

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 9, 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

Councillor Johnson requested and received unanimous consent to add an update from the Bras D'Or Lakes Biosphere Committee.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: April 11, 2011

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Beaton that minutes of April 11, 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

(a) Special Presentation to Captain Terry Clements, Commanding Officer, Army Cadet Corps.

Councillor Sampson proceeded with a special presentation to Captain Terry Clements.

**Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that:**

**WHEREAS** the Army Cadet Corps is an organization dedicated to teaching youth 12-18 years of age about citizenship , physical fitness and basic knowledge of the Canadian Armed Forces;

**AND WHEREAS** Terry Clements has been Commanding Officer of 2842 L'Ardoise Legion Army Cadet Corps for the past 37 years;

**AND WHEREAS** Captain Clements' leadership, guidance and instruction have inspired many Cadets to pursue a military career, one presently serving in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel;

**AND WHEREAS** Captain Terry Clements has been the longest continuing Service Commanding Officer of a Cadet Corps in the Dominion of Canada;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED** that Municipal Council for the Municipality of Richmond herewith recognizes the special achievements of Captain Terry Clements and hereby offers him gratitude and appreciation on behalf of all members of this Council, youth and all citizens of Richmond County.

Motion carried.

(b) Department of Transportation (Darren Blundon) re: Five Year Highway Improvement Plan

Mr. Darren Blundon, Department of Transportation, presented a Power Point Presentation to Council (copy attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau suggested that Councillors identify priorities for road improvements within their districts and that this be addressed at the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Blundon for his presentation.

(c) Friends of Isle Madame Provincial Parks Society (Margaret Herdman) re: Lennox Passage and Pondville Beach Provincial Parks

Mrs. Margaret Herdman made a presentation to Council (copy attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mrs. Herdman for her presentation.

(d) St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre (Brian Samson) re: Feasibility Study

Mr. Brian Samson presented a Power Point Presentation to Council (copy attached).

Mr. Samson indicated that they were seeking funding from the Municipality in the amount of \$20,000 for a feasibility study, noting that they will be contributing \$5,000 and will be approaching ECBC for \$20,000.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council table the funding request from St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre in the amount of \$20,000 to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

Notice of Motion - Warden Boudreau: To rescind the motion made on September 13, 2010 to adopt the attached "Policy for Certain Infrastructure Funding Requests"(previously known as the "Policy for Participation in Private and Public Infrastructure Projects"), and have the monies put into economic development (Policy attached as Appendix "A")

Deputy Warden Martell assumed Chair of the Meeting.

Moved by Warden Boudreau, seconded by Councillor David to rescind the motion made on September 13, 2010 to adopt the attached "Policy for Certain Infrastructure Funding Requests"(previously known as the "Policy for Participation in Private and Public Infrastructure Projects"), and have the monies put into economic development (Policy attached as Appendix "A"). Motion carried. (1 Nay – Councillor Marchand)

First Reading Approval: to adopt By-Law #58, By-Law Respecting the Repeals of Certain By-Laws, which will repeal the following By-Laws (attached as Appendix "B")

- By-Law #1, Interpretation By-Law;
- By-Law #2, Proceedings of Council By-Law (a new policy will be developed for Council review);
- By-Law #4, Committees and Boards By-Law;
- By-Law #5, Municipal Officers By-Law;
- By-Law #6, Municipal Business By-Law;
- By-Law #7, Municipal Property and Streets By-Law;
- By-Law #9, Fire and Explosives By-Law;
- By-Law #10, Anti-Litter By-Law;
- By-Law #11, Curfew By-Law;
- By-Law #12, Regulation of Animals By-Law;
- By-Law #14, Tax on Commencing Business By-Law;
- By-Law #15, Auctioneers, Peddlers, Hawkers and Traders of Goods By-Law;
- By-Law #16, Automatic and Automatic Vending Machines By-Law;

- By-Law #18, Junk Dealers By-Law;
- By-Law #19, Photographers By-Law;
- By-Law #21, Retail Business Uniform Closing Day By-Law;
- By-Law #22, Trailers By-Law;
- By-Law #23, Mobile Home Park By-Law;
- By-Law #24, Improvement Charges By-Law.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council give first reading approval to adopt By-Law #58, By-Law Respecting the Repeals of Certain By-Laws (attached as Appendix “B”). Motion carried.

### Committee Reports:

#### Committee of the Whole Report – May 2011

Deputy Warden Martell presented the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of May 2011.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and contribute \$1,000 towards the “Farewell to Nova Scotia Breakfast” at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be directed to allow Richmond Academy access to the Richmond Arena in the event of an emergency evacuation. Motion carried.

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

- \$500, St. John’s Anglican Church, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #1, #3 and #4;
- \$ 8,000, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #150, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4;
- \$500, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$100, Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$20,000, Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4;
- \$100, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;

- \$ 2,000, Harbour Authority of Little Harbour, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$500, Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$200, Little Anse Sampsons Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$100, Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$300, St. Hyacinths Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$2,000, Dr. W.B. Kingston Clinic, Municipal District Activity Fund, All Districts;
- \$20,000, Isle Madame New Horizons Senior Citizens Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond County support La Picasse by allowing the use of the Municipal Crest for a tourism press release. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the CAO and amend the Travel Expense Policy to use the average of the federal and provincial mileage rates, along with increasing each meal allowance by \$5, with the changes to be effective April 1, 2011, thus allowing for retroactive adjustments for the current fiscal year. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve a loan guarantee in the amount of \$300,000 for the St. Peter's and District Volunteer Fire Department conditional on the clearance from the Department of Environment being provided.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the motion be amended and that "conditional on the clearance from the Department of Environment being provided" be removed from the previous motion. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council approve a loan guarantee in the amount of \$73,000 to the St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility. Motion carried.

Councillor Beaton declared a conflict of interest because of his employment with the Strait Area Transit, and removed himself from discussions. 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 funding request made by the Strait Area Transit in the amount of \$15,584. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond Municipal Council sponsor the Drive for Literacy event as done in previous years and that Mr. Darrin McLean be requested to organize the teams for the event. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council approve the adoption of the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of May 2011. Motion carried.

#### Planning Advisory Committee Report – May 2011

Councillor McNamara presented the Planning Advisory Committee Report for the month of May 2011.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give First Reading Approval to adopt the Isle Madame Plan Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law, attached as Appendix “A”; and further moved that Council establish a Public Hearing date of 6:30 p.m., June 20, 2011 in the Municipal Office Council Chambers. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that that Council accept the adoption for the Committee of the Whole report for the month of May 2011. Motion carried.

#### Correspondence

(a) Eastern District Planning Commission re:

(i) Property of Robert Vincent MacDonald and Donna Marie MacDonald, 9928 Grenville Street, St. Peter’s

The CAO reported that the property has been demolished at a cost of \$3,800 plus tipping fees and HST.

(ii) Property of Thomas Nicholas Richard, 124 Boudreauville Road, Boudreauville

For information.

(iii) Property of J. Garvey Clannon and Carmella Clannon, 49 Boudreauville Road, Boudreauville

For information.

(b) Hon. Jamie Baillie, Leader, Progressive Conservative Party of Nova Scotia re: Termination of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government and U.N.S.M.

It was noted that this issue would be Rural Caucus item at the upcoming UNSM conference.

(c) Development Isle Madame re: Request for Funding

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the funding request from DIMA in the amount of \$15,000 be tabled to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

(d) Early Childhood Resource Centre/Child Care Connection re: Request to Proclaim June, 2011 as “Child Care Awareness Days” Month in Richmond County

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council Proclaim June, 2011 as “Child Care Awareness Days” Month in Richmond County. Motion carried.

#### Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Johnson re: update from the Bras D’Or Lakes Biosphere Committee.

Councillor Johnson provided an update from the Committee regarding their progress towards the biosphere designation (copy of correspondence attached).

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council send a letter of congratulations to the Bras D’Or Lakes Biosphere Committee and in particular Mr. Jim Foulds and Dr. Theresa MacNeil for all of the work and dedication towards having the Bras D’Or Lakes designated as a biosphere reserve. Motion carried.

#### Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

#### In-Camera Session

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

An In-Camera session was held to discuss a financial issue.

Warden Boudreau re-convened the Regular Meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council approve the funding request from the Strait Highlands RDA in the amount of \$5,760 per

year for a two year period for Milestone 4 of the Green Energy Plan, conditional on the SHRDA providing the Municipality with confirmation of funding, from the other partners involved, for the remainder of these costs. 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 9:20 p.m.