

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 8, 2010

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Warden Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Warden Boudreau indicated that March 8, 2010 is International Women's Day. It is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women, past present and future. We on our council, on our staff and in our communities have many examples of such achievements and such individual women. We wish to take the opportunity, at this time, to recognize and thank them all.

Warden Boudreau also indicated that today is the beginning of the "Semaine de Francophonie" and in recognition tonight's National Anthem will be bilingual.

Warden Boudreau 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 there were three items submitted before the deadline, submitted by himself, including an additional grant request, tax arrears and a municipal loan guarantee for the St. Peter's, Samsonville and Area Water Utility.

Moved by Councillor Martell, **seconded by** Councillor Beaton that the agenda be approved as amended. **Motion carried.**

Review of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded by** Councillor MacNeil that the minutes of February 8, 2010 be adopted as presented. **Motion carried.**

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Development Isle Madame (Joel Bowen) re: Achievements and Progress of DIMA Activities in 2009 and 2010 Funding Request

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Joel Bowen to the meeting.

Mr. Bowen proceeded with a power point presentation (copy attached) outlining the history of DIMA, their past successes, as well as a request for funding.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Bowen for his presentation.

Second Reading Approvals:

- (i) To adopt the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Concerning the Regulation of Wind Turbine Development as a By-Law of the Municipality of Richmond, attached as Appendix "A";

It was noted that only those Councillor's present for the entire public hearing would be permitted to vote on this issue.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded by** Councillor David that a decision by Council to adopt the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Concerning the Regulation of Wind Turbine Development as a By-Law of the Municipality of Richmond be post phoned until such time that Planning Commission Staff can gather input from key members of the industry. **Motion carried.**

- (ii) 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 "B")

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor David that Council approve amendments to 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 "B"). **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 Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that

WHEREAS the names of current district funds are confusing;

AND WHEREAS modifications in the application forms will help simplify the grant administration process;

BE IT RESOLVED that the name of the Municipal District Fund-\$20,000 be changed to “Municipal District Infrastructure Fund”;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the name of the Municipal District Activity Fund-\$5,000 be changed to “Municipal District Activity Fund”;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the modifications to the application forms to the three grant funds as attached in Appendix “A”.

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 grant in the amount of \$5,000 be provided to Les Jeux de L’Acadie and that Council will consider another \$5,000 based on need and full financial disclosure and further moved that these amounts be included in the 2010-11 budget. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and appoint Mr. Reid Carter to the Board of Directors of the St. Peter’s, Samsonville and Area Water Utility. **Motion carried.**

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

- \$2,000 to Telile from the Municipal District \$20,000 Fund for Districts #1, #2, #3, #4 and #10 (breakdown of contributions provided);
- \$200 to St. Hyacinth’s CWL from the Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, District #3;
- \$1,500 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 from the Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, District #4;
- \$4,389 to the Basin and River Inhabitants Historical Society from the Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, District #5;
- \$1,000 to St. Joseph’s CWL from the Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, District #2;

- \$3,621.65 to East Richmond ATV Riders from the Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, Districts #7 & #8.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and that funding for the Louisdale Water Main Project be funded as follows:

Water Utility and Capital Reserves	\$17,395
Gas Tax Fund	<u>\$32,605</u>
Total:	\$50,000

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that the Selection Committee regarding the CAO replacement be comprised of Councillor Sampson (Chairperson), Deputy Warden MacNeil, Councillor McNamara, Councillor David and Councillor Martell, as well as Warden Boudreau who will sit on this Committee as an ex-officio member. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. John Bain be authorized to grant access to the property of Ms. Rebecca Lewis as initially granted prior to the construction of the Richmond Villa. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the CAO be directed to proceed with the request for “Expressions of Interest” for the former St. Peter’s School. **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 Warden be directed to proceed with the request of a 5% increase in pension contributions for Council members, to be borne by the Municipality. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that Council accept the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of March 2010 as presented. **Motion carried.**

(b) Planning Advisory Committee:

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 give First Reading approval to adopt By-Law #58, Burning By-Law,

respecting the prohibition of grass field burning, as a By-Law of the Municipality of Richmond (attached as Appendix “A”).

