

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 24, 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 7:00 PM and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

Roll Call of Councillors

The CAO took roll call of Councillors.

Presentations

- a) Blue Dot Movement (Paul Strome) re: Declaration request

Warden Marchand welcomed Mr. Paul Strome to the meeting.

Mr. Strome gave a presentation.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Marchand thanked Mr. Strome for his presentation.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council adopt the following Municipal Declaration:

WHEREAS the MUNICIPALITY understands that people are part of the environment, and that a healthy environment is inextricably linked to the well-being of our community;

The MUNICIPALITY finds and declares that:

1. All people have the right to live in a healthy environment, including:
 - The right to breathe clean air

- The right to drink clean water
- The right to consume safe food
- The right to access nature
- The right to know about pollutants and contaminants released into the local environment
- The right to participate in decision-making that will affect the environment

2. The MUNICIPALITY has the responsibility, within its jurisdiction, to respect, protect, fulfill and promote these rights.

3. The MUNICIPALITY shall send a letter to the provincial government indicating their support of Bill No. 178, Nova Scotia Environmental Bill of Rights (Given First Reading on May 5, 2016) in order to improve the Act and to include recognition that all people have the right to live in a healthy environment. The MUNICIPALITY will also send a letter to the federal government calling for the development of federal legislation that recognizes environmental rights in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

It was noted that a presentation regarding the Arichat Courthouse had previously been added and was postponed to a later date.

Two grant applications were previously added to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes

- a) April 10, 2017 (Special Council Meeting)
- b) March 27, 2017 (Regular Council)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the minutes of April 10, 2017 (Special Council Meeting) and March 27, 2017 (Regular Council) be approved as presented. Motion carried.

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 the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS tobacco is the number one cause of preventable disease and death in Canada, killing 37,000 people every year; and

WHEREAS the tobacco industry uses any means at its disposal to make its deadly products more attractive; and

WHEREAS packaging has become the most important promotional vehicle for the tobacco industry; and

WHEREAS Australia, France and the United Kingdom have all passed laws requiring plain and standardized packaging for tobacco products, and many others have announced their intention to follow suit,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Municipality of the County of Richmond supports regulations for plain and standardized packaging in Canada, as outlined as follows:

Plain and standardized packaging would prohibit all promotional features on all tobacco packaging, including the use of colours, images, logos, slogans, distinctive fonts, and finishes. Only the brand name would be allowed and it will also be subject to restrictions. Health warnings would remain on packages. The size and shape of the package would be standardized, thus prohibiting specialty package formats, such as slim and superslim cigarette packages that reduce warning size and overtly target women. The appearance of cigarettes would also be standardized, at a minimum prohibiting the use of branding, logos, colours and special finishes, and establishing standards for cigarette length and diameter.

Motion carried.

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

- \$1,000 to St. Peter’s Community Club, c/o St. Peter’s Pirate Festival Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$449.77 to River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$300 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$1,000 to L’Ardoise Acadian Festival Committee, c/o L’Ardoise Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$15,000 to West Arichat & District Village Circle Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2.
- \$500 to Riverdale Community Service Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;

Motion carried.

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

b) Planning Advisory Committee

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, approval of the rezoning of PID 75003608 from Village Low Density Residential (VR-1) to Village Residential Multiple Unit (VR-2) to permit two (2) grouped multiple unit dwellings with a total of twelve (12) dwelling units. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Planning Advisory Committee Report for the month of April 2017 be adopted. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Municipality of the County of Richmond Travel Expense Policy be adopted as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

First Reading - To approve the rezoning of a property in Arichat, Richmond County (PID 75003608) from Village Low Density Residential (VR-1) to Village Residential Multiple Unit (VR-2) to permit two (2) grouped multiple unit dwellings with a total of twelve (12) dwelling units.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Municipal Council give First Reading to approve the rezoning of a property in Arichat, Richmond County (PID 75003608) from Village Low Density Residential (VR-1) to Village Residential Multiple Unit (VR-2) to permit two (2) grouped multiple unit dwellings with a total of twelve (12) dwelling units. Motion carried.

CAO re:

a) Speed Limit – Petit de Grat

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that a letter be sent to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding a request for a speed limit analysis and a speed limit reduction from 60kph to 50 kph on a section of Route 206 in Petit de Grat, commonly known as the “Stretch”. Motion carried.

b) Road Maintenance – Richmond County

The CAO noted that it was requested that each Councillor provide a list of roads that need attention in their district. He also noted that the lists should be prioritized and submitted to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for consideration.

Correspondence

Action Required

- a) Minister of Gaelic Affairs (Randy Delorey, MLA) re: Nova Scotia Gaelic Month – May 2017;

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council undertake a Proclamation regarding Gaelic Nova Scotia Month for May, 2017. Motion carried.

- b) Calvin Presbyterian Church, c/o Loch Side Cemetery, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$300).

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

- \$300 to Calvin Presbyterian Church, c/o Loch Side Cemetery, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5.
- \$400 to Village on the Canal (VOCA), Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$250 to La Picasse Centre Communautaire Culturel, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1.

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests from Village on the Canal and La Picasse Centre Communautaire Culturel, were previously dealt with.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council.

Mr. Robert Fougere approached Council.

Mrs. Claire Doyle approached Council.

“In Camera” Session

There was no "In Camera" Session

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CHAIRPERSON