

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 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 Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: January 27, 2014 (Public Hearing) and January 27, 2013(Regular Council)

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of January 27, 2014 (Public Hearing) and January 27, 2014 (Regular Council) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

- a) Isle Madame ATV Riders Association & East Coast Riders
re: ATV Rally

Warden Sampson welcomed Mr. Tony Pierce, President of the Isle Madame ATV Riders Association and Ms. Alicia David, Youth Representative, to the meeting.

Mr. Pierce and Ms. David gave a presentation.

Warden Sampson thanked Mr. Pierce and Ms. David for the presentation.

Warden Sampson welcomed Mr. Ewan MacDonald, President of the Coastal Riders ATV Club and Mr. Greg Sampson, Secretary, to the meeting.

Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Sampson gave a presentation.

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

- b) Efficiency Nova Scotia (Kevin McCormack) re: Low Income Homeowner Program

Warden Sampson welcomed Mr. Kevin McCormack and Mr. Donald Dodge to the meeting.

Mr. McCormack and Mr. Dodge gave a power point presentation. (copy attached).

Warden Sampson thanked Mr. McCormack and Mr. Dodge for the presentation.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter of support be sent to the Province and involved partners expressing concern regarding the lack of adequate cell and radio coverage in Framboise-Fourchu and surrounding areas. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the original grant request in the amount of \$1,000, by the Lakeside Community Association, District #8 Infrastructure Fund, approved at the June 25, 2012 Regular Council Meeting, be increased to \$2,744.12, due to additional expenditures during the project. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the original grant request in the amount of \$10,000 by the Lennox Passage Yacht Club, District #3 Infrastructure Fund, approved at the May 27, 2013 Regular Council Meeting, be increased to \$30,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that funding, under the Federal Gas Tax Distribution Program, in the amount of \$20,000 be awarded to the Village of St. Peter's for repairs to the sewer main on Pepperell Street. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the road name change from "Unnamed Road" to Old Sadies Road in Janvrin's Island (District #4) be approved, if it meets policy approval and receives the approval of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and the Eastern District Planning Commission; and further moved that this change be recognized for 911 purposes only and without responsibility on the Municipality's part to provide or maintain services. Motion carried.

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

- \$500 to River Bourgeois Seniors, Municipal District Activity Fund, District # 7;
- \$200 to Immaculate Conception Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$2,000 to Acadiaville Community Center Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$300 to Isle Madame ATV Riders, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$3,162 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$2,462.69 to Coastal Riders ATV Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9;
- \$300 to Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$1,150 to St. Peter's Scottish Dance Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$469 to Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$5,000 to Telile Community TV, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1;
- \$10,000 to East Coast Riders Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson (not seconded) that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the 2014 Heavy Garbage Pickup consist of only one scheduled pickup and that it be from May 5th to May 30th, 2014. Motion defeated.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of February 2014 be adopted. Motion carried.

(b) Fire Services Committee

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee to proceed with the Fire Service Risk Management program and award the Request for Proposal for Brokerage Services to MacCoy Insurance Limited at an annual cost of \$2,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee and that a Gorman-Rupp 4x4 pump and hoses be purchased from Sansom Equipment limited at a quoted price of \$13,322.72 plus HST for use by all Richmond County Volunteer Fire Departments AND FURTHER MOVE that the monies be taken from the Emergency Measures budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Fire Protection Services Committee report for the month of February 2014 be adopted. Motion carried.

(c) Planning Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that the appeals process, for dangerous and unsightly properties, be reviewed to ensure that appeals are dealt with by Council in a timely manner and in a specific timeframe. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that the Planning Advisory Committee resume regular monthly meetings and that educational components, specific to Richmond County, be included as part of future meeting agendas, as needed. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Planning Advisory Committee report for the month of February 2014 be adopted. Motion carried.

CAO re:

- a) One Nova Scotia re: The Report of the Nova Scotia Commission on Building Our New Economy

The CAO noted that a copy of the Ivany report from ONE NS had been distributed to each Councillor prior to the meeting. He also noted that Councillors were encouraged to read the report which included changes to local, provincial and federal government business in the coming years.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor McNamara that a committee be formed comprised of Council and Staff to review and discuss the information and recommendations contained in the Ivany Report. Motion carried.

b) Terms of Reference re: Governance and District Boundary Review

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that staff move forward with the Terms of Reference and advertise for a consultant for the 2014 Boundary Review. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes

- a) Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board re: 2014 Municipal Boundary Review;
- b) Town of Port Hawkesbury re: Lab Services;
- c) Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: The New Building Canada Plan;
- d) Economic and Rural Development and Tourism (Hon. Michel Samson) re: Thank you

Action Required

There was no “action required” correspondence.

Items Added:

There were no items added.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery.

In-Camera

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the meeting proceed to “In-Camera” session at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Councillor David declared a conflict and removed himself from the “in camera” session.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER