

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 27, 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.

Gallery Presentations:

a) St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation re: Fundraising Effort

Warden Marchand welcomed Mr. Joe MacDonald, Mr. Steve Smith, Mr. Bill Fraser and Ms. Lisa Mills to the meeting.

Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Smith gave a power point presentation to Council.

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden Marchand thanked Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Smith for their presentation.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the funding request from the Saint Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation in the amount of \$25,000/year for a 10 year commitment be moved to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

b) Le Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Ecosse re: Update

It was noted that representatives from Le Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Ecosse were unable to attend.

c) Cape Breton Partnership re: Point Tupper

Warden Marchand welcomed Mr. Jeff Stanley to the meeting.

Mr. Stanley gave a power point presentation.

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden Marchand thanked Mr. Stanley for the presentation.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Goyetche requested and received unanimous consent to add Le Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Ecosse to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes:

a) February 27, 2017 (Public Hearing)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Public Hearing be approved as presented. Motion carried.

b) February 27, 2017 (Regular Council)

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of the February 27, 2017 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Solicitors/Eastern District Planning Commission re: Proposed Demolition:

- Property of Graham and John Dunlop, 3070 West Bay Road, St. Georges Channel, Nova Scotia, PID # 75140392, AAN # 04723376;

(i) Mr. Sean Donovan re: Update on Property

Mr. Donovan gave an update on the property and the following points were brought forth:

- The dwelling is in a ruinous and dilapidated condition.

- The dwelling is allurement to children who may play there to their danger.
- The dwelling is unsightly in relation to neighbouring properties due to the exterior finish of the building not being maintained.
- All doors and windows are beyond repair and would require replacement.
- Foundation wall appears to be leaning inward, a strong indication that all walls would have to be replaced thus making this a very unstable building.
- The roof of this building appears to be beyond repair, the entire roof system; both framing members and shingles would have to be replaced.
- Strongly recommends the dwelling be removed from the property and disposed of in the appropriate manner.
- The dwelling appears to be abandoned.
- The dwelling meets the *Municipal Government Act* definition as “dangerous and unsightly”.

The Administrator recommended that Municipal Council issue an Order requiring that the property owner demolish the structure, clean up and lawfully dispose of all debris, and required that the same be carried out within 30 days of the issuing of the order.

(ii) Opportunity for the Above Property Owner to Address the Committee

A written submission was received from the owner, Jack (John) Dunlop, noting that he had visited the property and agreed that it should be removed.

The owner, in his written submission, gave an update of the work completed to date and requested an extension date of September 30, 2017 in order to complete the work.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to John Dunlop, 3070 West Bay Road, St. Georges Channel, Nova Scotia, PID # 75140392, AAN # 04723376 and notice having been given, that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners. The Order should state to the owners that the buildings are to be demolished and all debris be removed and disposed of in the appropriate manner by June 30, 2017. If the property owner fails to comply, the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality

express interest in acquiring the parcel of excess crown owned land identified as PID #75061762, located at Cape George Road, West Bay Highway, Richmond County, Nova Scotia and FURTHER MOVED that Staff investigate as to which community group is interested. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that as part of the 2017 Heavy Collection, spring heavy collection in Richmond County be scheduled to take place during the month of May 2017 with an end date of June 1, 2017. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Warden and CAO continue further discussion on a legal matter as discussed in camera and report back to Council at a later date. Motion carried.

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

b) Richmond Villa

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Richmond Villa Board and approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Richmond Housing Corporation is a body corporate established pursuant to the provisions of the *Municipal Housing Corporation Act* (the “Act”);

AND WHEREAS subsection 15(1) of the Act authorizes and requires a municipal housing corporation to amend the instrument of incorporation by which it was established to provide for membership and other changes;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation wishes to change its membership by, amongst other things, reducing the number of its members from seven (7) to six (6);

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that:

The instrument of incorporation by which the Corporation was established and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs dated October 28, 1970, amended February 28, 1985, is hereby further amended by:

1. repealing the membership provision and substituting therefor the following:

The Corporation shall consist of six (6) members who shall be appointed by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Richmond as follows:

(a) three (3) members from the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Richmond; and

(b) three (3) members at large appointed by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Richmond Villa Report for the month of March 2017 be adopted. Motion carried.

c) Fire Services

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Services Steering Committee and that Raymond Ferguson be re-appointed as the Director for the Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia for Richmond County and Shannon Mury be re-appointed as the Alternate; AND FURTHER MOVED that Raymond Ferguson be re-appointed as the Fire School Director for Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the Fire Services Steering Committee Report for the month of March 2017 be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion Required – Take Question from the Table - Municipality of the County of Richmond Travel Expense Policy

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Municipality of the County of Richmond Travel Expense Policy be placed back on the table. Motion carried.

Motion Required – Adopt the Municipality of the County of Richmond Travel Expense Policy. (Attached as Appendix “A”)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the Travel Expense Policy be adopted as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion defeated.

It was noted by Warden Marchand that the Municipality of the County of Richmond Travel Expense Policy would be referred back to the Policy Committee.

Second Reading - Second Reading approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include Stella Maris Pastoral Center, account # 01414925. (Attached as Appendix “B”)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Municipal Council give Second Reading approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include Stella Maris Pastoral Center, account # 01414925. Motion carried.

CAO re:

a) Tourism Project re: Update

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the CAO and step back from the Tourism Project, start fresh with new applications that demonstrate an economic return, increase outside visitation, promote entrepreneurial development and are able to sustain themselves; AND FURTHER MOVED that new applications should have financial implications clearly defined with a demonstrated municipal funding plan and also included withdrawal from the current ACOA contract. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Martell)

Correspondence

Action Required

a) Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation (CanLyme) re: Lyme Disease Awareness (May 2017)

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council undertake a Proclamation regarding Lyme Disease Awareness Month for May, 2017. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Goyetche received confirmation from Warden Marchand that correspondence would be forwarded to the Office of Acadian Affaires requesting funding in the amount of \$1,000 to cover one Councillor's travel cost to the Rendez-vous 2017 to be held in Quebec in July 2017.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Richie Cotton approached Council.

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council.

Mr. Marcel Boudreau approached Council.

Mr. Clair Rankin approached Council.

Mr. Pierre Larochelle approached Council.

Mr. Colin MacDougall approached Council.

Ms. Denise Martell approached Council.

“In Camera” Session

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the meeting move to an “In Camera” session at 10:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 10:19 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Maclean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the CAO and enter into a contract with EMM Law Incorporated for the provision of legal services for the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CHAIRPERSON