

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 26, 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, Councillor V. David

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 was an item previously added to the agenda by the CAO.

The CAO requested and received unanimous consent to add an update on the 2014 Boundary Review to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of April 28, 2014 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- a) Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) re: Update

Warden Sampson welcomed Sergeant Mark MacPherson to the meeting.

Sergeant MacPherson provided an update and review of RCMP activity over the past year.

A discussion period ensued.

Warden Sampson thanked Sergeant MacPherson for his presentation.

Motion Required (Councillor Martell): To Adopt the Technology Purchase Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (attached as Appendix “A”)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher, that the Technology Purchase Policy be adopted as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Motion Required (Councillor Samson): To Adopt the Internet Usage & Electronic Communication Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (attached as Appendix “B”)

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that the Internet Usage & Electronic Communication Policy be adopted as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

First Reading Approval: Councillor Martell - to adopt the Wastewater Management District By-Law # 62 as a By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (attached as Appendix “C”)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that First Reading Approval be given to adopt the Wastewater Management District By-Law # 62 as a By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

a) Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the funding request, submitted by the Richmond County Literacy Network for a Richmond County Outreach Worker, in the amount of \$20,000, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor David that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the funding request by Chapel Island First Nation for the Mi'kmaq Indian Summer Games, in the amount of \$10,000, be approved. Motion carried.

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

- \$7,000, Isle Madame Boat Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1;
- \$200, Strait Richmond Minor Hockey, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$500, Richmond Figure Skating, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$25,000, St. Louis Parish – Glen Sampson Room, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000, St. Louis Parish Baraco Days Festival Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000, St. Louis Parish Canada Days Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$25,000, West Bay United Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$431.25, St. Peter's Community Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8;
- \$9,112.50, Royal Canadian Legion Branch St. Peter's, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$330, Bonnie Brae Senior Citizens Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8;
- \$9,000, L'Archeveque Wharf Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$300, Loch Side Cemetery Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$485.44, Calvin Presbyterian Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10.

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

b) Planning Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that staff put together a procedure for the Public Works Department that would permit clean-up of some properties in order to support compliance of the 14 day clean up orders. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that a resolution be brought before the Fall Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Conference, as well as to Minister Michel Samson, MLA for Richmond County, requesting that the Province

include a provision in legislation by which properties deemed dangerous and unsightly, with title issues, may be converted to properties that can be sold. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the monthly report of the Planning Advisory Committee for the month of May, 2014 be adopted.

CAO re:

a) Financial Indicators

The CAO reviewed areas of the Financial Condition Index (FCI) for Richmond County 2011/2012, completed by Service Nova Scotia and released to the public on the Nova Scotia government website.

b) Courthouse

The CAO gave an update on the Courthouse and encouraged everyone to attend the Public Meeting regarding the fate of the Courthouse scheduled for May 27, 2014 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

c) Boundary Review Update (Item Added)

The CAO gave an update on the 2014 Boundary Review and noted that the link to the boundary review survey is located on the Richmond County website.

d) Mutual Aid Agreement (Item Added)

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the Municipality of Richmond County enter into the Municipal Services Emergency Management, Mutual Aid Agreement with other municipalities and First Nation Communities. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes

- a) Association of Municipal Administrators re: Municipal Property Taxation Study

Action Required

- a) CFO re: Final Budget

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council give approval to the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$13,789,062;

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$7,989,900 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2015, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of .77¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$2.07; which rates said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18 percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30th day of September, 2014 as the day on which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid. Motion carried.

Items Added:

Items were previously dealt with.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery.

“In Camera” Session

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting proceed to an “in camera” session at 8:19 p.m.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 9:15 p.m.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Municipality offer to purchase the lot of land directly adjacent to Babin's Service Center in Lennox Passage (PID 75007302) for use as an RV Dumping Station, subject to a property appraisal; and FURTHER MOVED that the CAO be authorized to complete the transaction, subject to proper market value evaluation as per the Municipal Government Act. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that a cost of living increase, for staff and council, of 2% per annum for two years, be approved, effective January 1st, 2014. Motion carried. (Ayes: 9; Nays: 1, Councillor Marchand)

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER