

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 23, 2018**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Deputy Warden James Goyetche, Councillor Alvin Martell  
Warden Brian Marchand, Councillor Gilbert Boucher,  
CAO, Kent Macintyre, CFO, Jason Martell

Absent: Councillor Jason MacLean

Warden Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

Warden Marchand asked for a moment of silence for Humbolt and the City of Toronto tragedies.

Roll Call of Councillors

The CAO took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: March 26, 2018 (Regular Meeting)

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of March 26, 2018 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

## Presentations

- a) Port Hawkesbury Paper - Andrew Fedora, Leader in Sustainability & Outreach and Dennis Boulet, Operations Superintendent for Richmond re: Forest Management Practices

Warden Marchand welcomed Andrew Fedora (Leader in Sustainability & Outreach) and Dennis Boulet (Operations Superintendent for Richmond) from Port Hawkesbury Paper LP.

Mr. Fedora and Mr. Boulet gave a power point presentation (copy attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Marchand thanked Mr. Fedora and Mr. Boulet for the presentation.

## Committee Reports

- a) Planning Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and Give First Reading to allow for the amendment of the St. Peters Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

- To allow for two single unit dwellings in the Residential Village (R-1) Zone without requiring proof the property could be subdivided.
- To allow for two single unit dwellings in the Residential Rural (R-2) Zone without requiring proof the property could be subdivided.
- To add multiple unit dwellings as a permitted use within the Mixed Use (C-2) Zone

By approving Appendix "A" and Appendix "B"

Motion carried.

## Committee Appointments

- a) Water Utility

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that Mr. Lloyd Boudreau be appointed to the St. Peter's Samsonville and Area Water Utility Board. Motion carried.

CAO re: Employee Policy Manual

The CAO noted that the changes indicated in the following policies will also be amended, where required, in the Employee Policy Manual.

Motion to amend the following policies:

Councillor Boucher re: Hours of Operation to replace the holiday name “Family Day” with “Heritage Day” and to remove the last section regarding Christmas Office Closure; (Attached as Appendix “A”)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that the Hours of Operation Policy be amended to replace the holiday name “Family Day” with “Heritage Day” and to remove the last section regarding Christmas Office Closure. Motion carried.

Councillor Martell re: Travel Expense Policy (Attached as Appendix “B”):

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Travel Expense Policy be amended (Attached as Appendix “B”). Motion defeated. (Nayes: Warden Marchand, Councillor Boucher)

Motion to Adopt the following policies:

a) Councillor Boucher re: Credit Card Policy (Attached as Appendix “C”);

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that the Credit Card Policy (Attached as Appendix “C”), be adopted as a Policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

b) Councillor Martell re: Hospitality Policy (Attached as Appendix “D”);

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Hospitality Policy (Attached as Appendix “D”), be adopted as a Policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

c) Councillor Boucher re: Hiring Policy (Attached as Appendix “E”);

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that the Hiring Policy (Attached as Appendix “E”), be adopted as a Policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Notice to be given to repeal the Hiring Process Policy (Replaced with Hiring Policy)  
Attached as Appendix “F”

Councillor Boucher gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to repeal the Hiring Process Policy (Attached as Appendix “F”) with the Hiring Policy (Adopted at the April 23, 2018 Regular Council Meeting). Motion carried.

First Reading to allow for the amendment of the St. Peters Municipal Planning Strategy  
and Land Use By-law

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- To add multiple unit dwellings as a permitted use within the Mixed Use (C-2) Zone
- By approving Appendix “A” and Appendix “B”

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that First Reading be given to allow for the amendment of the St. Peters Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law

- To allow for two single unit dwellings in the Residential Village (R-1) Zone without requiring proof the property could be subdivided.
- To allow for two single unit dwellings in the Residential Rural (R-2) Zone without requiring proof the property could be subdivided.
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- By approving Appendix “A” and Appendix “B”

Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes:

- a) Honorable Kelly Regan, Minister of Community Services re: Supportive and Affordable Housing in Rural Nova Scotia;
- b) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Operating Estimates 2018-2019;
- c) Cheques issued re: March 2018

Action Required:

- a) Nova Scotia Gaelic Affairs re: Gaelic Month (May 2018);

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

Recognizing Gaels' presence through their language and culture as part of Nova Scotia's rich diversity, Gaelic Nova Scotia Month is a month-long initiative that includes ceilidhs (visits), storytelling gatherings, workshops, presentations and talks on the many social and economic impacts Gaelic language and cultural expression make in Nova Scotia Society.

The month is celebrated by Nova Scotia Gaels, those who have Gaelic origins, Gaelic language learners, those involved in Gaelic cultural expression and those who simply feel a connection to the language and culture of the Gaels in the province.

On behalf of the Municipality of the County of Richmond, I would like to extend my personal thanks to the Gaelic Community for celebrating this month, demonstrating how cultural identity and its rich diversity is the foundation upon which we build our communities!

Motion carried.

- b) Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation (CanLyme) re: Lyme Disease Awareness Month (May 2018);

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

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a black-legged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*: and

WHEREAS black-legged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick borne diseases;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Warden Brian Marchand, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Richmond, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month".

Motion carried.

- c) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Proposed Amendment to our Inter-Municipal Services Agreement to add the Town of Antigonish;

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that the inter-municipal services agreement between the Eastern District Planning Commission, Municipality of the County of Inverness, Municipality of the County of Richmond, Town of Port Hawkesbury, Municipality of the County of Victoria, Municipality of the County of Antigonish and the Town of Antigonish, be approved. Motion defeated (Nays: Councillor Martell, Councillor Boucher, and Warden Marchand)

- d) Destination Cape Breton Association re: DCBA Board of Directors;

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that Ms. Lisa Boudreau be appointed to the Destination Cape Breton Association Board of Directors as a representative for the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

- e) CFO re: Loan Guarantee – Truck.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that Municipal Council adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Village of St. Peter's is a village in the Municipality of Richmond;

AND WHEREAS the Village of St. Peter's has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purposes of replacing the public works truck;

AND WHEREAS the Village of St. Peter's has requested a municipality to guarantee the said borrowing;

AND WHEREAS Section 89 of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may guarantee a loan for a village;

AND WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of Richmond does hereby approve the borrowing by the Village of St. Peter's of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purposes set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Linda Crawford approached Council.

“In Camera” Session (If Required)

There was no “In Camera” Session

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

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