

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 11, 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

Warden Boudreau indicated that the CAO wished to add correspondence from Jeanette and Gordie Ellis.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the items added be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: March 14, 2011

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the minutes of March 14, 2011 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

(a) East Novability Society for Persons with Disabilities (Mr. Chris Cook) re: Specialized Employment Services for Persons with Disabilities

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Chris Cook to the meeting.

Mr. Cook addressed Council outlining the operations of East Novability Society for Persons with Disabilities, providing some statistics and thanking Council for their recent financial contribution.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Cook for his presentation.

(b) Strait Area Campus (Mr. Tom Gunn) re: Update on NSCC Programs

Mr. Tom Gunn provided Council with an update on NSCC Programs (copy of presentation attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Gunn for his presentation.

(c) Isle Madame Lighthouse Preservation Society (Ms. Margaret Herdman) re: Preservation of Lighthouses

Ms. Herdman presented a history of the Isle Madame Lighthouse Preservation Society, also outlining efforts to obtain heritage status for lighthouses on Isle Madame, as well as an overview of their tourism fundraising experience for the summer of 2011 (copy of presentation attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Ms. Herdman for her presentation and offered Council's assistance in terms of negotiations with the province in such efforts as discussions with government departments, ministers and deputy ministers with the goal of the province taking over the Lennox Passage Lighthouse, in the same manner as they have taken over the Battery Park Lighthouse in St. Peter's.

Second Reading Approval: to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the Richmond County Literacy Network Society, Account #10345049; and the property of the Richmond Arena Association, Account #9081593 (attached as Appendix "A")

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council approve the amendment to By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the Richmond County Literacy Network Society, Account #10345049; and the property of the Richmond Arena Association, Account #9081593 (attached as Appendix "A"). Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS** Council for the Municipality of the County of Richmond wishes to affirm standards of conduct in office which reflect members' commitment to honorable and effective public service;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council approves and adopts the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau requested that all councillors please sign their Code of Conduct affidavit and submit to Mrs. Randall before leaving the meeting.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and approve the additional expenditures of \$100,000 for physician recruitment and \$50,000 for landfill closure costs. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and that the gas tax funding be reallocated in order to complete the following projects:

Hospital Road, Evanston  
Sewer and Water, Island View Drive, Louisdale  
Arichat Watermain  
Louisdale Watermain

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and approve the write off of taxes owing on the Federal Gypsum tax account # 07947437, in the amount of \$485,429, due to the taxes being uncollectible, because the property belongs to Nova Scotia Business Inc, who are exempt from property taxes. 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 grants be approved:

- \$8,000 to the Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;

- \$15,000 to the Janvrin's Island Community Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4;
- \$150 to Dorothy's Pets in Need Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$350 to Dr. W.B. Kingston Clinic, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$1,424.49).
- \$4,000 to Richmond Villa, Municipal District Activity Fund (\$500 – District #1; \$300 – District #2; \$200 – District #3; \$500 – District #6; \$500 – District #7; \$1,000 – District #8; \$500 – District #9; \$500 – District #10).

Motion carried.

Councillor MacNeil thanked the Committee for their contribution to the Villa to assist with unfunded training costs associated with the EDEN philosophy of care.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Pension Committee and approve the following:

- (a) That no new members be permitted to join the existing Defined Benefits Plan;
- (b) That a new Defined Contribution Plan be established for new employees;
- (c) That the employee contribution for the members of the defined benefits plan be increased from 6.2% to 9%;
- (d) That the Committee reconvene a meeting after the receipt of updated financial information from Desjardins;
- (e) That an RFP be prepared for the provision of pension/investment services.

Motion carried.

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

### Correspondence

- (a) Richmond Atom A Provincial Team re: Thank You

For information.

- (b) Canso Novice Hockey Team re: Richmond Novice 8 Year Old Team

It was noted that staff have the contact information for the Novice coaches in Richmond and will be forwarding a copy of this correspondence, along with congratulations from Council to each coach on doing such a fine job.

(c) Barrett Lumber Company re: Concerns about the Forestry Industry in Nova Scotia

For information.

(d) Communities in Bloom Program re: Communities in Bloom 2011

It was noted that this information was forwarded to Mr. Stanley and Ms. Marshall for distribution to community groups and if Councillors were aware of any groups in their districts that may be interested to please provide them with this information.

#### Items Added to the Agenda

(1) CAO re Correspondence from Jeanette and Gordie Ellis

The following points were brought forward during discussions:

- Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were requesting a road listing and maintenance.
- This is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.
- The Municipality has a policy regarding the takeover of private roads and this situation does not meet the criteria.

#### Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

#### In-Camera Session

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the meeting proceed "In-Camera". Motion carried.

An In-Camera session was held to discuss personnel issues.

Warden Boudreau re-convened the Regular Meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that council accept and endorse the report on the C A O evaluation as presented by Councillor Sampson and the Warden and further moved that Councillor Sampson and the Warden present the results of the review to the C A O at the earliest possible date. Motion carried.

### Adjournment

Moved by Councillor MacNeil and Seconded by Councillor McNamara that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.