

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 24, 2014

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden S. Sampson, Deputy Warden G. Johnson
Councillor V. David, Councillor R. Samson
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.

Warden Sampson indicated that regrets were received by Councillor Beaton.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Warden Sampson indicated that three items were previously added. The CAO wished to add Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) regarding revised appointment for 2014-2015, a grant request from D'Escousse Civic Improvement and a grant request from St. Joseph's CWL.

The CAO noted that there was an omission in the appointments that were slated for approval in the Committee of the Whole Report; Mr. Sean Donovan is to be added as Assistant Building Inspector.

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

Review of Minutes: February 24, 2014

Councillor David noted that the minutes did not reflect that he declared a conflict of interest and therefore removed himself from the "In-Camera" meeting.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of February 24, 2014 be adopted with the noted correction. Motion carried.

Presentations:

- a) Celtic Colours International Festival (Joella Foulds) re: Update

Warden Sampson welcomed Ms. Foulds to the meeting.

Ms. Foulds provided an update on the Celtic Colours International Festivals (copy attached).

A discussion period ensued.

Warden Sampson thanked Ms. Foulds for the update.

Notice of Motion: To Amend the Core Community Organization Funding Policy to include the Potlotek School under Scholarships in the “Other” section of the Recurring Grants to Core Community Organizations (attached as Appendix “A”)

Deputy Warden Johnson gave notice that she will introduce a motion at the next council meeting to amend the Core Community Organization Funding Policy to include the Potlotek School under Scholarships in the “Other” section of the Recurring Grants to Core Community Organizations (attached as Appendix “A”).

First Reading Approval: Councillor David – To amend the Heritage Property By-Law #49 at section 5(b) by removing the words “shall take place at the annual meeting of Municipal Council” and inserting in their place the words “may take place at any regular meeting of Municipal Council” (attached as Appendix “B”)

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council give first reading approval to amend the Heritage Property By-Law #49 at section 5(b) by removing the words “shall take place at the annual meeting of Municipal Council” and inserting in their place the words “may take place at any regular meeting of Municipal Council” (attached as Appendix “B”). Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

- (a) Committee of the Whole:

Deputy Warden Johnson presented the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of March 2014.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff move forward with the

approval of the Internet and Electronic Communication Best Practice and the Password Best Practice and begin work on policies best suited to the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a new backhoe be purchased for the waste management facility using gas tax dollars. (Ayes: 5; Nays: 3 Councillor Boucher, Councillor David, Councillor Marchand) Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following EDPC Commission staff appointments be approved for 2014-2015:

- Administrator – Dangerous and Unsightly Premises: John Bain
Alternate: Sean Donovan
- Building Inspector: Leon Leblanc
Alternates: Harry Martell, Cyril Leblanc, David MacKenzie and Alfred Fougere
- Assistant Building Inspector: Sean Donovan
- Development Officer: Andrew Jones
Alternates: John Bain, Wanda Ryan and Beth Schumacher
- Fire Inspector: Leon Leblanc
Alternates: Sean Donovan, Harry Martell and Cyril Leblanc

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 requests be approved:

- \$13,497.50 to Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$500 to the Grand River Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$500 to River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;

- \$480 to Royal Canadian Legion, Br 150, Ladies Auxiliary, Municipal District Activity Fund, District # 1;
- \$100 to Telile Community Television, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$300 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$500 to St. Joseph's CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2.

Motion carried.

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

CAO re:

- a) Budget Update

The CAO provided an update on the 2014-2015 budget process, for information purposes.

A discussion period ensued.

Warden re:

- a) Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation

Warden Sampson provided an update on the recent changes concerning Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation.

For information purposes.

- b) Fall Business Summit

For Information purposes.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes

- a) Nova Scotia Power re: Integrated Resource Planning;

- b) Communities, Culture and Heritage (Office of the Minister) re: Richmond Tourism Strategy;
- c) Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations (Marvin MacDonald) re: Amendments to the St. Peter's Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law;
- d) Nova Scotia Tourism Agency re: Richmond County Tourism Strategy;
- e) Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations re: Municipal Services Division 2012-2013 Annual Update;
- f) Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation re: Thank You;
- g) Communities in Bloom re: 2014 Nova Scotia Edition of Communities in Bloom – Invitation;
- h) Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations (Marvin MacDonald) re: Amendments to the St. Peter's Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law;

Action Required

- a) The Nova Scotia Electric Vehicle Highway re: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for St. Peter's and Arichat;

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that staff proceed with the application to NS Moves for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in Richmond County. Motion carried.

- b) Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia re: Request for Support;

It was a consensus of Council that support, as a sponsor, be given for the two day conference "Old Stones – From Exploration to Preservation" scheduled to take place on May 24/25, 2014 dependent on participation from Richmond County residents.

c) Chief Financial Officer re:

(i) Deleted Accounts

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer to write-off the list of deleted accounts in the amount of \$53,236.65. Motion carried.

(ii) Gas Tax Addition

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and approve the funding for the Climate Change Action Plan through the gas tax fund for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014 in the amount of \$13,557. Motion carried.

d) Richmond County Literacy Network re: Drive Fore Literacy

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor David that Richmond County be a Literacy Champion Sponsor for the 16th Annual Drive Fore Literacy Tournament which takes place on June 21, 2014 at Dundee Resort. Motion carried.

e) Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture re: Funding Request

It was a consensus of Council that funding support be given for the workshop “Celebration of Small Scale Farming” to be held at the Gaelic College in July 2014, dependent on participation from Richmond County residents.

f) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests

- St. John the Baptist CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$1,000);

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

- \$500, St. John the Baptist CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$1,000, Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;

Motion carried.

Items Added:

Items added were previously dealt with.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 8:07p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER