

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 11, 2011

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Warden Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

The C.A.O. took roll call of Councillors.

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor MacNeil sent his regrets.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Warden Boudreau indicated that the CAO wished to add New Page Status Update.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Deputy Warden Martell that the agenda be approved with the item added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: September 12, 2011

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor David that the minutes of September 12, 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Cape Breton Partnerships (Keith MacDonald) re: Integrated Strategic Economic Framework

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Keith MacDonald to the meeting.

Mr. MacDonald presented a power point presentation on the Cape Breton Partnerships Integrated Strategic Economic Framework (Copy attached).

A question period ensued.

(b) Nova Scotia SPCA (Kristin Williams) re: Program Overview

Warden Boudreau welcomed Ms. Kristin Williams.

Ms. Williams presented a power point presentation on the Nova Scotia SPCA Program overview (copy attached).

A question period ensued.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

Deputy Warden Martell presented the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of October 2011 (copy attached).

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Municipality's Administrator for Dangerous and Unightly Premises and of the Committee of the Whole and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to Mathilda Forgeron and Cornelius Bonin, 1002 Highway 206, West Arichat (PID #75189209; AAN #01541595) 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. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and of the Committee of the Whole and tender the former St. Peter's School building for demolition and that the tender specify the removal of the foundation and oil tanks; and further moved that the remaining parcel of land be sold in an attempt to recover as much of the costs associated with the demolition as possible. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Martell gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the Dr. W.B. Kingston Memorial Clinic, Account #10286352.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Committee of the Whole and approve a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$160,335, to be amortized over a ten year period, for the L'Ardoise Volunteer Fire department to purchase a (2012) 500 gallon pumper truck. Motion carried.

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

- \$200, Friends of Isle Madame Provincial Park Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$100, Friends of Isle Madame Provincial Park, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$2,500, West Bay Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$500, River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$500, Lakeside Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$1,100, Richmond County Literacy Network, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$2,572.86, Holy Guardian Angels Parish Council, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the grant request submitted by the Bras D'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve Association, from various Municipal District Activity Funds, in the amount of \$3,500 and that an additional \$1,500 be contributed from general revenue. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and of the Committee of the Whole and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to the property owner, Pirkko Nurmi, 8079 Highway 4, Cannes, River Bourgeois, Richmond County (PID #75043000; AAN #00506206); 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 sixty (60) 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 Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be authorized to proceed with a three year contract for curbside collection and monitor the statistics in order to make an informed decision on the possibility of doing green waste collection. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the ballots for the election of Deputy Warden be destroyed as soon as it is determined that a candidate has been selected by majority vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept Warden Boudreau's report on the review and make-up of Council Committees. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the CAO be authorized to sell municipal property in the Richmond County Industrial Park to the proponent at the appraised value, with conditions that specify a twelve month building period; and further moved that the interested proponent be free of any outstanding municipal arrears, if any exists. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of October 2011 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) New Page Questions and Answers (For information purposes)

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- (b) Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities re: Request for Financial Contribution Towards the Ken Simpson Municipal Lecture Series Fund

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Richmond County Municipal Council provide a onetime financial contribution, in the amount of \$1,000, towards the Ken Simpson Municipal Lecture Series Fund, and that the funds be taken from general revenue. Motion carried.

Items Added:

1. CAO re: New Page Status Update

For information purposes.

Council Election: Deputy Warden

Warden Boudreau thanked Deputy Warden Martell for his past year of service.

Warden Boudreau opened the floor for nominations for the position of Deputy Warden for 2011-2012.

Councillor Boucher nominated Councillor David for the position of Deputy Warden.

Councillor David accepted the nomination.

Councillor McNamara nominated Councillor Johnson for the position of Deputy Warden.

Councillor Johnson accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that nominations cease. Motion carried.

After the count of the ballots, Councillor David was declared elected as the Deputy Warden.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER