

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 16, 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.

Warden Sampson asked everyone to continue standing to observe a moment of silence in honor of the City of Moncton and the Moncton RCMP Constables Fabrice Georges Gevaudan, Dave Joseph Ross and Douglas James Larche who were killed in the line of duty on June 4, 2014.

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

Items Added to the Agenda:

There were items previously added to the agenda, correspondence by the CAO and grant requests from Councillors.

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

Review of Minutes:

Councillor McNamara indicated that the May 26, 2014 Council minutes had an error in that the funding request approved for the Richmond County Literacy Outreach Worker should have read \$20,000, not \$10,000.

There was unanimous consent of Council that that the funding request, submitted by the Richmond County Literacy Network for a Richmond County Community Outreach

Worker, in the amount of \$20,000, be approved and the correction reflected in the May 26, 2014 minutes.

Moved by Councillor McNamara seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of May 26, 2014 be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- a) Cape Breton Partnership re: Investment Readiness

Warden Sampson welcomed Mr. Ian MacNeil to the meeting.

Mr. MacNeil gave a power point presentation (copy attached).

A discussion period ensued.

Warden Sampson thanked Mr. MacNeil for his presentation.

Councillor Samson provided an overview of the Property Assessed Clean Energy By-Law #63 (copy attached).

First Reading Approval: Councillor Samson – To Adopt the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) By-Law #63 as a By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (Attached as Appendix “A”)

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Municipal Council give First Reading Approval to Adopt the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) By-Law #63 as a By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Councillor Steve MacNeil re: St. Peter’s Parish Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8 - Amended Grant Request

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the original grant request in the amount of \$10,000, by the Saint Peter's Parish, District #8 Infrastructure Fund, approved at the May 27, 2013 Council Meeting, be increased to #15,000, due to additional expenditures during the project. Motion carried.

Councillor Marchand re: Use of Infrastructure Fund

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Martell that Municipal Council approve the use of \$20,000 from the accumulated infrastructure fund in District #6 to cover the costs of the Louisdale sidewalks. Motion carried.

CAO re:

- a) Building Canada Fund Capital Plan (See letter from Municipal Affairs in Action Required section);

The CAO recommended that Council prioritize the top three projects for the New Building Canada Fund and approve the 5 year Capital Investment Plan.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council prioritize the list of eligible projects for the New Building Canada Fund, as follows:

- 1. District #3 and #4 Wastewater Management Project
- 2. Louisdale Water Project
- 3. French Cove Water Project

Motion carried.

- b) Memo's from Chief Financial Officer
  - i) Capital Investment Plan

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the Five Year Capital Investment Plan for the Municipality of Richmond County for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015, a necessary requirement of the gas tax funding program, be approved. Motion carried.

- ii) Area Rates (Louisdale Sidewalks)

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Louisdale Sidewalk area rate remain at .10 cents as a result of the shortfall being transferred from the accumulated balance of \$20,000 in the District #6 Infrastructure Fund. Motion carried.

- iii) Area Rates

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and that the following area rates be approved:

- St. Peter's Fire Dept 0.09
- West Bay road Fire Dept. 0.10
- L'Ardoise Fire Dept. 0.16
- Grand River Fire Dept. 0.15
- Loch Lomond Fire Dept; 0.12
- Louisdale Fire Dept. 0.10
- Framboise-Fourchu Fire Dept. 0.15

- Isle Madame Fire Dept. 0.11
- District Ten Fire Dept. 0.15
- Louisdale Sidewalks 0.10
- District #2 Community Rate 0.04
- District #4 Community Rate 0.05
- St. Peter's Village Commission - collect whatever rate they establish, conditional on them providing their rate to the Municipality by July 31, 2014.

Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes

- a) Strait Regional School Board re: Municipal Education Tax (2014-2015 Fiscal Year);
- b) Rogers (Stephanie Jarrold) re: Conclusion of Rogers' Public Consultation

Action Required

- a) Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs re: New Building Canada Fund;

This item was previously dealt with.

- b) The Residents of St. Peter's re: Fire Hydrant Fire Protection (Meeting Request)

It was a consensus of Council that this item be moved to the "In Camera" Session.

- c) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests

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

- \$1,000 to St. Peter's Economic Development Organization (SPEDO), Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$5,000 to Potlotek Summer Games Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$70.37 to Amending Communities Together (ACT), Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$8,000 to Framboise Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;

- \$20,000 to Administration Portuaire de Petit de Grat, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$10,000 to Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$5,000 to Potlotek Summer Games Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$400 to Girl Guides of Canada – Louisdale Brownies, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$6,103.02 to Little Anse Samson Cove Social Action Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;
- \$2,500 to Louisdale Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6;
- \$3,500 to Basin & River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$300 to Javrin’s Island Sport & Recreation Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$1,600 to Royals Minor Baseball Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;

Motion carried.

Items Added:

- 1) Correspondence (Action Required) re: Duart MacAulay re: Support for the Expansion of the Margaree Airport.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that a letter be written to the Municipality of the County of Inverness confirming Richmond County’s support of the Margaree airport expansion that will enable commercial flights to provide regular scheduled service to central Cape Breton. Motion carried.

Grant requests were previously dealt with. (#2, 3, 4 and 5)

Councillor MacNeil indicated that Richmond County should forward a condolence letter to the City of Moncton and to the RCMP.

It was the consensus of Council that a condolence letter be written to the City of Moncton and the Moncton RCMP from Richmond Municipal Council regarding the death of three members, Constables Fabrice Georges Gevaudan, Dave Joseph Ross and Douglas James Larche who were killed in the line of duty on June 4, 2014.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery.

“In Camera” Session

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the meeting proceed to an “in camera” session at 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor David that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:45 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and that Richmond County offer the property (PID #75032524 and Municipal Account #03598446), located in Point Tupper, for sale by public tender conditional on the successful bidder entering into a Purchase and Sale agreement on terms and conditions acceptable to the Municipality. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Johnson that a salary increase of 2.5%, retroactive to January 1, 2014, be approved for the CAO. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

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CHAIRPERSON

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER