse Lighthouse Centre, Account #02566648, under Schedule B; and add the name of the Municipality for Account #4011937 under Schedule C; (attached as Appendix "B"). Motion carried.

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 Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Gerry Campbell be appointed as the Richmond County representative on the Board of Directors of the Island Community Justice Society. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the following grant requests:

- \$200.00 (\$100.00 from each district) to Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000, Districts #1 & #8;
- \$300.00 (\$75.00 per district) to DIMA - Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000, Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4;
- \$10,000 (\$2,500 per district) to Isle Madame ATV Riders Association – Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, Districts #1, #2, #3, and #4;
- \$700 to Our Lady of Assumption Parish Council – Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000, District #1;
- \$250 to La Picasse - Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000, District #2;
- \$10,000 to Université Sainte Anne - Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, District #2;
- \$250.00 to Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000, District #3;
- \$100 to Early Childhood Education Association – Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000; District #4;
- \$500 to Fleur De Lis Seniors, Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, District #6;
- \$500 to St. Louis Catholic Women’s League – Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000, District #6;
- \$500 to River Bourgeois Technology & Training Centre – Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000; District #7;
- \$500 to River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club – Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000; District #7;
- \$2,500 to L’Ardoise Coastal Riders, Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, District #9;
- \$3,035 to W.B. Kingston Memorial Clinic, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, District #9.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Warden Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that municipal staff be authorized to proceed with an energy use and greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions inventory for municipal facilities, including the Richmond Arena, contingent upon suitable funding from EcoNovaScotia at an estimated cost of \$12,400, with an estimated municipal contribution of the net costs of the inventory in the amount of \$2,480 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be instructed to send a letter of congratulations to Mr. Kyle MacDonald, with a copy sent to his parents, on winning the Vanier Cup. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the contract for the Recycling and Backyard Composting Support/Waste Reduction Educator be renewed for 12 months. (7 Ayes, 2 Nays) Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to adjust the transfer to reserves amount in the municipal budget for the year ending March 31, 2010, to adjust for potential of uncollectible taxes. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality proceed with the purchase of land PID # 75201459, from Public Works and Government Services at its appraised value. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipal Office be closed from 12:00 noon, December 24, 2009 to January 4, 2010 (with the office to re-open for regular hours on this day). Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Raymond Ferguson be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Firefighters School. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be given authority to proceed with the two pilot treatment systems as recommended by the consultants as well as proceed with the application for PCAP funding for this project. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden indicated that as a point of clarity this is an ongoing process and does not define the project.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Warden and CAO be authorized to proceed with the execution of the negotiated agreement with GASHA. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and the Council Negotiation Committee and approve a 2.9% salary increase effective January 1, 2010 and a further 2.9% salary increase effective January 1, 2011; and further moved that call-out earnings be rendered pensionable to a maximum of \$130.00 per weekend for the 104 weekends contained in the term of this agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and the recommendation of the CAO and that staff be directed to move forward with the creation of the position of Communications and Economic Activities Coordinator (CEAC) and that a Committee of Council be formed to evaluate potential candidates. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the terms of realignment in the position of CAO, as requested by the CAO, be carried out. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the committee of the whole report be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

(b) Planning Advisory Committee

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

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee, and that no changes be made to the Mischiefs and Nuisances By-Law at this time; and further moved that staff be instructed to include the Mischiefs and Nuisances By-Law in their By-Law/Policy review process. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor David that the planning advisory report be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

(c) Councillor McNamara re: Report on CEPI Meeting

Councillor McNamara presented a report on the CEPI Meeting held on December 1, 2009 to summarize the daily events and topics covered.

It was noted that Council will consider a letter of support for funding required.

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

Correspondence:

(a) Hon. Maureen MacDonald re: Lifeguard Services at Point Michaud

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Warden Boudreau that the Director of Tourism Recreation & Culture be directed to facilitate a discussion regarding cost sharing the lifeguard services for Point Michaud and Pondville Beach, and further moved that it be made clear in all discussions that cost sharing will only take place until one hundred percent funding is available by the Province. Motion carried.

(b) Hon. Ramona Jennex re: District 3 Wastewater Treatment Study

For information purposes.

(c) Citizenship and Immigration Canada re: Paul Yuzyk Award

For information purposes.

(d) Bras D'Or Stewardship Society re: Bras D'Or Lakes Development Standards

For information purposes.

(e) Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association re: Board Membership/Nomination – UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

For information purposes.

(f) Municipality of the District of Shelburne re: Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association

For information purposes.

(g) Municipality of the District of Barrington re: “Enjoy Nova Scotia Lobster” License Plates/Signage for Arena Facilities

For information purposes.

(h) Municipality of the County of Annapolis re:

- (i) Recognition of Credentials for Out-of-Province Building Officials
- (ii) Instruction to Residents Regarding the Placement of Civic Numbers on Mailboxes
- (iii) Provincial Day to Honour Volunteer Firefighters

For information purposes.

(i) D.K. Pottie re: Sound Panels for L'Ardoise Community Centre

Moved by Warden Boudreau, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council honour the request of the L'Ardoise Community Centre and the Public Works staff be directed to enter the Old St. Peter's School and remove the sound panels and prepare them for distribution to the L'Ardoise Community Centre. Motion carried.

(j) Destination Richmond Tourism Cooperative Ltd. re: Thank you

For information purposes.

(k) Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee re: Request for Support

Moved by Warden Boudreau, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that staff be directed to write a letter of support to the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee fully supporting the displeasure of the Eastern Region Solid Waste Management Committee regarding the decision made by the RRFB to award the processing of discarded on-road passenger tires to a private company based in Halifax, with a higher proposal bid than the District of Guysborough's proposal. Motion carried.

Items Added:

1. Warden Boudreau re: Letter of thanks to Mark Peck, SNSMR

Moved by Warden Boudreau, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council pass a resolution and permit the Warden to write a letter of thanks to the Minister for the co-operation received by Mark Peck and members of the Province. Motion carried.

2. Deputy Warden MacNeil re: Removal of scoreboard from the old St. Peter's High School for EREC

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that staff be directed to remove the scoreboard from the surplus school in St. Peter's and leave it outdoors. Motion carried.

3. Councillor McNamara re: Letter of Congratulations

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor David that staff write a letter of congratulations to Mrs. Delores Boudreau and the Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church on their exceptional fund raising efforts to restore the pipe organ in the Church. Motion carried.

4. Councillor McNamara re: Letter of Congratulations

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that staff write a letter of congratulations to Mrs. Cornelia Boucher-Sutherland on the receipt of the Pioneer Award at the East Coast Country Music Award Ceremony. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

Mr. Doug Begg addressed Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Adjournment

Deputy Warden MacNeil extended Season's Greetings to all Councillors and persons present at the meeting.

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER