

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2014

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Items Added to the Agenda:

There were no items added to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes: December 16, 2013(Regular Council)

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of December 16, 2013 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

Port Hawkesbury Paper (Marc Dube) re: Mill Update

Warden Sampson welcomed Mr. Marc Dube, Development Manager for Port Hawkesbury Paper, to the meeting.

Mr. Dube provided an update on Port Hawkesbury Paper.

A discussion period ensued.

Warden Sampson thanked Mr. Dube for his presentation.

Second 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 McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Richmond Municipal Council give second 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.

Second Reading to amend the St. Peter's Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law (attached as Appendix "B")

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that Richmond Municipal Council give second reading to amend the St. Peter's Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law (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 David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality move forward in advertising a "Request for Proposal" to acquire the services of an external consultant regarding the 2014 Municipal Boundary Review process. Motion carried.

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

- \$517.33 to the South Mountain Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7

Motion carried.

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

(b) Fire Services Committee

Councillor McNeil provided an update on the Fire Protection Services Committee (Copy attached).

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Fire Protection Services Committee report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Councillor Samson re: Petit de Grat Sidewalks Capital Project

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the Petit de Grat sidewalks project be added to the capital priorities list. This project is made up of two phases; phase I totaling \$2,449,000 and phase II totaling \$1,063,000 for a grand total of \$3,512,000; AND FURTHER MOVED that the Department of Recreation begin the process of developing an Active Transportation Strategy for the Municipality of the County of Richmond, subject to Council's approval; AND FURTHER MOVED that staff begin the process of outsourcing potential partnerships so that sidewalk projects may be considered in future budgets for funding. Motion carried.

CAO re:

(a) Efficiency Nova Scotia re: Low Income Homeowner Retrofit Program;

It was a consensus of Council that the CAO research Low Income Homeowner program options and invite Kevin MacCormick, Consultant for Efficiency Nova Scotia, to do a presentation to Council.

(b) Tourism

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor David that Richmond Municipal Council contribute one third of the required funding for the Tourism Strategy contingent on the Municipality securing the remaining two thirds from the Federal and Provincial Governments; AND FURTHER MOVED that the CAO and CFO be authorized to determine where the funds will come from. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes

- (a) Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development and Tourism re: Investment in the Municipality of the County of Richmond's Tourism Strategy;
- (b) Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations re: Capital Projects;
- (c) Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations re: Submission of Final Copy of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan for the Municipality of the County of Richmond;
- (d) Maxime Bernier (Minister of Tourism) re: Tourism Strategy;
- (e) Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation re: Application for Assistance under the Innovative Communities Fund;
- (f) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Operating Estimates for 2014-2015 Fiscal Year;

Action Required

- (a) Gina MacDonald re: Letter of Support for Club License for the Riverdale Community Center;

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Richmond Municipal Council authorize staff to write a letter indicating that the Riverdale Community Center is an organization that is in good standing in the community, with respect to their request for a permanent liquor license. Motion carried.

- (b) Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch and the 2014 Federal Budget;

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Richmond Municipal Council adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a stable and secure housing system that creates and maintains jobs and allows for a range of living options is essential to attracting new workers, meeting the needs of young families and supporting seniors and our most vulnerable citizens; and,

WHEREAS the high cost of housing is the most urgent financial issue facing Canadians with one in four people paying more than they can afford for housing, and mortgage debt held by Canadians now standing at just over \$1.1 trillion; and,

WHEREAS housing costs and, as the Bank of Canada notes, household debt, are undermining Canadians' personal financial security, while putting our national economy at risk; and,

WHEREAS those who cannot afford to purchase a home rely on the short supply of rental units, which is driving up rental costs and making it hard to house workers in regions experiencing strong economic activity; and,

WHEREAS an inadequate supply of subsidized housing for those in need is pushing some of the most vulnerable Canadians on to the street, while \$1.7 billion annually in federal investments in social housing have begun to expire; and,

WHEREAS coordinated action is required to prevent housing issues from being offloaded onto local governments and align the steps local governments have already taken with regard to federal/provincial/territorial programs and policies; and,

WHEREAS, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has launched a housing campaign, "Fixing Canada's Housing Crunch," calling on the federal government to increase housing options for Canadians and to work with all orders of government to develop a long-term plan for Canada's housing future; and,

WHEREAS FCM has asked its member municipalities to pass a council resolution supporting the campaign;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that council endorses the FCM housing campaign and urges the minister of employment and social development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of \$1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the minister noted above, to the Nova Scotia minister of Community Services, to MP Rodger Cuzner and to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Motion carried.

(c) Nova Scotia Agriculture (Office of the Minister) re: Designation under the Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act;

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Richmond Municipal Council not proceed with designation under the Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act. 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 Boucher that the meeting proceed to “In-Camera” session at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 8: 43 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER