

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2017

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Councillor James Goyetche, Councillor A. Martell
Warden B. Marchand, Councillor G. Boucher,
Deputy Warden Jason MacLean

Warden Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

Roll Call of Councillors

The CAO took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Martell requested and received unanimous consent to add a Destination Cape Breton Association Board appointment to the agenda.

Councillor Goyetche requested and received unanimous consent to add a discussion regarding the Consultant hired for the Organizational Review to the agenda.

Warden Marchand requested and received unanimous consent to add By-Law #56 to the Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the agenda be accepted with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes

a) December 22, 2016 (Regular Council)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of the December 22, 2016 (Regular Council) meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia (Catherine Tully, Commissioner) re: Access & Privacy Best Practices for Municipal Councillors

Warden Marchand welcomed Ms. Catherine Tully and Ms. Mary Kennedy to the meeting.

Ms. Tully and Ms. Kennedy gave a presentation to Council regarding Access and Privacy for Municipal Councillors

Warden Marchand thanked Ms. Tully and Ms. Kennedy for the presentation.

Committee Reports

- a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be sent to Transport Canada with a copy to the Minister stating that the Strait of Canso remain status quo, no governance Port Authority. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that approval be given to the road name change request from “Soldier’s Cove Road” to “Lewis Cove Road” in District #5, if it meets policy approval and receives 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.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and move forward with the signing of the new REN 6 Inter-municipal Agreement as amended, with the addition of the following sentence to section 16(d) iii:

“And the corporation or body has a financial interest in a matter which is the subject of consideration by any of the Committees or the Board of Directors mentioned in subparagraph (a). (REN 6 Inter-municipal Agreement attached). Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Richie Cotton be appointed to the Audit Committee for the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of January 2017 be adopted. Motion carried.

b) Planning Advisory

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give first reading to, and set a public hearing date for, the proposed text amendments (page 5 & 6 of Staff Report, highlighted in red) (Attached) to the St. Peter's Municipal Planning Strategy which will permit consideration of future re-zonings from the Downtown Commercial (C-1) zone to the Mixed Use (C-2) zone within the Commercial Designation between Toulouse Street and the St. Peter's Canal subject to the existing criteria for amending the St. Peter's Land Use By-Law. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and give first reading to, and set a public hearing date for, an amendment to the St. Peter's Generalized Future Land Use Map within the Municipal Planning Strategy to re-designate properties PID 75189548 and 75189563 and portions of properties PID 75189555 and 75193342 in St. Peters, Richmond County from "Open Space" to "Commercial" to reflect the existing commercial use and zoning of the properties. (Map Attached). Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the monthly report of the Planning Advisory Committee for the month of January 2017 be adopted. Motion carried.

c) Fire Services

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Services Steering Committee that the Fire Services Steering Committee meet every second month, with an exception if there is an emergency then the Chair may call a meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Fire Services Steering Committee Report for the month of January 2017 be adopted. Motion carried.

First Reading – To amend the St. Peter's Municipal Planning Strategy which will permit consideration of future re-zonings from the Downtown Commercial (C-1) zone to the Mixed Use (C-2) zone within the Commercial Designation between Toulouse Street and the St. Peter's Canal subject to the existing criteria for amending the St. Peter's Land Use By-Law

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that First Reading be given to amend the St. Peter's Municipal Planning Strategy which will permit

consideration of future re-zonings from the Downtown Commercial (C-1) zone to the Mixed Use (C-2) zone within the Commercial Designation between Toulouse Street and the St. Peter's Canal subject to the existing criteria for amending the St. Peter's Land Use By-Law. Motion carried.

First Reading – To amend the St. Peter's Generalized Future Land Use Map within the Municipal Planning Strategy to re-designate properties PID 75189548 and 75189563 and portions of properties PID 75189555 and 75193342 in St. Peters, Richmond County from “Open Space” to “Commercial” to reflect the existing commercial use and zoning of the properties.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that First Reading be given to amend the St. Peter's Generalized Future Land Use Map within the Municipal Planning Strategy to re-designate properties PID 75189548 and 75189563 and portions of properties PID 75189555 and 75193342 in St. Peters, Richmond County from “Open Space” to “Commercial” to reflect the existing commercial use and zoning of the properties. Motion carried.

CAO re:

a) Tourism Project

The CAO provided an update on the Richmond Tourism Project (copy attached) and reviewed the following:

- Update on Capital Costs
- Estimated Operating and Maintenance Costs
- Estimated Cost versus Tendered
- Estimated and Tendered totals
- Reserves
- Options for Funding
- Impact on Tax Rate
- Reserve Draw Downs
- Expenditures to Date (& Funding)

The CAO requested Council direction on how to proceed with the project.

It was the consensus of Council that staff meet with the provincial and federal partners, review the entire project given that the financial situation has changed and see if the Tourism Project may be altered.

b) Landry Lake

The CAO provided an update on the Landrie Lake Water Facility Pumping Station (copy attached) and reviewed the following:

- Brief overview of Landrie Lake and its uses
- Progress to date
- Future Actions

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the CAO and Staff move forward in the Landrie Lake process, gather information and set up a joint utility. Motion carried.

Warden Marchand re:

a) Pitu`paq Committee Appointment

Warden Marchand noted that a previous motion had been made appointing Deputy Warden MacLean to the Pitu`paq Committee. He also noted that he had received correspondence from Pitu`paq requesting that Shirley McNamara continue to represent Richmond County in an official capacity on the Committee.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council amend the motion previously adopted and that Shirley McNamara be appointed as the representative from Richmond County to serve on the Pitu`paq Committee. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Boucher, Councillor Goyetche).

Correspondence:

Action Required:

a) Jason Martell, Director of Finance re: Write off of Exempt and Inactive Accounts

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the request from the Finance Department to write off the Principal and Interest associated with exempt and inactive accounts in the amount of \$13,466.69 be approved. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Destination Cape Breton Association Board Appointment

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Lynn Theriault be appointed the representative on the Destination Cape Breton Association Board. Motion carried.

Consultant hired for the Organizational Review

It was noted that there would be a meeting on January 30 2017 with Council, the CAO and the Consultant, Patrick Hartling regarding the Organizational Review.

By-Law #56

Deputy Warden MacLean gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next Council meeting to give First Reading approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include Stella Maris Pastoral Center, account # 01414925.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Richie Cotton approached Council with a question/comment.

Mrs. Lisa Boudreau approached Council with a question/comment.

Mr. Marcel Boudreau approached Council with a question/comment.

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council with a question/comment.

Mr. Clair Rankin approached Council with a question/comment.

“In-Camera” Session (if required)

No “In-Camera” Session required.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boucher that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business, Warden Marchand adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CHAIRPERSON