

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 16, 2013**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden S. Sampson, Deputy Warden G. Johnson,  
Councillor V. David, Councillor M. Beaton,  
Councillor A. Martell, Councillor G. Boucher  
Councillor S. MacNeil

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 regrets were received from Councillor McNamara, Councillor Marchand and Councillor Samson.

**Items Added to the Agenda:**

The CAO requested and received unanimous consent to add the Tourism Workshop Series to the agenda.

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

**Review of Minutes: November 25, 2013**

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the minutes of November 25, 2013 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

**Presentations:**

- a) Jim Mustard (Municipality of Inverness) re: Local Food Economy;

Warden Sampson welcomed Mr. Jim Mustard and Mr. Dwayne MacDonald (Municipality of Inverness) to the meeting.

Mr. Mustard and Mr. MacDonald presented a power point presentation (copy attached).

Warden Sampson thanked Mr. Mustard and Mr. MacDonald for the presentation.

A discussion period followed.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor David that Municipal Council move forward with a memorandum of understanding with five municipalities (Inverness, Richmond, Victoria, Cape Breton and Port Hawkesbury) to support, in principle, the Pan Cape Breton Food Network; and FURTHER MOVED that the Municipality of Richmond County be represented on an advisory Board to direct the Network Coordinator's activities. Motion carried.

- b) Michelle Theriault (Université Sainte-Anne) re: Municipal Climate Change Action Plan;

Warden Sampson welcomed Mrs. Michelle Theriault and Mrs. Aleasha (Boudreau) David to the meeting.

Mrs. Theriault and Mrs. (Boudreau) David presented a power point presentation. (copy attached).

Warden Sampson thanked Mrs. Theriault and Mrs. (Boudreau) David for the presentation.

A discussion period followed.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan for the Municipality of the County of Richmond which was part of a condition of the Gas Tax Agreement and is required to be submitted to Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relation by December 31, 2013. Motion carried.

First Reading Approval: To amend By-Law #56 Tax Exemption By-Law to include the properties of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, Account # 01414631 and Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Account #'s 10278406, 10278414 and 10278422 (attached as Appendix "A")

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council give First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56 Tax Exemption By-Law to include the properties of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation, Account # 01414631 and Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Account #'s 10278406, 10278414 and 10278422 (attached as Appendix "A"). Motion carried.

Amendment of Land Sale Policy: Councillor Boucher: To amend the Land Sale Policy for the Municipality of Richmond County to include section 51A of the Municipal Government Act (attached as Appendix "B")

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that Municipal Council approve the amendment to the Land Sale Policy for the Municipality of Richmond County to include section 51A of the Municipal Government Act (attached as Appendix “B”). Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

a) Committee of the Whole

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and uphold the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to the property of Michelle Richards and George James Ginnell, 391 Shore Road, Lower L’Ardoise, Richmond County, (PID# 75068080), (AAN# 02777282) and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners. The Order should state to the owners that the building is to be demolished and all debris be removed and disposed of in the appropriate manner within sixty (60) days effective January 1, 2014. If the property owner fails to comply the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a contribution be made to the five local food banks in the amount of \$2,000 each; and FURTHER MOVED that the local food banks be invited to the December 16, 2013 Council Meeting for a cheque presentation. Motion carried.

Cheques in the amount of \$2,000 each were presented to the Isle Madame, Louisdale, St. Peter’s, L’Ardoise and Port Hawkesbury Food Banks.

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

- \$800, West Bay Pastoral Charge, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$25,000, Dr. W.B. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9;
- \$267.89, Saint Joseph’s Services, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 ;
- \$300, Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 ;
- \$250, Mi’Kmauwey School, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$2,128.13, Isle Madame Small Options Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1;

- \$9,000, Isle Madame Boat Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1;
- \$100, Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$500, Louisdale Lions Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$500, St. Louis CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000, Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a post retirement benefit be approved to enable the Municipal unit to provide pension benefits to the CFO of 1.3% to Yearly Maximum Pensionable Earnings and 2% on remainder based on the existing payment formula in our defined benefit pension plan and also to allow the Municipal Clerk and Data Processing Operator to receive a post retirement benefit equal to 3.08 years of unfunded pension service based on the existing payment formula in our defined benefit plan, with figures being provided by our pension carrier and that the benefit would include survivor benefits in accordance with the existing defined benefit plan and it is further moved that the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into any necessary agreements. Motion carried. (Ayes: 6; Nays: 1)

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

b) Planning Advisory Committee

Councillor MacNeil presented the monthly report of the Planning Advisory Committee (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the report and the recommendation from the Eastern District Planning Commission and the recommendation from the Planning Advisory Committee and approve First Reading to amend the St. Peter's Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law and further move that Council establish a Public Hearing to be held at 6:30 PM, January 27, 2014 in the Municipal Office, Council Chambers. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the monthly report of the Planning Advisory Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations to Local Food Banks:

Item was previously addressed.

CAO re: WREC:

The CAO noted that there were two interested parties as a result of the advertised Expression of Interest for the West Richmond Education Centre, as per a memo received from the Director of Public Works (attached).

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and that a committee, comprised of both Councillors and Staff, be created to establish evaluation criteria, evaluate the competing proposals and provide a recommendation to Council regarding the West Richmond Education Centre. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For information purposes:

- a) Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation re: Thank You

Action Required:

There was no “Action Required” correspondence.

Items Added to the Agenda:

The CAO noted that a series of 5 Tourism Workshops, to engage with the small business sector, would be held between January 16, 2014 and May 8, 2014 as part of the Tourism Strategy. He also noted that if anyone was interested in attending they could contact Robyn Mombourquette or Jeff Stanley.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery.

“In Camera” session, if required:

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting proceed to an “in camera” session at 8:20 PM.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that the meeting revert back to regular session at 8:33 p.m.

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Boucher that the meeting be adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

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CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER