

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE 47TH COUNCIL

JUNE 14, 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.

Opening Remarks of the Warden:

Warden Boudreau commented on the success of Council and the Municipality over the past year and highlighted some of the projects.

Warden Boudreau commended staff and Council for the efforts and great team work.

Warden Boudreau indicated that he is pleased to have been given the opportunity to serve as the County and looks forward to the future.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Warden Boudreau indicated that he wished to add Richmond County business forum.

Councillor Johnson requested unanimous consent to add a grant request in the amount of \$200 from the Bras d'Or Lakes Seniors.

Councillor David requested unanimous consent to add the tendering process for the Little Barrachois Water project.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Review of Minutes: (a) May 10, 2010 (Regular Meeting)
(b) May 20, 2010 (Special Meeting)

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor David that the minutes of May 10, 2010 (Regular Meeting) and May 20, 2010 (Special Meeting) be adopted as presented. **Motion carried.**

Reports:

- (a) Mr. John Bain, Director, Eastern District Planning Commission re: 2009-2010 Annual Report and Financial Statements/2010-2011 Budget.

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Bain to the meeting.

Mr. Bain indicated that an original copy of his report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr. Bain presented a report on the Eastern District Planning Commission 2009-2010 Annual Report and Financial Statements/2010-2011 Budget

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Bain for his presentation.

- (b) Chief Financial Officer

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. MacDonald to the meeting.

Mr. MacDonald presented his annual report for the year ending March 31, 2010. He indicated that the Municipality had another successful year from a financial perspective, with a surplus of approximately \$81,000 and that the auditors will confirm this with Council in the fall. He noted the Municipality had one of the lowest tax rates in the province.

A question period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. MacDonald for his presentation.

- (c) 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 following grant requests be approved:

\$2,000 to the Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society
\$5,000 to the Coopérative Radio Richmond Ltée
\$ 500 to the East Novability Society for Persons with Disabilities
\$1,000 to the Isle Madame Historical Society
\$5,000 to the Leaside Transition House
\$1,000 to the MacAskill House Museum
\$1,000 to the Oceanview Wildlife Museum
\$1,000 to the Point Tupper Heritage Association
\$20,000 to the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association
\$15,000 to the Richmond County Literacy Network
\$4,300 to the River Bourgeois Community Services Society
\$17,000 to the Regional Occupational Centre Society
\$5,000 to Telile
\$3,920 to DIMA (Eco Action Environment Proposal)
\$81,720

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 of support be issued to the Arichat Recreation Commission for the Wellness Centre Project, and further moved that the organization be informed that they must approach Council with a sound business case before any further financial commitment can be considered by Council to this project. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve an expenditure of \$100,000 for physician recruitment to be recorded in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval of the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2011 in the amount of \$13,109,567 (copy of budget attached as Appendix “A”);

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$6,925,273 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2011, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of .75¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$2.01; which rates said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18 percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30th day of September, 2010 as the day on which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and that the following area rates, per \$100 of assessment, be approved for the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

St. Peter's Fire Dept.	.09¢
West Bay Road Fire Dept.	.10¢
L'Ardoise Fire Dept.	.16¢
Grand River Fire Dept.	.15¢
Loch Lomond Fire Dept.	.12¢
Louisdale Fire Dept.	.10¢
Framboise Fourchu Fire Dept.	.15¢
Isle Madame Fire Dept.	.11¢
District #10 Fire Dept.	.15¢
Louisdale Sidewalks	.10¢
District #2 Community Rate	.04¢
District #4 Community Rate	.05¢
St. Peter's Village Commission - collect whatever rate they establish, conditional on them providing their rate to the Municipality by July 31, 2010	

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and that the following Capital Investment Plan for the year ending March 31, 2011 be approved:

<u>Project:</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Inf. Fund</u>	<u>Gas Tax. Fund</u>	<u>Other Mun. Funds</u>	<u>LT Debt</u>	<u>Total</u>
Arichat Sewer	1,120,136	500,000	125,000		495,136	1,120,136
Evanston Sewer	2,322,388	1,505,000	376,250		441,138	2,322,388
West Arichat Sewer	7,400,000					
Louisdale WTP	2,200,000					
Louis. Water Main	50,000		32,605	17,395		50,000
Little Barrachois Ext.	159,300		131,300	28,000		159,300

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that those staff that have capacity for lateral movement on their salary scale be provided with an average increase of 2.5% merit increase for the current year; and further moved that an additional 3% salary increase be approved for Mrs. Karen Doyle and Mrs. Tracy Randall, as compensation for additional duties being assigned to them. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Councillor Beaton be appointed as the municipal representative on the St. Anne’s Community and Nursing Care Centre Board. **Motion carried.**

Deputy Warden MacNeil gave notice to introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to adopt the Policy for Participation in Private and Public Infrastructure Projects.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to Mr. Raymond O’Toole for property PID #75101493, AAN #09081445, instructing that the structure be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within 30 days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover costs through property taxes. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to Mr. Russell Poirier and Mr. Claude Poirier for property PID# 75017822, AAN# 03778983, instructing that the structure be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within 30 days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover costs through property taxes. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written to

the Federal Minister of the Environment, The Honourable Jim Prentice, the Provincial Minister of the Environment, The Honourable Sterling Belliveau, as well as their local Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly outlining the Municipality's concerns with the regulations and asking that a tri-party funding agreement be put in place to share in the cost of implementing the new federal regulations. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Vested Property Clerk and that a tax reduction, due to fire, be approved in the amount of \$198.16 for the property of Allan and Ruth Savoury, account #4160614 for the period January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010. **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 following grant requests be approved:

- \$5,000 to the Arichat Recreation Commission with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #1;
- \$7,000 Our Lady of Assumption Parish with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #1;
- \$300 to Our Lady of Assumption CWL with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #1 (\$300);
- \$1,500 to the Arichat Community Development Association with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #1;
- \$1,500 to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 150 Ladies Auxiliary with funds to be taken from Municipal District Activity Fund - District #1 (\$1,500);
- \$250 to the Petit De Grat CWL with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;
- \$5,000 to Université Sainte Anne with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #2;
- \$250 to the Festival Acadien de Petit De Grat with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;
- \$5,000 to the Société Petit De Grat Beautification Society with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #2;
- \$700 to the Société Petit De Grat Beautification Society with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;
- \$250 to the Little Anse Social Action Club with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;
- \$400 to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 150 Ladies Auxiliary with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;

- \$5,000 to the Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #3 conditional on the organization providing the Municipality with their Registry of Joint Stock renewal and verification of “Active “ status;
- \$1,700 to the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #3;
- \$500 to the Louisdale Girl Guides with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #6;
- \$500 to the St. Louis Parish Baraco Days Festival with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #6;
- \$5,441.58 to the Calvin Presbyterian Church with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #10;
- \$1,500 to DIMA with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund for District #1;
- \$600 to the Janvrin’s Island Community Centre with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund for District #4;
- \$5,000 to the Salmon River Community Association with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund for District #10.
- \$200 to the Bras d’Or Lakes Seniors with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund – District #10.

Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau indicated that the motion regarding the financial request put forth by Mr. David Landry for the development of eight service lots located in Louisdale will be discussed “In-Camera”.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Richmond County Transfer Station Hours of Operation be Monday to Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from April to September inclusive and further moved that Council direct the Director of Public Works to start this process immediately. **Motion carried.**

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

(d) Planning Advisory Committee

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

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Deputy Warden MacNeil 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, Addressing the Development of Wind Energy (attached as Appendix “A”); and further moved that

Council establish a Public Hearing date of 6:30 p.m., October 12, 2010 in the Municipal Office Council Chambers. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give First Reading approval to adopt the Babin's Lake Watershed Plan Amendment and Rezoning (attached as Appendix "B"); and further moved that Council establish a Public Hearing date of 6:30 p.m., October 12, 2010 in the Municipal Office Council Chambers. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Deputy Warden MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that Council seek legal advice regarding Mr. Bain's authority (or his staff) to enter into a single family dwelling, in particular the MacDonald house in St. Peter's, to determine if the property has any structural and health related hazards, noting that this property has been deemed Dangerous and Unsightly but is secured. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the Planning Advisory report for the month of June 2010. **Motion carried.**

Annual Appointments:

(a) Signing Officers

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council appoint the Chief Administrative Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the Warden as Signing Officers for the Municipality, with the Deputy Warden serving as an alternate. **Motion carried.**

- (b) Representative - Eastern Counties Regional Library Board
- (c) Eastern District Planning Commission (2 Councillors)
- (d) Representative - Strait Regional Airport Committee
- (e) Planning Advisory Committee (6 Councillors)
- (f) Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Development Commission
(Warden plus 2 Councillors)

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Martell that the following appointments be accepted.

- Eastern Counties Regional Library Board: Councillor Johnson
- Eastern District Planning Commission (2 Councillors): Councillor McNamara, Councillor David
- Strait Regional Airport Committee: Councillor Beaton

- Planning Advisory Committee (6 Councillors): Councillor McNamara, Deputy Warden MacNeil, Councillor David, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Boucher, Councillor Marchand
- Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Development Commission, (Warden plus 2 Councillors): Warden Boudreau, Councillor McNamara, Councillor Beaton

Motion carried.

Outstanding Grant Requests:

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the following grant request be approved:

- DIMA - Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #2 (\$1,500)
- L'Archeveque Wharf Preservation Society - Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #10 (\$3,150.59)
- St. Louis Parish - Municipal District Activity Fund - District #6 (\$500)

Motion carried.

Island View Drive Water & Sewer Project:

Moved by Councillor Marchand, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that staff be authorised to tender the Island View Drive Water & Sewer project and if the received tenders are within the budget allocated for the project, the project is to go forward without coming back to Council. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence:

- (a) Health Association Nova Scotia re: Request to declare the month of September, 2010 as “Continuing Care Month”

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Richmond Municipal Council declares September 2010 as “Continuing Care Month”. **Motion carried.**

Items Added:

1. Warden Boudreau re: Business Forum

Warden Boudreau indicated that the County has an opportunity to host a business forum at the Dundee Resort in September 2010; the objective is to bring together 100 business people, development organizations, government departments and other for a networking opportunity.

Warden Boudreau indicated that this is for information purpose only and Council can share their thoughts on this subject in the near future. This item will be discussed at a special council meeting during the summer.

2. Councillor David re: Little Barrachois tendering project

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor Martell that staff be authorized to award the tender for the Little Barrachois Water project providing that the tender meets the funding guidelines and allocations set forth by Municipal Council. **Motion carried.**

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions.

In-Camera

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the meeting proceed to “In-Camera” session. **Motion carried.**

Councillor David declared a conflict of interest because his personal business deals with the proponent being discussed and removed himself from the “In-Camera” session.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the meeting reconvene to regular session. **Motion carried.**

Councillor David declared a conflict of interest because his personal business deals with the proponent being discussed and removed himself from discussions and voting on the item.

Moved by Councillor Martell, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that the financial request put forth by Mr. David Landry for the development of eight service lots located in Louisdale be postponed until the next Council Meeting on the condition that the appropriate information is received by Mr. Landry; and FURTHER MOVED that Council provide the necessary resources to Mr. Landry to assist with the preparation of the information required for this request. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.