

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 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.

Warden Boudreau indicated that regrets were sent by Deputy Warden Martell and Councillor Marchand.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor MacNeil wish to add supply of water to the area of French Cove and Cape George, this item will be discussed "In-Camera"; and Councillor Johnson wish to add Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department.

By unanimous consent Warden Boudreau wished to add two announcements.

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

Review of Minutes: (a) October 12, 2010 (Regular Meeting)
(b) October 12, 2010 (Public Hearing)

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that the minutes of October 12, 2010 (Regular Meeting) and October 12, 2010 (Public Hearing) be adopted as presented. **Motion carried.**

Presentations and/or Delegations:

(a) Ralph & Deltina Boudreau re: Thank You

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Deltina Boudreau.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Deltina Boudreau made a presentation of thanks to Council for their support and efforts in extending water services to Little Barrachois Road. (Copy attached)

A question period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Deltina Boudreau for their presentation.

(b) Telile re: Thank You

Warden Boudreau welcomed Ms. Gloria Hill.

Ms. Gloria Hill made a presentation of thanks to Council, on behalf of Telile TV, for the financial support in their project to install a heat system into the studio. (Copy attached)

A question period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Ms. Hill for her presentation.

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

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Richard MacIntosh.

Mr. MacIntosh made a presentation on behalf of the Canadian Cancer Society regarding Information and Support Services. (Copy attached)

A question period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. MacIntosh for his presentation.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

Councillor Sampson presented the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of November 2010.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept Mrs. Cecile Hyland's retirement notice effective August 1, 2011. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to Carl Michael Samson, Cecile T. Samson, Melanie Christine Samson and Michelle Anne Samson, Chapel Cove Road, L'Ardoise (PID #75118661); and to Albert Barrett, Chapel Cove Road, L'Ardoise (PID #75068965) instructing that the structure be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a financial contribution of \$1,000 be made to the Eastern Counties Regional Library for the Share a Book-Build a Community Fundraising Campaign, with the monies to be taken from general revenue. **Motion carried.**

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

- \$1,100 to Raise a Reader Campaign, Municipal District Activity Fund - All districts;
- \$200 to DIMA, Municipal District Activity Fund – Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4;
- \$900 (\$100 per district) to Dorothy's Pets in Need, Municipal District Activity Fund - District #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 and #10;
- \$100 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund - District #3;
- \$250 to River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Activity Fund - District #7;
- \$17,000 to The Harbour Authority of Little Harbour, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #9;
- \$200 to the Arichat Chapter of TOPS with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;
- \$1,500 to Our Lady of Assumption Parish with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #1;
- \$500 to the River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #7;

- \$250 to the River Bourgeois Mariners Society with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Find - District #7.

Motion carried

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Deputy Warden Chair a Committee of three persons, comprised of one Councillor, one staff and himself and that the staff representative be Mrs. Karen Doyle, to draft a Code of Conduct for the Municipality. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the road name change in the new subdivision on Pepperell Street in St. Peter's (District #8) to "Northside Drive", if it meets policy approval and receives the approval of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and from the Eastern District Planning Commission. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that commencing in the 2011/2112 fiscal year, that 60% of Gas Tax money be allocated for projects on the Capital Priority List and the remaining 40% be used towards emergency and upcoming projects. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give First Reading approval to adopt By-Law #60, Marketing Levy By-Law, as a By-Law of the Municipality of Richmond, as attached in Appendix "A". **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipal Office close for the Christmas Holidays at 12:00 noon on December 24, 2010 and re-open for regular business at 8:30 a.m. on January 3, 2011. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Beaton that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of November be adopted as presented. **Motion carried.**

(b) Audit Committee Report:

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and that the audited financial statements for the

Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2010 prepared by Grant Thornton be accepted as presented. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the Audit Committee report for the month of November be adopted as presented. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence:

(a) Andre & Sylvia Boudreau re: Abandonment of Animals in Richmond County

The C.A.O. indicated that staff will respond to Mr. and Mrs. Boudreau to inform them that staff is conducting research on legislation used to address issues concerning animal abandonment.

(b) Municipal Development Officers Association of Nova Scotia re: Wanda Ryan's Certification as a Senior Development Officer

For information purposes.

There was consensus by Council to have staff will send a letter of congratulations to Mrs. Ryan on the receipt of her certification as a Senior Development Officer.

(c) Memo from Mr. Stewart MacDonald, CFO re: Evanston Sewer

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor David to accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and select funding option #3 which requires a contribution of \$117,454 in gas tax funding with no increase in the average annual billing beyond the \$659 per year rate that was reported to the residents at the public meeting; with \$50,000 (\$5,000/year for a ten year period being approved from the Municipal District Fund for District #5, with the funding to commence this fiscal year; and **FURTHER MOVED** that staff move this project forward with the tender requirements immediately. Motion carried.

Items Added:

1. Councillor MacNeil re: supply of water to the area of French Cove and Cape George

This item will be discussed "In-Camera"

2. Councillor Johnson re: Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara to approve a borrowing resolution for the Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department, in the amount of \$15,000 for the purchase of a fire truck, with the loan to be amortized over a five year period; and **FURTHER MOVED** that notice be given to amend the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund to include the word “equipment” under Section 1.4 in order to be able to provide funding from the District #10 Municipal Infrastructure Grant Fund to the Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department. **Motion carried.**

3. Warden Boudreau re: Announcements

Warden Boudreau indicated that the Acadian Lines have made a request to have the bus routes changed when transporting passengers to and from the Sydney area.

There will be a U.A.R.B. meeting taking place in the Council Chambers, at the Municipal Building and in Halifax; all Councillors should urge their constituents to attend and make presentations to prohibit this request from being granted.

Warden Boudreau also indicated that there will be a commemoration ceremony Sunday November 14, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Municipal Building parking lot to unveil the veteran’s monument; refreshments will be served in the foyer. Everyone is welcomed.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions.

In-Camera

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

An “In-Camera” session was held to discuss supply of water to the area of French Cove and Cape George and the Nova Scotia Power Corporation Bio Mass project.

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

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that a request for proposal is prepared for the study of the French Cove Cape George water supply in order to allow all engineering firms the opportunity to respond. **Motion carried.**

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.