

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE 48TH COUNCIL

JUNE 24, 2013

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden S. Sampson, Deputy Warden A. Martell,
Councillor R. Samson, Councillor M. Beaton,
Councillor S. McNamara, Councillor B. Marchand
Councillor G. Boucher, Councillor G. Johnson
Lindsay MacDonald, Solicitor

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.

Warden Sampson indicated that Councillor David and Councillor MacNeil were unable to attend.

Opening Remarks of the Warden:

Warden Sampson gave opening remarks highlighting the accomplishments of the past year.

Items Added:

Warden Sampson indicated that one item had been added to the agenda by the CAO regarding REN's.

Councillor McNamara requested and received unanimous consent to add an item regarding highway cleanup in Grantville.

The CAO requested that item 11 (b) on the agenda regarding the Two Year Capital Budget and By-Law #56 Addition be dealt with during the Finance Department Report.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: May 27, 2013:

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the minutes of May 27, 2013 by adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Annual Reports:

a) Committee of the Whole

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

Deputy Warden Martell noted that the District #4 Community Rate should be 0.05 rather than 0.15.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and that the following area rates be approved with the noted change:

- St. Peter's Fire Dept 0.09
- West Bay road Fire Dept. 0.10
- L'Ardoise Fire Dept. 0.16
- Grand River Fire Dept. 0.15
- Loch Lomond Fire Dept; 0.12
- Louisdale Fire Dept. 0.10
- Framboise-Fourchu Fire Dept. 0.15
- Isle Madame Fire Dept. 0.11
- District Ten Fire Dept. 0.15
- Louisdale Sidewalks 0.10
- District #2 Community Rate 0.04
- District #4 Community Rate 0.05
- St. Peter's Village Commission - collect whatever rate they establish, conditional on them providing their rate to the Municipality by July 31, 2013.

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 Tourism Strategy Development process begin by working with funding partners and community groups to establish it's movement forward AND FURTHER MOVED that staff accept a final report from Harvey Sawler and Dan Glenn AND FURTHER MOVED that the final report be presented to Council for approval in order to work with stakeholders to implement the strategy. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and reduce allowance for

commercial customers to 200 kg and implement stepped tipping fees for residents for weights up to 1 tonne after which standard tipping fees apply. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and implement the following tipping fee structure for the Solid Waste Management Facility:

Residual Solid Waste	\$85 per tonne
Sorted C&D Waste	\$40 per tonne
Unsorted C&D Waste	\$80 per tonne
Contaminated Organics (non-residential)	\$75 per tonne
Organics (non-residential)	\$25 per tonne
Recyclables	\$85 per tone

Motion carried.

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

- \$500 to Lakeside Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$500 to Adult Drop-In Centre for Mental Health, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$4,217.14 to River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7.

Motion carried.

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

b) Audit Committee

Councillor Marchand presented the monthly report of the Audit Committee (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor Marchand, 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, 2013 be accepted as presented by the Auditors and the Chief Financial Officer. Motion carried.

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

c) Departmental Reports

Mr. Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Mr. Stewart MacDonald, Director of Finance, Mrs. Josette Marchand, Director of Recreation, Leisure and Community Relations and Mr. Jeff Stanley, Director Economic Development and Tourism presented Power Point presentations highlighting the activities and accomplishments of each department. (Copies attached)

Chief Financial Officer re:

(i) Two Year Capital Budget

The CFO indicated that the 2 year Capital Plan had been amended to reflect the change in the PCAP project from the storage building to the sewer work.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that the amended Two Year Capital Budget be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

(ii) By-Law #56 - Addition

The CAO noted that the information provided by the West Arichat Village Circle Society (Account # 04176588) was reviewed and it was determined that they qualify as a non-profit organization under Schedule B of By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that notice be given to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law to include the property of the West Arichat Village Circle Society (Account # 04176588). Motion carried.

d) Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO thanked Council, Directors and Staff for the direction and support provided during the past year.

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

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

CAO re:

a) Solar PV

The CAO requested Council's approval that a letter be sent to the Province requesting that Solar PV be considered under COMFIT when making rule adjustments.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that staff write a letter to the Province requesting that Solar PV be considered under COMFIT when making rule adjustments. Motion carried.

b) FCM

The CAO noted that Mr. Lloyd Hines had resigned his seat on the FCM Board and stressed the importance of having representation from Rural Nova Scotia on this board. He also noted that Warden Sampson should give consideration to his name being forwarded to serve as a representative on the FCM Board.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Warden Sampson's name be put forward to serve as a representative on the FCM Board AND FURTHER MOVED that any expenses to Warden Sampson, associated with this representation, be reimbursed. Motion carried.

Strategic Plan:

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the Strategic Plan be approved. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: 2012-2013 Annual Report and Financial Statements;

For information purposes.

b) Chief Financial Officer re:

- (i) Two Year Capital Budget
- (ii) By-Law #56 Addition

Item was previously dealt with.

c) Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Upgrade – Trunk 4

The CAO noted that correspondence had been received from Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal indicating that a tender for the section of Trunk 4 had been issued with a June 18th closing date.

- d) Canada Post Communications re: Rural Mailbox Traffic Safety Review (D'Escousse & River Bourgeois);

For information purposes.

- e) The Beaton Benefit re: Thank You

For information purposes.

- f) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests

- 235 Arrow Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$500);
- Telile Community Television, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$1,000);
- Arichat Relay for Life, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$345);
- Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$200);
- Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$500);
- Friends of Strait Richmond Palliative Care, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$500);
- Calvin Presbyterian Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$1,265);
- Sacred Heart Ladies Group Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$3,500);
- IWK Community Pig Roast Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$3,000);
- Lakeside Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$500);
- St. Peter's Community Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$350);
- Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4 (\$1,000);

- Chapel Cove Wharf Preservation, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9 (\$1,500);
- St. Peter's Economic Development Organization, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$1,000).

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

- \$500 to 235 Arrow Royal Canadian Sea Cadets, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$1,000 to Telile Community Television, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$345 to Arichat Relay for Life, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$200 to Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$500 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$500 to Friends of Strait Richmond Palliative Care, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$1,265 to Calvin Presbyterian Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$3,500 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$3,000 to IWK Community Pig Roast Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$500 to Lakeside Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$350 to St. Peter's Community Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$1,000 to Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4;
- \$1,500 to Chapel Cove Wharf Preservation, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$1,000 to St. Peter's Economic Development Organization, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda:

The CAO noted that the Town of Port Hawkesbury, County of Inverness and other surrounding areas have decided not to be a part of a REN at this time. He also noted that there was an opportunity for Richmond County to be a part of a REN consisting of an equal number of seats between CBRM, Victoria and Richmond Counties.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Richmond County offer its membership in a new REN with an equal number of seats consisting of CBRM, Victoria County and Richmond County as its founding members. Motion carried.

Councillor McNamara requested that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr. Wally Morgan and the residents of the community of Grantville who aided in the cleanup process of a highway from Cleveland to Lower River.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that a letter of congratulations be sent to Mr. Wally Morgan and the residents of the community of Grantville who aided in the cleanup of a highway from Cleveland to Lower River. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery.

In-Camera

Moved by Councillor Boucher , seconded by Councillor Johnson that the meeting proceed to “In-Camera” session at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the cost of living agreement from 2012 be extended to 2013, as originally proposed. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the monthly payment of internet services for Councillors be changed to a monthly \$100 technology allowance retroactive to January 1, 2013.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER