

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 22, 2018

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Deputy Warden James Goyetche, Councillor Alvin Martell
Warden Brian Marchand, Councillor Gilbert Boucher,
Councillor Jason MacLean

Warden Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:05 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

There was one item previously added to the agenda.

Councillor Boucher requested and received unanimous consent to add a grant request from St. John the Baptist CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$500) to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes

a) November 27, 2017 (Regular Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of November 27, 2017 (Regular Meeting) be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

a) St. Martha's re: Thank you

Warden Marchand welcomed Mr. Bill Fraser to the Meeting.

Mr. Fraser gave a word of thanks to Richmond Municipal Council.

Photos were taken with the \$10,000 donation cheque.

Warden Marchand thanked Mr. Fraser for attending.

b) Property Valuation Services Corporation re: 2018 Assessment Roll

Warden Marchand welcomed Mr. Carlos Resendes, VP, Business & Innovation Services to the meeting.

Mr. Resendes gave a power point presentation (Attached).

A question and answer period followed regarding Nova Scotia Power in Point Tupper and the assessment roll. Clarification received was as follows:

Nova Scotia Power is assessed as Commercial Exempt on the Assessment Roll. NSP pay grant in lieu of taxes to Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations twice per year. This is distributed to the municipal units.

There are assessment accounts for Nova Scotia Power on the assessment roll. They are exempt by legislation. They are assessed as Commercial Exempt and values are entered as in all other assessments. They pay grants in lieu of taxation. They pay this to Service Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs. PVSC asks for and receives the 'net book value' for all NSP properties in Nova Scotia which is used to determine the portion for each municipality.

Warden Marchand thanked Mr. Resendes for the presentation.

Deputy Warden Goyetche - Second Reading - Second Reading approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of "The Friends of St. John's Arichat Society" (PID 75084517). (Attached as Appendix "B")

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that Second Reading be given to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of "The Friends of St. John's Arichat Society" (PID 75084517). Motion carried.

Notice to be Given – To adopt the Hospitality Policy as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond County. (Attached as Appendix “B”)

It was the consensus of Council that the Hospitality Policy be referred to the Policy Committee for review.

Committee Reports

a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Point Tupper Development Committee’s recommendation for Point Tupper Heavy Industrial Park branding. Motion carried.

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

- \$500 to St. Louis Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$500 to River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$700 to East Richmond ATV Riders, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4;
- \$1,000 to Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$1,000 to West Bay Pastoral Charge, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$568.04 to South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 & #4.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and that Lot 10A, located at the Richmond Industrial Park in Lennox Passage be sold to Blair Samson and Kyle Samson at the appraised value, to be determined by a market value appraisal and that the purchaser be responsible for all related costs in the sale. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and sell property identified as assessment account # 09614850 to Mr. Norman Fougere of N.J. Investments at the appraised value, plus applicable HST, to be determined by a market value appraisal; AND FURTHER MOVED that the sale be conditional on Mr. Fougere paying the appraisal fee, migration costs and survey related costs as determined by our solicitor and that a release and indemnity be prepared. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of January 2018 be adopted. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes:

- a) Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society re: Thank you;
- b) Isle Madame Food Bank re: Thank you;
- c) Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation re: Thank you.

Action Required:

- a) Grant Requests:
 - St. Frances De Sales Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3 (\$12,368.11);
 - Louisdale Fleur De Lis Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$1,000);

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

- \$12,368.11 to St. Frances De Sales Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3
- \$1,000 to Louisdale Fleur De Lis Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$500 to St. John the Baptist CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4.

Motion carried.

- b) Fondation des Jeux de l'Acadie re: The future of the Acadian Games

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the funding request from Fondation des Jeux de l'Acadie be referred to the Finance Department for review. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Grant request added by Councillor Boucher for St. John the Baptist CWL was previously dealt with;

2. Councillor Martell re: (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) - Request for Council approval to attend the 2018 Annual Conference and Trade Show being held in Halifax between May 31st and June 3rd, 2018.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that two voting members of Council, in addition to the CAO, be chosen by the Warden to attend the FCM - 2018 Annual Conference and Trade Show being held in Halifax between May 31st and June 3rd, 2018. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Ms. Beverly MacRae approached Council.

Mr. Richie Cotton approached Council.

“In Camera” Session (If Required)

There was no “In Camera” Session.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boucher that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
