

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Warden Boudreau introduced Mr. Warren Olsen, the new CAO for the Municipality, to the viewing public.

The CAO took roll call of Councillor's.

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor David and Councillor Boucher were unable to attend tonight's meeting because they are away.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items to be added to tonight's agenda.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the agenda be adopted as circulated. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: (a) June 14, 2010 (Annual Session)  
(b) July 12, 2010 (Special Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of June 14, 2010 (Annual Session) and the minutes of July 12, 2010 (Special Meeting) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

(a) Canadian Cancer Society (Richard MacIntosh) re: Information and Support Services

There were no representatives from the Canadian Cancer Society present.

(b) St. Peter's Trail Society (Dennis Boudreau) re: Request for Support/Multi Purpose Trail

The Committee welcomed Ms. Tanya Stone to the meeting.

Ms. Stone continued with a presentation requesting Council's support to change the walking trail in St. Peter's to a multi-use trail.

A question and answer period followed.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council send a letter of support to the Department of Natural Resources in favor of establishing multi-use trails in all of Richmond County, particularly in the St. Peter's area. Motion carried.

Notice of Motion - Deputy Warden MacNeil: to adopt the Policy for Participation in Private and Public Infrastructure Projects, attached as Appendix "A"

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council adopt the Policy for Participation in Private and Public Infrastructure Projects, attached as Appendix "A", as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Tabled from Previous Council Meeting:

(a) Financial Request from Mr. David Landry re: Development of Eight Service Lots, Louisdale

Warden Boudreau noted that this item had been postponed to gather further information and research.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the CAO and that once the Policy for Participation in Private and Public Infrastructure Projects is in place as a policy of the Municipality that the application from Mr. David Landry be reviewed by staff in accordance with the Policy. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Deputy Warden MacNeil presented the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of September 2010.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the retirement of Mr. Clifford Boudreau, Director of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, effective April 1, 2011. 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 proposed Veterans Memorial Monument Project move forward, with 50% of the funding to be taken equally from all Councillors' Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, and 50% to be taken from general revenue. 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 Administrative Officer and further investigate the unsightly property of Peter Berrett in District #9 with our solicitor, to ensure that all avenues have been considered regarding clear title of the property and our legal position regarding placing a lien against the property should the Municipality clean up this unsightly property. Motion carried.

Councillor Beaton declared a conflict of interest with regards to funding for the Strait-Highlands regional Development Agency, noting that he has a family member that is employed by the SHRDA.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Administrative Officer and that funding in the amount of \$12,000 be provided to the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency for the proposed District Energy System Study, with funding to be taken from economic development. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden MacNeil gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend By-Law #43, Deed Transfer Tax By-Law, in order to increase the deed transfer tax rate from the current one half of one percent to one percent.

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

- \$250 to St. Hyacinth's Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund - District #3;
- \$250 to Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund – District #3;
- \$5,000 to St. John the Baptist Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #7;
- \$10,000 to Camp Rankin, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - Multiple Districts;
- \$400 to La Picasse, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$326 to Kavanaugh Columbus Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1

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 Committee be established, consisting of three Council members (Warden and two Councillors) and

three senior staff persons, to discuss and review the Municipality's defined benefits pension plan. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau indicated that he has already had requests from two Councillors who would like to serve on this Committee.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Administrative Officer and implement the short term plan for staffing at the Richmond Arena. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of September be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Councillor McNamara presented the Planning Advisory Committee Report for the month of September 2010.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give First Reading approval to rezone the lands owned by La Cooperative Charles Forest Ltée (PID # 75087916) from Village Low Density Residential (VR-1) to Village Commercial (VC) (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 by Councillor Sampson that the Planning Advisory Committee Report for the month of September 2010 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

### Correspondence

The CAO reviewed the correspondence listed below.

(a) Environment Canada re: Trust Fund for Clean Air and Climate Change

For information.

(b) Hon. Rob Merrifield re: Rural Post Offices

For information.

(c) Hon. Marilyn More re: Amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations

For information.

(d) Hon. Jim Prentice re: Proposed Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations under the Fisheries Act

For information

(e) Department of the Environment re: Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations

For information.

(f) Municipality of the County of Annapolis re: CCME Municipal Wastewater Management Strategy and Proposed Regulations under the Fisheries Act

It was the consensus of Council that correspondence be written to Warden Peter Newton of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis regarding the CCME Municipal Wastewater Management Strategy and Proposed Regulations under the Fisheries Act, providing comments on each of the five issues that have been brought forward and how they relate to Richmond County, in particular noting issue #5 related to the in appropriate downloading of responsibilities to assess and monitor water resources to municipalities, and that a copy of this correspondence be provided to both the Federal and Provincial ministers.

(g) Municipality of the District of Barrington re: Non-Metered Street Lights

It was the consensus of Council that correspondence be sent to the UNSM, requesting that they approach Nova Scotia Power on behalf of all municipal tax payers in the Province in an attempt to reduce the costs of street lights to municipalities.

(h) Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities re: UNSM's Active Transportation

The CAO noted that he will forward this information to the Physical Activity Coordinator for the Municipality for action.

(i) Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Speed Signs in School Zones

It was the consensus of Council that the Strait Area Mayors and Warden's Committee be approached on this issue, and that the Committee work together in an attempt to have the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to not only supply Speed Signs in School Zones, but to also agree to install the signs and not download this responsibility to municipalities.

(j) Letters of Support/Proposed Changes to Abandoned Railway Trail:

- (i) Cutters Edge Small Engine
- (ii) S & M Service Station
- (iii) Bluenose Insurance Brokers
- (iv) MacBouch Lounge & Restaurant
- (v) Louie's Cozy Corner
- (vi) St. Peter's Automotive Ltd.

Previously addressed.

#### Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added.

#### Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Lorenzo Boudreau approached Council regarding the municipal by-law or policy that dictates what can be discussed during the Fifteen Minute Question Period.

It was the consensus of Council that staff will research the Council decision for guidelines of discussions during the Fifteen Minute Question Period.

#### Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.