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee

AND WHEREAS the Committee of the Whole has tasked the Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), the Warden and the CAO with providing a recommendation to Council on the membership to planning advisory;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of the Planning Advisory Committee is to provide citizen participation in the development of recommendations to Council on planning and land use matters, as well as other duties delegated to PAC by Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the total citizen members on PAC be of a number equal to or greater than the number of Councillors appointed as members;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until modified by Council, the Planning Advisory Committee members are:

Councillor McNamara, Chair
Councillor MacNeil
Councillor Johnson
Councillor Boucher
Councillor David
Councillor Marchand
Barry Landry
Wayne Boudreau
Doug Begg
Jason Martell
Joan Clannon
Hubert Doyle
Micheline Landry
Robert Wambolt

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that Council accept the Planning Advisory Committee Report for the month of March 2010, as presented.

Motion carried.

Discussion re: Time limit to be established for submission of additional information regarding applications to the “Grants to Charitable and Not for Profit Organizations” Fund.

Warden Boudreau indicated that the deadline for applications was March 1, 2010, however some application received were not complete and it must be determined how much till staff will allow for organizations to submit all required information necessary to process the requests.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded by** Councillor Beaton that Council establish a deadline of March 31st for organizations that have submitted incomplete applications to the Grants to Charitable and Not for Profit Fund, to submit the additional information required to complete the application. **Motion carried.**

Review of Grant Requests:

Moved by Councillor Martell, **seconded by** Councillor MacNeil that Council approve the following grant requests:

- \$1,500 to Our Lady of Assumption Parish from the Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, District #1;
- \$600 to the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society from the Municipal District Activity – \$5,000 Fund, District #3;
- \$1,400 to the Acadiaville Community Centre from the Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, District #4;
- \$2,500 to the Dr. W.B. Kingston Clinic from the Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, Districts #6, #7, #8 and #9;
- \$1,000 to the Lakeside Community Association from the Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, District #8.

Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities re: Urging the Federal Government to Re-Fund the EcoNova Scotia for Clean Air and Climate Change Program

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor McNamara that a letter be written to the Honourable Jim Prentice, Federal Minister of the Environment, indicating that the Municipality of Richmond is requesting that the ecoNova Scotia for Clean Air and Climate Change Program be re-funded, and further move that copies of this correspondence to be sent to The Honourable Darrell Dexter, Premier, The Honourable Sterling Belliveau, Provincial Minister of the Environment. **Motion carried.**

Items Added:

- (1) Warden Boudreau re:
 - (i) Additional Grant Request

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded by** Councillor Beaton that the grant request from the River Bourgeois Community Services Society in the amount of \$635.00 be approved and that funds be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - \$5,000 for District #7. **Motion carried.**

(ii) Tax Arrears (To be discussed “In-Camera”)

To be discussed “In-Camera”.

(iii) Municipal Loan Guarantee/St. Peter’s, Samsonville and Area Water Utility

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor McNamara that Council approve a Municipal Loan Guarantee for the St. Peter’s, Samsonville and Area Water Utility, to a maximum of \$140,000. **Motion carried.**

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

Mr. Gary Gibson approached Council, however the issue he wished to speak of was not relevant to tonight’s agenda and he was asked to take his concerns to the Planning Advisory Committee.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that the meeting proceed “In-Camera”. **Motion carried.**

Warden Boudreau re-convened the regular meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that

WHEREAS the Dundee Resort is an economic and recreation asset to the County of Richmond;

AND WHEREAS the seasonality of the Tourism, golf and convention business creates a challenging cash flow position for Dundee Resort in the Spring;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Warden and CAO provide the Dundee Resort with correspondence indicating that the resort will not be in arrears for current taxes until October 31st of 2010.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

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