

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 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.

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor MacNeil was unable to attend tonight's meeting because of a family health issue.

Items Added to the Agenda

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

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

Review of Minutes: January 10, 2011

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the minutes of January 10, 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

(a) Bras D'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (CEPI)
(Anthony Morris) re: Project Overview

It was noted that the presenters were on their way to the meeting but would be late due to the weather.

(b) Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia (Caroline Cameron) re: Provide an Update/Plans

There was no representation present.

(c) St. Peter's Village Commission re: Fire Protection

Mrs. Ester MacDonnell and Mrs. Germaine MacDonald, representatives of the St. Peter's Village Commission, addressed Council concerning fire protection charges for the Village of St. Peter's (copy of presentation attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau indicated that the Municipality will be conducting a review of fire protection charges for the Village of St. Peter's over the next month and requested that the Village Commission submit all relevant information, including legal opinions, as soon as possible so that all information will be considered in the review.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mrs. MacDonnell and Mrs. MacDonald for their presentation.

Mrs. Caroline Cameron of the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia arrived at the meeting and apologized for being late due to the weather conditions.

Mrs. Cameron presented a Power Point Presentation to Council providing an update on the activities of the Council and making a request for funding.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mrs. Cameron for her presentation and indicated that the funding request will be addressed at Committee of the Whole and tabled to budget deliberations, further noting that the Municipality will sponsor councillors to attend the upcoming Forum Workshops.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole Report

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be permitted to move forward and implement the Tourism Vision for 2011-2015. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and that the following business occupancy accounts be written off as they have been removed from the assessment roll and are no longer collectible:

<u>Account#</u>	<u>Account Holder:</u>	<u>Balance:</u>
7196822	Downing, Eric Dr.	\$118.74
10014379	Federal Gypsum Company	\$48,055.08

7149301	Whale Cove Holdings Ltd.	\$112.30
5659396	West Arichat Co-op Society	\$392.71
7156650	Merrick, Rose Marie	\$83.79
10031257	Nanny's Quilts Ltd.	<u>\$123.42</u>
TOTAL:		\$48,886.04

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Martell gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend By-Law #56, to include the property of the Richmond County Literacy Network Society, Account #10345049, and the property of the Richmond Arena Association, Account #9081593.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an Order to Remedy Condition be issued for the property of Anthony F. Hendriksen and Donna A. Hendriksen, 334 Southside Petit De Grat Road , AAN # 00395366, PID # 75010249 and that this Order be a Demolition Order. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grant requests be approved:

- \$912.50 to the Rocky Bay Irish Club with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$500 to the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$500 to DIMA with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #3 and #4;
- \$250 to the Acadiaville Community Centre with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$1,700 to the Acadiaville Community Centre with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$1,000 to the Louisdale Fleur De Lis Seniors Club with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$2,500 to the Felix Marchand Education Centre with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6;
- \$5,000 to the River Bourgeois Community Services Society with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;
- \$10,000 to the Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter of support be sent to the Town of Shelburne in their efforts to lobby the provincial government to re-consider

its decision to not fund the Yarmouth/Maine Ferry service and to show the Municipality's support at the February 8th Standing Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Councillor Beaton declared a conflict of interest with regards to the SHRDA indicating that he has a family member employed by the RDA.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality maintain their commitment to the Strait Highlands RDA and provide them with the additional \$1,802 in funding for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and sponsor a Councillor to attend the "Persons with Disabilities" Conference in Halifax on June 8th and 9th. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the costs of constructing and erecting signage at each of the entrances to Richmond be included in budget deliberations. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the hiring of Gerald Walsh Associates Inc. to carry out a review of the job descriptions and salary ranges for municipal employees at a cost of \$12,000, as outlined by the CAO . Motion carried.

Councillor David declared a conflict in interest with regards to the application from Mr. David Landry, indicating that Mr. Landry is one of his suppliers.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and instruct the CAO to send a letter to Mr. David Landry indicating that his application for funding through the Policy for Certain Infrastructure Funding Requests has been denied. Motion carried (1 Nay – Councillor Marchand).

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve a commitment of \$900 over three years to the Women on Local Government Bursary Program and also request that the UNSM review the eligible courses so that this bursary is available to a broader section of municipal units other than those located in Halifax and area and that more be done to encourage more municipalities to contribute to this bursary fund at levels more proportionate to the size of the municipality. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written to MP

Rodger Cuzner with copies to relevant members of the Provincial Cabinet objecting to the slated closures of the Petit De Grat and St. Peter's Service Canada sites, indicating that these two sites deal with seasonal workers and an aging population demographic that requires more individualized assistance and who are not comfortable with technology requirements and lack of assistance that are provided in the main Service Canada Centers. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher to adopt the Committee of the Whole for the month of February 2011 as presented. Motion carried.

Physician Recruitment Committee

Councillor Sampson presented the report on behalf of the Physician Recruitment Committee (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the report from the Physician Recruitment Committee as presented. Motion carried.

Representatives of the Bras D'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative arrived at the meeting and apologized for being late due to weather conditions.

Mr. Anthony Morris and Ms. Shelley Porter presented a Power Point Presentation to Council.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Morris and Ms. Porter for their presentation.

Correspondence

(a) Department of Canadian Heritage re: Proclamation of National Flag of Canada Day - Feb. 15, 2011

The CAO noted that the Municipality will be hosting a Flag Day Ceremony at 10:00 am on Tuesday in front of the Municipal Office.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor David that:

WHEREAS the distinctive, red and white maple leaf flag of Canada was first raised over Canadian soil as our National Flag on February 15, 1965; and

WHEREAS the Canadian flag is perhaps the most visible and cherished symbol of our country and the many blessings associated with Canadian citizenship; and

WHEREAS the folds of our flag embrace all Canadians as well as our shared values and confidence in the future of our country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Richmond, hereby proclaim February 15, 2011, to be National Flag Day in the Municipality of Richmond.

Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Buddy MacDonald addressed Council regarding the fire protection charges for the Village of St. Peter's.

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald addressed Council regarding the fire protection charges for the Village of St. Peter's.

Mr. Stone addressed Council regarding the fire protection charges for the Village of St. Peter's.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.