

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 12, 2010**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden J. Boudreau, Deputy Warden S. MacNeil  
Councillor V. David, Councillor M. Beaton  
Councillor A. Martell, Councillor S. McNamara  
Councillor B. Marchand, Councillor G. Boucher  
Councillor S. Sampson, Councillor J. Johnson

Warden Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed Mr. Jeff Stanley, as the successful candidate for the Communications and Economic Activities Coordinator, who was in the gallery.

Warden Boudreau asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

The Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor McNamara would be late as she is on her way from Halifax.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Warden Boudreau indicated that one item was submitted prior to the deadline regarding a request from Public Health Services to have Municipal Council proclaim the week of April 24-May 1<sup>st</sup> as "National Immunization Awareness Week".

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

Review of Minutes:

It was noted that the Minutes of March 8, 2010 had a typo identifying Deputy Warden MacNeil, as Councillor MacNeil and should be corrected.

**Moved** by Councillor Beaton, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of March 8, 2010 (Regular Meeting) and March 29, 2010 (Special Meeting) be adopted as amended. **Motion carried.**

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency re: Business Retention and Expansion (BRE)

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mrs. Wanda MacLean, Senior Business Facilitator, to the meeting.

Mrs. MacLean proceeded with a presentation to Council regarding the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) project. (Copy attached)

A discussion period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mrs. MacLean for her presentation.

First Reading Approval:

- (i) 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 Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the first reading approval to adopt By-Law #58, Burning By-Law, be postponed and referred to the solicitor for review. **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 the Evanston Sewage Treatment Plant Tender be awarded to Joneljim Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$1,777,943, excluding taxes and contingency allowances. **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 request for financial assistance from Meghan McNamara and all such requests be forwarded to the respective

Municipal Councillor for consideration, under the District Activity Fund. **Motion carried.**

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

- \$4,100 to the Isle Madame Boat Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #1;
- \$10,000 to the Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #5;
- \$2,000 to the River Bourgeois Mariner’s Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #7;
- \$5,000 to the St. Peter’s United Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #8;
- \$506.66 to the Bras D’Or Lakers Seniors Association, Municipal District Activity Fund – District #10;
- \$200 to the St. Hyacinth’s Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund – District #3 and #1;
- \$9,930 to the Point Tupper Heritage Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #5.

**Motion carried.**

**Moved** by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be directed to do an analysis and come up with a mechanism to properly identify all musicians within Richmond County in order to recognize them for their efforts in representing the County.

**Motion carried.**

**Moved** by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and fund 8 per cent, to a maximum of \$25,000, of the Little Harbour Three Phase Power Project. **Motion carried.**

**Moved** by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the section of the 2010 Recreation Budget pertaining to lifeguard services for the Point Michaud Beach, to enable the project to move forward. **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 Louisdale Water Treatment Plant Project be added to the Municipality’s Capital Priority List. **Motion carried.**

**Moved** by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and proceed with the signing

of the Draft Service Agreement and the Draft Asset Transfer Agreement, once changes suggested by the tax expert from Grant Thornton regarding HST have been included.

**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 of support be provided to the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia for the overall work being undertaken by the Council. **Motion carried.**

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

**Motion carried.**

Councillor McNamara arrived at 7:55 p.m.

(b) Developing Sustainable Tourism Experience within the UNESCO Southwest Nova Biosphere

Councillor McNamara and Councillor Johnson presented a report on Developing Sustainable Tourism Experience within the UNESCO Southwest Nova Biosphere (copy attached).

**Moved** by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that the report on the Biosphere forum be adopted as presented. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence:

(a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Appointments for 2010-2011

**Moved** by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and adopt the following appointments:

Administrator – Dangerous and Unightly Premises: John Bain  
– Brad Parks (Alternate)

Building Inspector: Leon LeBlanc

- Harry Martell (Alternate);
- Cyril Leblanc (Alternate); and
- David MacKenzie, (Alternate)

Development Officer: Wanda Ryan

- John Bain (Alternate);
- Karl Grenke (Alternate); and
- Andrew Jones (Alternate)

Fire Inspector: Leon LeBlanc

- Harry Martell (Alternate); and
- Cyril Leblanc (Alternate)

**Motion carried.**

(b) West Bay Road & District Volunteer Fire Department re: Fire Protection Rate

- It was noted that the fire departments of Richmond County should be asked to follow the same format when providing staff with their annual required information.
- It was noted that Mrs. Tracy Randall is the designated staff person who is available to assist all fire departments when necessary.

(c) St. Peter's and District Volunteer Fire Department re: Fire Protection Rate

(d) Office of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans re: Little Anse Breakwater

**Moved** by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Warden Boudreau send Mr. Peter MacKay correspondence to highlight the need to repair the Little Anse Breakwater because of the importance to protect the community members in the event of an emergency during a storm surge. **Motion carried.**

(e) Superintendent Kier MacQuarrie, Royal Canadian Mounted Police re: District Policing Officer

(f) Association of Nova Scotia Museums re: Funding Request

**Moved** by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the Association of Nova Scotia Museums funding request be funded via the Tourism, Recreation and Culture department to sponsor a wine and cheese event in the amount of \$340. **Motion carried.**

Items Added:

1. CAO re: Public Health Services to have Municipal Council proclaim the week of April 24-May 1<sup>st</sup> as "National Immunization Awareness Week".

**Moved** by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Richmond County Council proclaim the week of April 24-May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 as "National Immunization Awareness Week". **Motion carried.**

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

Mr. Doug Begg approached Council regarding an item discussed on the agenda.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

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CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER