

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2010

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:

There were no items added.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Review of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Beaton, **seconded** by Councillor David that the minutes of January 11, 2010 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Camp Rankin (Kevin MacEachern/Doug Landry) re: Request for Financial Assistance

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Kevin MacEachern and Mr. Doug Landry to the meeting.

Mr. Kevin MacEachern and Mr. Doug Landry provided a presentation which highlighted the history and goals of Camp Rankin (Copy attached).

A question period followed.

Deputy Warden MacNeil committed \$10,000 from the District #8 Municipal \$20,000 Infrastructure Fund.

Warden Boudreau thanked the group for their presentation.

(b) Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia (Caroline Cameron/Jessica MacLellan) re:
Update/Future Plans

Warden Boudreau welcomed Ms. Caroline Cameron and Ms. Jessica MacLellan to the meeting.

Ms. Caroline Cameron and Ms. Jessica MacLellan provided a presentation which highlighted an update and the future plans of the Gaelic Council (Copy attached).

A question period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked the group for their presentation.

First Reading Approval: to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the properties of the St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility (Account #'s 10122491; 10122473; 10122481; 10122511; 10122521 and 10122503; attached as Appendix "A")

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council give first reading approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the properties of the St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility (Account #'s 10122491; 10122473; 10122481; 10122511; 10122521 and 10122503; attached as Appendix "A"). 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 a municipal contribution in the amount of 75% of the net costs of the District #3 Wastewater Management Study after provincial funding, be approved; and further moved that the remaining portion of the project cost be recovered through a contribution from the Municipal District Fund - \$20,000 from District #3. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct the CAO to write to the

Federal Government indicating that the Municipality has no interest in the Surplus Government of Canada Building located in Arichat. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the most recent pricing arrangement between the Municipality of Richmond and the Richmond County Truckers Association as outlined in their correspondence of January 8, 2010 is accepted and further moved that municipal staff investigate alternative means of cost-effectively delivering this service. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the CAO and implement the principles of the draft policy for participation in private and public infrastructure projects, with regards to the Little Harbour Authority three phase power project. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and that the Pandemic Contingency Plan be added to the Municipality's Emergency Measures Plan. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and have the CAO write a letter to the MLA with copies to the MP and Regional Minister Peter MacKay expressing Council's support for the continuation of the ferry service between Yarmouth and New England. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that February 15, 2010 be proclaimed as "National Flag of Canada Day" in Richmond County. Motion carried.

Councillor Beaton declared a conflict of interest stating that his son is employed by the Strait-Highlands R.D.A. and removed himself from discussion.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Strait-Highlands Green Action municipal funding request be approved in the amount of \$4,900. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council give the Committee of the Whole authority to appoint a municipal representative at their February 22, 2010 Meeting, in order to fill the vacancy that currently exists on the Board of Directors of the St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau indicated that the decision to provide the Committee of the Whole authority to appoint the municipal representative at the February 22, 2010 Meeting is due

to the urgent need for the Board of Directors of the St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility to hold their annual meeting in March 2010.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and proceed with the acquisition of the property at Charles Forest Cove. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Physical Fitness Activities Policy be recommended for continuation under the budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be directed to take all necessary actions to remedy the issue with the floor at the Petit de Grat library and ensure the space is fully functional and safe to use. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written to Environment Canada expressing Municipal Council's support for the recommendation of the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada to move the Cobblestone Tiger Beetle; the Whip-poor-will; Pygmy Snaketail and the Snapping Turtle, on the list of Wildlife Species at Risk, as outlined by Environment Canada. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the makeup of the Planning Advisory Committee be changed; and further moved that the Planning Advisory Committee become the Committee to review all plans in Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David WHEREAS the ratepayers have been consulted in 2008 and agreed to upgrade the Arichat sewer pumping stations at an estimated cost of \$423 per household per year based on a 15 year amortization period;

AND WHEREAS staff have reviewed tenders for upgrades to Arichat sewer pumping stations;

AND WHEREAS Superior Contracting submitted the lowest tender;

AND WHEREAS staff and consulting engineers negotiated a scope of work with Superior Contracting that respects the engagement of ratepayers as per the 2008 public meeting with estimated cost to ratepayers being \$414 per household per year based on a 15 year amortization period;

THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED that staff be authorized to enter into a contractual agreement with Superior Contracting based on a tender price of \$837,000 plus applicable taxes.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and the Chief Financial Officer and approve a borrowing resolution for the Arichat sewer project to a maximum of \$600,000, with the loan being amortized over fifteen years. Motion carried.

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

- \$250 to the Riverdale Community Services Society - Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund; District #5;
- \$90.25 to the River Bourgeois Community Services Society - Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund; District #7;
- \$25,000 to the L'Ardoise Adult Recreation Club - Municipal District \$20,000 Fund; District #9.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the following grant be tabled to the first meeting in April 2010:

- \$506.66 to the Bras D'Or Lakers Seniors Association – Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund; District #10.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter of support be provided to the Isle Madame New Horizons Senior Citizens Club regarding their funding application for an expansion to their Arichat facility. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond County Council make a contribution of \$1,500 via Red Cross to the Haiti Relief Fund, with the funding to be taken from general revenue. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a municipal

contribution in the amount of \$2,000 be approved for the NewPage Invitational Minor Hockey Tournament. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the biosphere designation of the Bras D'Or Lakes. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that municipal staff be directed to proceed with making arrangements for upgrade of an approximately 200 metre long section of water main on Ferry Road in Louisdale to accommodate proposed developments in that area and that the Chief Financial Officer be consulted with respect to how this capital expenditure should be funded. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **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 **seconded** Councillor McNamara, by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee, and give First Reading approval to adopt the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law By-Law concerning the regulation of wind turbine development as a By-Law of the Municipality of Richmond, as attached in Appendix "A"; and further moved that Council establish a Public Hearing date of 6:30 p.m., March 8, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence:

- (a) Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health re: Richmond County Home Support Services Society

Items Added:

There were no items added.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

Dr. Teresa MacNeil approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.