

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 27, 2013

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Deputy Warden Martell 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.

Deputy Warden Martell indicated that Warden Sampson was unable to attend.

Items Added to the Agenda:

There were no items added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes:

- a) March 25, 2013 - Public Hearing
- b) April 22, 2013 - Regular Council

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the minutes of March 25, 2013 (Public Hearing) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of April 22, 2013 (Regular Council) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Second Reading Approval: Councillor Johnson - to repeal By-Law #25, Destruction of Documents (attached as Appendix "A")

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Richmond Municipal Council give second reading approval to repeal By-Law #25, Destruction of Documents (attached as Appendix "A"). Motion carried.

Second Reading Approval: Councillor Boucher - to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Account # 10289653 (attached as Appendix "B")

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that Richmond County Municipal Council give second reading approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Account # 10289653 (attached as Appendix "B"). Motion carried

CAO re:

- a) Personnel Policy Manual

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council approve the implementation of the amended Personnel Policy Manual, and further moved that staff commence training on the policy. Motion carried.

- b) Strategic Plan

For information purposes.

- c) Anadarko

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that staff write a letter to the current government requesting that the legislation regarding the Anadarko property be abolished AND FURTHER MOVED that pending response from the current government, a letter be written to other government parties requesting support for this request. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- (a) Committee of the Whole:

Councillor Beaton presented the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and of the Committee of the Whole and inform the Department of Energy that the Municipality will have full streetlight service

from Nova Scotia Power and focus on working with Nova Scotia Power to address issues relating to service. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the request for financial support from the Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park in the amount of \$1,500 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Councillor Malcolm Beaton be re-appointed as the representative to St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre Board of Directors for 2013-2014. Motion carried.

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

- \$1,800 to 824 Silver Dart Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$10,000 to Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$9,648.50 to L'Archeveque Wharf Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$5,454 to Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$2,000 to Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$300 to Grand River Seniors' Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$300 to Village on the Canal Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$10,000 to Saint Peter's Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8;
- \$250 to Immaculate Conception Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2014 in the amount of \$13,738,842;

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$7,815,600 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2014, 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 .77¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$2.07; 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, 2013 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.

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

Correspondence:

- a) Early Childhood Resource Centre re: “Child Care Awareness Month” (June 2013)

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the month of June 2013 be declared as Child Care Awareness Month. Motion carried.

- b) Micheline Savoury re: Thank You

For information purposes.

- c) Heart & Stroke Foundation re: “National Health and Fitness Day”;

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Samson that

WHERE AS Canada by nature offers abundant recreational and fitness opportunities through such things as our mountains, oceans, lakes, forests, parks and wilderness;

We as Canadians could therefore be the healthiest and fittest people on earth;

Participation rates in healthy physical activities have been declining;

We have public facilities to promote health and fitness;

Canadians recognize the growing concern over chronic disease and other impediments to health and fitness;

Health and fitness ought to be promoted for Canadians of all ages and abilities;

The first week of June is Environment Week in Canada, and walking and cycling are great ways to reduce vehicle pollution and encourage physical fitness; and

We all aspire to increase participation by Canadians in health, recreation sports and fitness activities;

THEREFORE Richmond Municipal Council proclaims the first Saturday in June as “National Health & Fitness day in the Municipality of the County of Richmond”.

Motion carried.

- d) Nova Scotia Community Services re: Appointment to the Board of the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority;

For information purposes.

- e) Social Action – Food Bank Committee (Holy Guardian Angels Pastoral Parish Council) re: Thank You;

For information purposes.

- f) West Arichat & District Village Circle Society re: Tax Exemption Request;

It was a consensus of Council that Staff research the property of the West Arichat & District Village Circle Society (Municipal Acct# 04176588) to ensure the group meets the guidelines to be added to the tax exemption list for non-profit groups and report back to Council in June.

g) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests

- Royal Canadian Legion St. Peter's Branch #47, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts (\$17,554.50);
- Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1 & #2 (\$2,500);
- St. Louis Parish - Barracos Days Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,500);
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #110, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9 (\$13,000);
- St. Louis Parish - Canada Day Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,000);
- Grand River Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$400);
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Women's League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- Lochside Cemetery Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$300).

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

- Royal Canadian Legion St. Peter's Branch #47, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts (\$17,554.50);
- Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1 & #2 (\$2,500);
- St. Louis Parish - Barracos Days Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,500);
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- St. Louis Parish - Canada Day Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,000);
- Grand River Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$400);
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Women's League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- Lochside Cemetery Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$300).

Motion carried.

Items Added:

There were no items added.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery.

In-Camera

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting proceed to “In-Camera” session at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Deputy Warden Martell adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER