

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2014

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden V. David, Councillor R. Samson
Councillor M. Beaton, Councillor A. Martell
Deputy Warden McNamara, Councillor G. Boucher
Councillor S. MacNeil, Councillor S. Sampson
Councillor G. Johnson

The Warden 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:

Warden David indicated that the CAO wished to add an item regarding the closure of emergency services in Richmond County.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the agenda be accepted with the item added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: November 24, 2014

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the minutes of November 24, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

(a) Presentations to Local Food Banks

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that \$10,000 (\$2,000 each) be allocated to the five Richmond County and Area Food Banks and that the funds be taken from the current fiscal budget. Motion carried.

First Reading Approval: To Amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the first installment for the one-time connection fee to coincide with the first installment for the maintenance and operation fee, and to provide flexibility with respect to timing of installation of the on-site septic systems. (Attached as Appendix “A”).

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Richmond Municipal Council give First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the first installment for the one-time connection fee to coincide with the first installment for the maintenance and operation fee, and to provide flexibility with respect to timing of installation of the on-site septic systems. (Attached as Appendix “A”). Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Warden and CAO meet with the appropriate ACOA Representatives to gauge their interest into the Isle Madame Façade Program prior to releasing any other funding towards the design. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that retaining a Council size of 10 Councillors, with a Warden appointed by Council, be recommended to the UARB and FURTHER MOVED that the Richmond County boundaries be reviewed at a later date, if need be.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson to amend the motion regarding the Boundary Review recommendation to the UARB to INCLUDE the words, “if need be”, at the end. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that retaining a Council size of 10 Councillors, with a Warden appointed by Council, be recommended to the UARB and FURTHER MOVED that the Richmond County boundaries be reviewed at a later date, if need be. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that District #3 and #4 wastewater projects, Louisdale/Evanston/Whiteside water project, French Cove water, Petit de Grat sidewalks and Arichat sidewalks be submitted on the Building Canada Fund Application. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Sean Donovan, of the Eastern District Planning Commission, be appointed as a Special Constable able to issue Summary Offence Tickets for violations of the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations in the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Elizabeth Sommer, 134 Church Point Road, River Bourgeois, NS, (PID 75045070, AAN 01765671) and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owner instructing that the house be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Anja Sampson and Vonnie Carter, 8718 Highway 4, River Bourgeois, NS, (PID 75105981, AAN 04736184) and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owner instructing that the house be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

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

- \$600 to Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$1,000 to Fleur de Lis Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$650 to Mi’Kmauwey School, Chapel Island, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$500 to St. John the Baptist CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$500 to River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$6,000 to Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1;
- \$500 to VOCA, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;

- \$1050 to Richmond County Early Childhood Education Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$150 to Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$505 to St. Louis CWL, Municipal District Activity, District #6;
- \$300 to Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole, for the month of December 2014, be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

(b) Renewable Energy Committee

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Renewable Energy Committee and that the Engagement Letter between Efficiency Nova Scotia and the Municipality of the County of Richmond and the Homeowners Agreement for the Property Assessment Clean Energy Program, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the monthly report of the Renewable Energy Committee, for the month of December 2014, be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For information purposes

- a) Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Limited re: Stakeholder Report;

Items Added to the Agenda

1. CAO re: Richmond County Emergency Services.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that a letter of support regarding the issue of emergency room closures be written to the Leo Glavin, Minister of Health and a copy sent to Michel Samson, MLA and Jeremy Hillyard, Vice President Medicine GASHA. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden David adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON