

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE 47TH COUNCIL

JUNE 20, 2011

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden J. Boudreau, Deputy Warden A. Martell
Councillor V. David, Councillor B. Marchand,
Councillor M. Beaton, Councillor G. Boucher,
Councillor S. McNamara, Councillor S. MacNeil,
Councillor S. Sampson.

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 Councillors.

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor Johnson sent her regrets that she is not able to attend tonight's meeting.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor David that the agenda be adopted as circulated. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: May 9, 2011

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Sampson that minutes of May 9, 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

- (a) Presentations re: "Move it Richmond" Logo Contest

Mrs. Colette Sampson-MacLean provided some background on her position as well as the Move It Richmond Logo contest.

Mrs. Sampson-MacLean presented five honorable mentions to Keigan Joyce, Ruth Sutherland, Payton Robinson, Aurora Doucette and Jessica Morrison, as well as the first place award to Brandon Young-Kenpkee.

(b) Les Pieds au Vol re: Merci

Jeanelle and Lauren Boudreau thanked Council for their donation towards their dance group exchange program to the North West Territories and presented a token of appreciation (picture and card) to Warden Boudreau and the CAO.

Warden Boudreau re: Congratulatory Resolutions:

- Lieutenant Governor's Medal Winners for 2011

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that be it resolved that Council, on behalf of all councilors and all citizens of the County of Richmond, hereby offer sincere congratulations to Cody Marchand, Nicole Sampson, Tyson Pierce and Micayla Matthews in honor of being awarded the "Lieutenant Governor's Medal's" as our top grade 11 students, for the 2011 school year. Motion carried.

- Nova Scotia Power of Positive Change Award Winner

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Marchand that be it resolved that Council, on behalf of all councilors and all citizens of the County of Richmond, hereby offer sincere congratulations to Charcy Britten-Boudreau in honor of being awarded the Nova Scotia "Power of Positive Change Award" for the 2010-11 school year. Motion carried.

Annual Reports:

(a) Mr. John Bain, Director, Eastern District Planning Commission
re: 2010-2011 Annual Report and Financial Statements

Mr. Bain provided Council with a report of the activities of the Eastern District Planning Commission over the past 12 months.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Bain for his presentation.

(b) Committee of the Whole

Councillor Sampson presented the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of June 2011.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and support the Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue Association in being classified as an emergency service provider. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval of the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2012 in the amount of \$13,286,673 (copy of budget attached as Appendix "A");

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$7,105,925 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2012, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of .75¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$2.01; which rates said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18 percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30th day of September, 2011 as the day on which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid. Motion carried. (1 nay – Councillor MacNeil)

Councillor MacNeil expressed concern regarding the inequities with the fire protection charges within Richmond and indicated that he could not support the budget because of this.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and approve the following area rates, along with the St. Peter's VSA rate conditional on them providing the rate by July 31, 2011 and that a clause be communicated to all groups that any rates submitted beyond July of each year will not be collectable:

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| St. Peter's Fire Department | .09¢ |
| West Bay Road Fire Department | .10¢ |
| L'Ardoise Fire Department | .16¢ |
| Grand River Fire Department | .15¢ |
| Loch Lomond Fire Department | .12¢ |
| Louisdale Fire Department | .10¢ |
| Framboise – Fourchu Fire Department | .15¢ |
| Isle Madame Fire Department | .11¢ |
| District #10 Fire Department | .15¢ |
| Louisdale Sidewalks | .10¢ |
| District #2 Community Rate | .04¢ |
| District #4 Community Rate | .05¢ |

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and declare the month of September, 2011 as “Continuing Care Month” in the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grants be approved:

- \$200, Richmond Academy, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$150, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$300, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$300, Isle Madame Tourism and Trade Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$1,000, D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$300, Isle Madame Tourism and Trade Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$260, Richmond Academy Youth Health Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$1,000, Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$250, Soci t  Petit de Grat Beautification Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$300, St. Joseph's C.W.L., Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$1, 000, St. Louis Parish (Baraco Days), Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$500, Louisdale Girl Guides, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000, Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000, St. Louis Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6.

- \$500, Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$200, Petit De Grat Red Caps, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$200, Isle Madame Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$276, D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$800, Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$600, Janvrin's Island Community Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$15,000, Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$3,434.77, St. Francis De Sales Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$250, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$5,169.73, River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;
- \$318.65, Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3.

Motion carried.

Councillor Beaton declared a conflict of interest with regards to the funding request from Strait Area Transit because of his employment, and removed himself from discussion and voting on this item.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the funding request in the amount of \$200 be taken from general revenue and provided to Strait Area Transit for a lunch during a strategic planning exercise. Motion carried

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and move forward with the loan request from the St. Peter's & Area Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$300,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Director of Public Works, and agree to a 5% increase for both Richmond County Truckers Association rates and revisit the rates in three month intervals. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that financial assistance be

provided to the recipient of the Mobius Award to attend the awards ceremony as per the county travel policy. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be authorized to move the Richmond Rural Environmental Management Project forward and report back to Council in the Fall of 2011 with project specifics. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the CAO write to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and indicate that the Municipality of the County of Richmond is not interested in obtaining ownership of the former Nova Scotia Liquor Commission building. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Council move the Wellness Centre project forward in terms of Council and staff (as determined by the CAO), to participate at the table in further discussion for potential development of this project. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the D'Escousse Wastewater Management Project be added to the Capital List. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff prepare a "Request for Proposal" to determine if there are interested persons who would like to purchase the former St. Peter's School property; and the proposal should include a deposit and property plan, as well as other conditions to ensure the property would be developed. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and approve a five year Capital Investment Plan for the year ending March 31, 2012 to include the Hospital Road Sewer Extension; the West Arichat Sewer; the Louisdale Water Plant; the D'Escousse Sewer System and the new Excavator at the Landfill. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Municipality's Administrator for Dangerous and Unsightly Premises and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to the following property owners; and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council, instructing that the buildings 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:

- Abraham Sampson, Grandique Road, Martinique, PID # 75097287/Assessment Account #03886905;
- Abraham Sampson and Blanche Sampson, 1723 Grandique Road, Martinique, PID #75003822/Assessment Account #07935951;
- Canada Adventure Resort Ltd, 10320 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, PID #75058107/Assessment Account #01979973;
- Eduard Steininger, Highway #4 Cannes, PID #75019968/Assessment Account #02483262;
- Gerard Birrette, 12 Barrett Road, Lower L'Ardoise, PID #75067033/Assessment Account #00328936;
- Viola Burke Coltman, 1007 Veterans Memorial Drive, Arichat, PID #75001792/ Assessment Account #01432133;
- William Murphy, 22 Boucher Lane, River Bourgeois, PID #75047571/ Assessment Account #03431126;

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and order two fireworks shows, in the same amount as last year; one being presented over the Arichat Harbour and the other being presented over the St. Peter's Bay. Councillors from both the Island and Mainland will contribute towards the shows from their annual allocation. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Administrative Officer and allow an employee the opportunity to retire early, under a plan presented by the CAO and accepted by Council, due to health issues and that the CAO be authorized to replace this employee. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the CAO and issue a merit increase to staff for the 2011-2012 fiscal year in accordance with the present personnel policy. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor David that the Committee of the Whole for the month of June 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

(c) Audit Committee

Councillor MacNeil presented the Audit Committee Report for the month of June 2011.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and that the audit report and financial statements of the Municipality for the year ended March 31, 2011 be accepted as presented by the Auditors and the Chief Financial Officer. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council adopt the annual report of the Audit Committee. Motion carried.

(d) Physician Recruitment Committee

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

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the report of the Physician recruitment Committee for the month of June 2011. Motion carried.

(e) Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO presented a Power Point Presentation to Council (copy attached) highlighting activities and accomplishments of each department over the past 10 months in his position as CAO.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the CAO's report be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

(f) Warden

Warden John Boudreau provided Council with a verbal report highlighting the activities over the past 12 months.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the Warden's Report be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

(g) Others, if any

Second Readings:

(a) To adopt the Isle Madame Plan Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use ByLaw (attached as Appendix "A")

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor David that Municipal Council give Second Reading approval to adopt the Isle Madame Plan Area Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use ByLaw (attached as Appendix "A"). Motion carried.

(b) 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;
- 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 Boucher, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Municipal Council give Second 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;
- 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;
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- 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.

Motion carried.

Notice of Motion - Councillor Marchand: to adopt the Municipal Vehicle Use Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (attached as Appendix "C")

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor David that Council adopt the Municipal Vehicle Use Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (attached as Appendix "C"). Motion carried.

Annual Appointment: Signing Officers (Chief Administrative Officer and Warden; with Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Warden as alternates)

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor David that Council appoint the Chief Administrative Officer and Warden as signing officers, with Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Warden as alternates. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Hon. David Wilson, Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage re: Amendments to the Heritage Property Act

For information

- (b) Strait Regional School Board re: Mandatory Municipal Education Tax for the 2011-12 Fiscal Year

For information.

- (c) Mr. Richie Mann re: Richie Mann Invitational Golf Tournament

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council support the Richie Mann Invitational Golf Tournament at the same level as last year. Motion carried.

- (d) Canada World Youth re: Request to Proclaim October 17-23, 2011 as "Canada World Youth" Week

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council proclaim October 17-23, 2011 as "Canada World Youth" Week. Motion carried.

- (e) Mrs. Tracy Randall re: Grant Requests:

- Richmond Academy Givin'R CD Project, Municipal District Activity Fund, All Districts (\$1,000);
- South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$1,000);
- South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$1,322.92)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the following grant request be approved:

- Richmond Academy Givin'R CD Project, Municipal District Activity Fund, All Districts (\$1,000);
- South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$1,000);
- South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$1,322.92)

Motion carried.

(f) CAO re: Capital Projects at Richmond Waste Management Facility

The CAO reviewed correspondence from the Director of Public Works regarding two capital projects; an expansion to the compost facility at the Landfill and the proper capping of the old landfill site.

It was noted that this piece of correspondence was missing from the Council Package database.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor McNamara that this item be permitted to be added to the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the CAO and that municipal staff be permitted to proceed with the an expansion to the compost facility at the Landfill and the proper capping of the old landfill site. Motion carried.

Introduction of New Director of Recreation, Leisure and Community Relations

The CAO introduced Mrs. Josette Marchand, the new Director of Recreation, Leisure and Community Relations for the Municipality.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

“In-Camera” session re: Contract

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

Warden Boudreau re-convened the Regular Session at 9:06 p.m.

Moved by Councillor McNamara seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and that the project budget for the Hospital Road/Spruce Tree Drive Evanston Sewer/Water Project be increased to \$595,000 to provide for water main and gravel access road components and further moved that the Chief Financial Officer be directed to provide an appropriate financing method for this project as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and that the tender submission from Eddy MacKay Contracting in the amount of \$499,695.00 for construction services for the Hospital Road/Spruce Tree Drive Evanston Sewer/Water Project be accepted and that Municipal Staff be authorized to execute the associated construction contract with Eddy MacKay Contracting. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boucher and Seconded by Councillor Sampson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER