

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 21, 2013

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden S. Sampson, Councillor V. David,
Councillor R. Samson, Councillor M. Beaton
Councillor A. Martell, Councillor S. McNamara
Councillor B. Marchand, Councillor G. Boucher
Councillor S. MacNeil, Councillor G. Johnson

Warden Sampson 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.

Items Added to the Agenda:

There were no items added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: December 17, 2012

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of December 17, 2012 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Presentation to Landry Brothers re: 50th Anniversary

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that:

WHEREAS Landry Brothers Limited is an important and valued member of the Richmond County business community;

AND WHEREAS Landry Brothers Limited is celebrating its 50th year of excellent customer service in plumbing, heating, electrical and ventilation to the residents of Richmond County;

AND WHEREAS Landry Brothers' founders Narcisse Landry and Bennie Landry started their business in a basement, working hard to ensure its growth and success;

AND WHEREAS Landry Brothers, now owned and operated by Paul Landry, employs 24 people;

AND WHEREAS this Council recognizes that strong economic drivers make for strong communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of the County of Richmond herewith officially recognizes and offers its gratitude to Landry Brothers Limited for its tremendous achievements on behalf of the citizens and communities of our great county.

Motion carried.

(b) Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia re: Update

Warden Sampson indicated that there was no one present on behalf of the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia to provide the update.

(c) Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association re: Update

Warden Sampson welcomed Dr. Teresa MacNeil to the meeting.

Dr. Teresa MacNeil gave a PowerPoint presentation to Council to provide an update on the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association (Copy attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Sampson thanked Dr. Teresa MacNeil for her presentation.

(d) Economic Development re: Update

The CAO indicated that the Economic Development Update has been postponed until a future Council meeting due to staff illness.

Insights Television Production

The CAO presented an Insights Television Production featuring Richmond County.

CAO/Eastern District Planning Commission re: Scotian WindFields Variance Information

Warden Sampson welcomed Mr. John Bain and Mr. Nathan MacLeod of the Eastern District Planning Commission to the meeting.

Mr. Bain and Mr. MacLeod provided information to Council detailing the Scotian WindField's variance information (copy attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council approve the request for a variance from Scotian WindField. Motion carried.

Review of Draft Municipal Records Management and Destruction Policy

Councillor David gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to adopt the Municipal Records Management and Destruction Policy as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond.

Committee Reports:

Committee of the Whole:

Deputy Warden Martell presented the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole (copy attached).

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and the proposal from Université St. Anne in the amount of \$13,000 plus HST be accepted in order to move forward and complete the Municipal Climate Action Plan. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the funding request by the Village of St. Peter's, under the Federal Gas Tax Distribution Program, for work completed to rebuild the Strachan Cove lift station in the amount of \$36,527.29 be approved. 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 following grant requests:

- \$600 to Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1, #2, #3, #4;
- \$500 to United Church of Canada, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$500 to West Bay Pastoral Charge, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$2,500 to West Bay Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$500 to St. John the Baptist Church CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$550 to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 47, Municipal District Activity Fund, District#7;
- \$15,000 to St. Peter's Economic Development Organization (SPEDO) Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8;

Motion carried.

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

Renewable Energy Committee

Councillor Johnson presented the report of the Renewable Energy Committee (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the report for the Renewable Energy Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Wastewater Management Committee

Councillor Beaton presented the report of the Wastewater Management Committee (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the Richmond Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Wastewater Management Committee and that the following steps be implemented:

- 1) An information brochure be prepared for distribution in District # 3 and 4 – we are looking for a group of approximately 6 – 10 homes/businesses in one area.
- 2) A request for proposals be issued for appropriate technology.

- 3) A voluntary pump out program be implemented in both communities – with staff bringing such a proposed program along with guidelines to the committee and to Council for approval.
- 4) Staff procure and obtain the proper GIS technology for use in mapping all septic systems and wells in both districts.
- 5) Town hall meetings be set up in both districts to provide information to the residents.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the report for the Wastewater Management Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Premier Darrell Dexter re: Jobs and Building Plan

It was noted that Staff would contact Premier Dexter's office to inform them of the typographical error in addressing the correspondence.

- (b) Shannon Mury re: Grant Request – Immaculate Conception Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$250)

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Richmond County Municipal Council accept the grant request put forth by Immaculate Conception Parish Council in the amount of \$250, with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4. Motion carried.

- (c) Vitalité Isle Madame re: Project Funding

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the request for the release of the first installment funding in the amount of \$100,000 be released to Vitalité Isle Madame. Motion carried.

Items Added:

There were no items added to the agenda.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery.

In-Camera

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

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the meeting reconvene to regular session. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER