

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 25, 2013**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden S. Sampson, Councillor R. Samson  
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 7:22 p.m and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

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

Warden Sampson noted that Councillor David and Councillor Beaton were unable to attend.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Warden Sampson indicated that there were no items added to the agenda.

Councillor Johnson requested and received unanimous consent to add an item regarding snow removal during the last winter storm.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the agenda be approved with the item added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: February 25, 2013

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the minutes of February 25, 2013 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

(a) Efficiency Nova Scotia re: Home Energy Assessment Program

Warden Sampson welcomed Mr. Bill Turpen, Mr. Dave Corning and Ms. Amy Brown to the meeting.

Mr. Turpen, Mr. Corning and Ms. Brown presented a PowerPoint presentation on behalf of Efficiency Nova Scotia regarding the Home Energy Assessment Program (copy attached).

A discussion period ensued.

Warden Sampson thanked Mr. Turpen, Mr. Corning and Ms. Brown for their presentation.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Richmond Municipal Council engage the Renewable Energy Committee to work with Efficiency Nova Scotia to study renewable energy options and propose a project for the residents of Richmond County. Motion carried.

(b) Lobsters R Us

Warden Sampson welcomed Mr. Blair Martell to the meeting.

WHEREAS Lobsters 'R' Us Seafood located in Lower L'Ardoise is an important and valued member of the Richmond County business community;

AND WHEREAS Lobsters 'R' Us is a modern storage and marine facility since 2004;

AND WHEREAS Lobsters 'R' Us participated in a project with Efficiency Nova Scotia that advanced the development of new energy efficient techniques;

AND WHEREAS Lobsters 'R' Us innovative live storage is projected to save over \$90,000 in electrical costs;

AND WHEREAS Lobsters 'R' Us technologies will lower operating costs and result in a more sustainable operation and a better economic outlook for surrounding communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Municipality of the County of Richmond recognizes Efficiency Nova Scotia's Bright Business 2012 "Rising Star

Award” as Lobsters ‘R’ Us and offers Congratulations for continued future success in the years ahead.

Motion carried.

(c) Strait Area Transit re: Update on Services/Financial Plan

Warden Sampson indicated that this item would be discussed “In-Camera”.

CAO re: By-Law Addressing the Development of Wind Energy

For information purposes.

Second Reading Approval: To approve the amendment of the Land Use By-Law for the Municipality of the County of Richmond Addressing the Development of Wind Energy by rezoning a 0.95 hectare portion of a property located in Martinique, Richmond County (PID 75194688) from Development (GD-1) to the Wind Development (WD-1) (attached as Appendix “A”):

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Richmond Municipal Council give Second Reading Approval to amend the Land Use By-Law for the Municipality of the County of Richmond Addressing the Development of Wind Energy by rezoning a 0.95 hectare portion of a property located in Martinique, Richmond County (PID 75194688) from Development (GD-1) to the Wind Development (WD-1) (attached as “A”). Motion defeated. (Ayes: 4; Councillor Johnson, Councillor McNamara, Councillor Samson, Warden Sampson; Nays: 4; Deputy Warden Martell, Councillor Boucher, Councillor MacNeil, Councillor Marchand).

Committee Reports:

(a) 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 Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Gregory and Mary Rude, 3661 Highway 206, Haut De Le Baie, NS, (PID #75011015; AAN # 01415298), and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the house 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 Committee of the Whole and that the CAO and staff translate and implement Council's priorities through:

Annual Budget and Business Plan

- a. Annual Budget and Business Plan
- b. Annual CAO Performance Plan & Staff Performance Plans

and that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism's two current strategies, Tourism Strategy and Shop Right Campaign be added to the priorities list; and further moved that the Port Authority be removed from the set priorities. 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 appointments be approved:

- Administrator – Dangerous and Unsightly Premises: John Bain  
Alternate: Sean Donovan
- Building Inspector: Leon Leblanc  
Alternates: Harry Martell, Cyril Leblanc, David MacKenzie and Alfred Fougere
- Development Officer: Andrew Jones  
Alternates: John Bain, Wanda Ryan and Beth Schumacher
- Fire Inspector: Leon Leblanc  
Alternates: Sean Donovan, Harry Martell and Cyril Leblanc

Motion carried.

Councillor Marchand requested and received unanimous consent to contribute an additional \$119 to the \$600 proposed from District #6 for the Richmond Skate Club for a total of \$719.

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

- \$719 to Richmond Skate Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$1,800 to Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4.

Motion carried.

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

b) Wastewater Management Committee

Deputy Warden Martell presented the monthly report of the Alternative Wastewater Management Committee (copy attached).

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the monthly report of the Alternative Wastewater Management Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

CAO re: Seaside Wireless High Speed

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Joint Undertaking proposed by Seaside Wireless High Speed be referred to the Fire Protection Services Committee for review. Motion carried.

Correspondence

- a) Director of Public Works (Chris Boudreau) re: Compost Supply –  
Richmond Waste Management Facility

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and provide compost to the residents of Richmond County and charge loading fees only, when applicable. Motion carried.

- b) Director of Public Works (Chris Boudreau) re: 2013 Heavy Collection

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and commence the Spring Heavy Garbage Collection May 27, 2013 until June 21, 2013; and further moved that the Fall Heavy Garbage Collection commence September 3, 2013 until September 27, 2013. Motion carried.

- c) Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re:

- (i) Surplus Land Notification at or near Grande Anse;
- (ii) Surplus Land Notification at or near Soldier's Cove

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Staff write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal acknowledging that Richmond County has no interest in the surplus lands located at or near Grand Anse or Soldier's Cove. Motion carried.

d) River Bourgeois Mariner Society re: Request for Property Tax Exemption

Councillor Boucher 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 River Bourgeois Mariner Society. Motion carried.

e) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests:

- Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$400);
- Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$400);
- St. Peter's Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$744.80);
- Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$500).

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

- \$400 to Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$400 to Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$744.80 to St. Peter's Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$500 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10.

Motion carried.

#### Items Added to the Agenda

1. Councillor Johnson re: snow removal during the last winter storm

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that the

timeframe for snow removal after a winter storm be revisited for rural areas as it relates to secondary roads. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Ms. Gina Boudreau addressed Council on a matter relating to the agenda.

Mrs. Jean Boudreau addressed Council on a matter relating to the agenda.

Mr. Sedrick Hughes addressed Council on a matter relating to the agenda.

In-Camera

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting proceed to “In-Camera” session at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 9:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

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CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER