

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 10, 2011**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

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

The CAO took roll call of Councillor's.

Items Added to the Agenda

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

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

Review of Minutes: December 13, 2010

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of December 13, 2010 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

(a) Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation (Pat Bates) re: Presentation of \$25,000 Contribution from the Municipality

Warden Boudreau and CAO Warren Olsen presented Mr. Pat Bates, the representative for the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation with a \$25,000 contribution from the Municipality.

Mr. Bates thanked the Municipality for their generous contribution to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation.

(b) Presentation to Mrs. Eva Landry re: Induction into Order of Nova Scotia

Councillor MacNeil made a presentation to Mrs. Eva Landry on behalf of Council.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Johnson that:

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Eva Landry is a highly recognized and valued member of our Richmond County community;

**AND WHEREAS** Mrs. Landry was earlier named as a “Companion to the Order of Canada”;

**AND WHEREAS** Mrs. Landry has dedicated her life to the educational, social and developmental needs of Richmond County citizens;

**AND WHEREAS** Mrs. Landry has a long and distinguished record of service in numerous community development ventures;

**AND WHEREAS** Mrs. Landry has most recently been inducted into the Order of Nova Scotia;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that council for the Municipality of the County of Richmond herewith officially recognizes and offers its gratitude to Mrs. Eva Landry for her tremendous achievements in service to and on behalf of, the citizens and communities of our great county.

Motion carried.

(c) Presentation to Mr. Mike Touesnard re: Receipt of 2010 Lieutenant Governor’s Persons with Disabilities Employer Partnership Award

Councillor MacNeil made a presentation to Mr. Michael Touesnard on behalf of Council.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that:

**WHEREAS** Mr. Michael Touesnard is a highly recognized and valued entrepreneur in our county;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Touesnard has demonstrated a healthy and proactive attitude towards hiring employees with a disability;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Touesnard recently hired, on a full-time basis, a person with a severe and debilitating spinal condition and is now preparing to engage in a second similar venture;

**AND WHEREAS** Mr. Touesnard recently received a 2010 “Lieutenant-Governor’s Persons With Disabilities Employer Partnership Award”;

**THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED** that council for the Municipality of the County of Richmond herewith officially recognizes and offers its gratitude to Mr. Michael Touesnard, on behalf of the citizens and communities of our great county.

Motion carried.

(d) Economic Development (Jeff Stanley & Charlene Marshall) re: Tourism Strategy for 2011-2015

Charlene Marshall and Jeff Stanley presented a Power Point Presentation (copy attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Charlene and Jeff for their presentation.

(e) CAO re: Government Relations

The CAO presented a Power Point Presentation outlining the work that he has been involved in (copy attached).

Council thanked the CAO for his presentation.

Warden Boudreau re: Review of “Funding to Core Community Organizations” Policy

Warden Boudreau reported the following:

- A Committee has been formed to review the way the municipality funds certain core community organizations. Warden Boudreau, Councillor David and Councillor McNamara are the Council representatives
- There will no longer be an application process each year, however there will be certain guidelines that organizations must meet on an annual basis to receive funding.
- Council will determine which organizations will be on the list and the amount of funding that they will receive.

- A draft policy has been circulated to Councillors for review and input and the draft policy will be on the agenda for the January 31<sup>st</sup> Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- New organizations can apply to be added to the list.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole Report

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a Steering Committee be formed to look at alternate solutions for providing potable water and wastewater management for Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to accept the recommendation of the C.A.O. to meet with all Fire Chiefs to brief them on the initiative(s) being proposed; establish a Steering Committee made up of staff, Council and Fire Chiefs; have the Committee make the necessary recommendations to adopt a new framework for fire services in Richmond County all with an anticipated implementation date of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil 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 Robert Vincent MacDonald and Donna Marie MacDonald, 9928 Grenville Street, St. Peter’s Richmond County PID # 75053215, AAN # 02682869, instructing that the structures 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 Deputy Warden Martell, 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 Madeleine Bosdet, 101 Southside Petit de Grat Road, Alderney Point Cove, Richmond County, PID # 75009837, AAN # 05425603 instructing that the house 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 Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil 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 George W. Samson and Gladys Samson,

Samsons Cove Road, Samsons Cove, Richmond County PID # 75011742, AAN # 04121279 instructing that the house and shed be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will do the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the C.A.O. follow up with the Eastern District Planning Commission and have them revisit the property of Anthony F. Hendriksen and Donna A. Hendriksen, 334 Southside Petit De Grat Road, Alderney Point Cove, Richmond County PID # 75010249, AAN # 00395366 and act accordingly, since nothing has been done to have the property cleaned up. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve a grant to Development Isle Madame Association in the amount of \$300, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #2, 3 and 4. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of January 2011. Motion carried.

(b) Planning Advisory Committee Report

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and make representation to the Department of Transportation requesting that they examine the transportation system in Richmond County in order to determine where there are elevation issues with the roads; and further moved that when these sections of roads are being repaired, that adequate elevations and corresponding buffer zones be considered. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the Planning Advisory Committee for the month of January 2011. Motion carried.

Correspondence

(a) DARE Grad at West Richmond Education Centre

The CAO reviewed correspondence.

It was the consensus of Council that a letter of congratulations be sent to members of the RCMP, West Richmond Education Centre Staff and Students that were involved in the DARE program.

(b) Development Isle Madame re: Physician Recruitment

The CAO reviewed correspondence.

(c) Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #47 re: Thank you

The CAO reviewed correspondence.

Warden Boudreau noted that the RCL Branch #47 presented Council with a special plaque at a ceremony on Saturday evening thanking Council for their support.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Doug Begg addressed Council regarding the issue of tourism in Richmond County and noting issues with signage and roads in relation to tourism.

Mrs. Eva Landry addressed Council regarding the revision to the funding process for community organization, thanking Council for simplifying the process for the volunteers of community organizations.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.