

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 2:00 PM

AUGUST 1, 2018

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Deputy Warden James Goyetche, Councillor Alvin Martell
Councillor Gilbert Boucher, Councillor Jason MacLean,
CAO, Kent Macintyre, CFO, Jason Martell,
Director of Public Works/Municipal Engineer, Chris Boudreau
Recreation Manager, Laurier Samson

Absent: Warden Brian Marchand

Deputy Warden James Goyetche called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Roll Call of Councillors

The CAO took Roll Call of Councillors.

Review of Minutes: June 25, 2018

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the minutes of June 25, 2018 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Items Added

There was one item previously added regarding a road name change.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council give approval to the road name change request from an “unnamed road” to “Clubhouse Road” in District #5, as it meets policy approval and has received 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.

Councillor Martell – Give First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, in order to include a conditional exemption for the West Arichat & District Village Circle Group indicating should the current usage of the property change, the tax

exemption benefit would be withdrawn and that any arrangement through a sub-lease, partnership, partial ownership or new ownership will not result in a carry-over of the tax exemption benefit.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor MacLean that Council give First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, in order to include a conditional exemption for the West Arichat & District Village Circle Group indicating should the current usage of the property change, the tax exemption benefit would be withdrawn and that any arrangement through a sub-lease, partnership, partial ownership or new ownership will not result in a carry-over of the tax exemption benefit. Motion carried.

CAO re: Arichat Revitalization Project

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell “That the Arichat Sidewalk and Streetscaping Project continue to proceed with the Federal Government contribution, stakeholder façade cost sharing and municipal funding. Motion carried.

The CAO made the following announcements:

- There would be a Cape Breton University STRATEGIC PLANNING EVENT with President & Vice-Chancellor David C. Dingwall regarding information on CBU’s direction for the next five years. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th, 2018 in Council Chambers, Arichat at 6:00 pm and all residents are welcome;
- The Schooner BLUENOSE II would be docked in Arichat at the Premium Seafoods Wharf on August 18th and 19th and the deck will be open to visitors. All residents of Richmond County are welcome to visit.

Correspondence

Action Required

a) Landfill Closure Reserve Expenditure Approval (Chris Boudreau);

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean “That management be authorized to expend upwards of \$60,000 from the Landfill Closure Reserve Fund to proceed with the engagement of the engineering phase regarding the formal closure work related to “former” municipal disposal sites”. Motion carried..

b) Tender Award Recommendation – MOCR201809 – Broadband/Cellular Service Improvements (Chris Boudreau);

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher “That Council approve the municipal contribution of \$133,678, utilizing Gas Tax funds, to improve cellular

service in the Framboise/Fourchu area as per the recent Cellular/Broadband tender – MOCR201809”. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean “That, based on the recent Cellular/Broadband tender (MOCR201809), management enter into discussions with the Municipality of Inverness to cost share cellular service in the West Bay/Dundee area. In addition, staff to investigate the potential assistance from the Province of Nova Scotia. Motion carried.

c) NuStar’s Charity Golf Tournament (NuStar);

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher “Based on the extent of NuStar’s community involvement and demonstrated community fundraising, which benefits many local needs and causes, that Council support this initiative to assist community residents requiring medical attention by pledging \$1,000 to this worthy endeavour”. Motion carried.

d) Grant Requests (Jason Martell) re:

- Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Request – Dr. Kingston Memorial Health Center (\$25,000);

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell “That the Kingston Centre request for funding to alleviate a projected operational deficit be deferred until the fiscal year-end, and County management to reassess the financial requirement and determine, with assistance and information from the Kingston Centre staff, whether financial support is required at year-end”. Motion carried.

- Type 1 – Infrastructure - Acadiaville Cemetery Society (\$1523.15)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the Type 1 – Infrastructure – Acadiaville Cemetery Society grant request in the amount of \$1523.15 be approved. Motion Defeated. (Nayes: Councillor Boucher, Deputy Warden Goyetche)

15 Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

“In Camera” Session

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 2:21 pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the meeting revert back to "Regular" Session at 2:45 pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that "Council accept management's recommendation for pension plan modifications and wind-up of the Defined Benefit Pension Plan on December 31, 2022. And, effective January 2018, transfer designated employees from the Defined Benefit Pension Plan to the Defined Contribution Pension Plan". Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
