

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 28, 2014

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden S. Sampson, Deputy Warden G. Johnson
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 6:00 p.m and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

The C.A.O. took roll call of Councillors.

Warden Sampson noted that regrets were sent by Councillor David.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Warden Sampson indicated that the CAO wished to add an item regarding a draft Expression of Interest for the Arichat Court House.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the agenda be approved with the item added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of March 24, 2014 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- a) Cape Breton Partnership (Keith MacDonald) re: Labour Market Profile for Richmond County

Warden Sampson welcomed Mr. Keith MacDonald to the meeting.

Mr. MacDonald made a power point presentation regarding the Labour Market Profile for Richmond County (Copy attached).

A discussion period ensued.

Warden Sampson thanked Mr. MacDonald for his presentation.

Motion Required: 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”)

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the Core Community Organization Funding Policy be amended to include the Potlotek School under Scholarships in the “Other” section of the Recurring Grants to Core Community Organizations (attached as Appendix “A”). Motion carried.

Second 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 MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Martell that second reading approval be given 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.

Notice to be given: To adopt the Technology Purchase Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (attached as Appendix “C”)

Councillor Martell gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to adopt the Technology Purchase Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (attached as Appendix “C”).

Councillor McNamara entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Committee Reports:

- a) Committee of the Whole:

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be authorized to make the necessary modifications to isolate unused portions of the building, including the original court house, in order to minimize operating expenses and FUTURE MOVED that a draft Expression of Interest be prepared for Council's review and two Public Meetings be scheduled in Council Chambers to acquire public opinion regarding the fate of the building. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Committee of the Whole and that

WHEREAS Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations;

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for \$400,000 was approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations on March 12, 2014.

AND WHEREAS clause 91 (1)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid.

AND WHEREAS clause 91 (2) of the *Municipal Government Act* states, that in accordance with the *Municipal Finance Corporation Act*, the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Municipality of the County of Richmond borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$400,000, for a period not to exceed 15 years, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality of the County of Richmond in the amount that the warden and clerk deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

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 Fall Heavy Garbage Pick-up take place from September 2nd to September 26th, 2014. 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 following grants be approved:

- \$500 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity fund, District #10;
- \$4,000 to Telile Community Television, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;
- \$300 to Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$1,150 to Isle Madame, Louisdale, St. Peter's, West Bay Rd, L'Ardoise, Grand River, Framboise-Fourchu, District 10 and Loch Lommond Volunteer Fire Departments, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts ;
- \$300 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement Center, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$2,000 to Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$20,000 to Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff submit an application through the Building Canada Fund for the Louisdale /Evanston/ Whiteside Water Treatment Plant upgrade. Motion carried.

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

b) Renewable Energy Committee

Councillor Samson presented the Renewable Energy Committee Report for the month of April 2014.

Councillor Samson gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council Meeting to give First Reading Approval to adopt the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) By-Law as a By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Renewable Energy Committee Report for the month of April 2014 be adopted. Motion carried.

CAO re:

- a) Tabling of Draft Budget

For information purposes.

- b) Draft Expression of Interest – Arichat Courthouse

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Samson that staff proceed with a Request for Expressions of Interest, which shall remain open for a 30 day period, for future use or development of the Arichat Courthouse. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes

- a) Economic and Rural Development and Tourism re: Design of Implementation Plan – Regional Economic Development Program

For information purposes.

Action Required

- a) Residents of Lynche River re: Road Name Change;

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that Municipal Council give approval to the road name change from “Unnamed Private Lane” to Creekside Drive in District #8, 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.

- b) Early Childhood Resource Centre re: “Child Care Awareness Month” (June 2014);

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Samson that Richmond County Council declare June 2014 Child Awareness Month. Motion carried.

Items Added:

CAO re: Expression of Interest for Arichat Courthouse

This item was previously dealt with.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

Mr. Lorenzo Boudrot addressed Council regarding a matter on the agenda.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER