

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 26, 2018

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Regrets: CAO, Kent Macintyre

Warden MacLean 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 Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes:

a) October 23, 2018

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of October 23, 2018 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Councillor Goyetche – Second Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56 to reflect the attached changes and remove them from the listing (Appendix “A”)

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1414836L'ARDOISE MEDICAL CENTRE (New Owner: Sampson, Sherry Anne)
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Motion carried.

Councillor Goyetche – Second Reading Approval - To amend the “Repeals By-Law”, By-Law #58 (Attached as Appendix “B”) in order to include By-Law #25 (Destruction of Documents), which was repealed on May 27, 2013.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that Second Reading Approval be given to amend the “Repeals By-Law”, By-Law #58 (Attached as Appendix “B”) in order to include By-Law #25 (Destruction of Documents), which was repealed on May 27, 2013. Motion carried.

CAO re: Proposed Committees and Boards Reorganization 2019-2020

Warden MacLean noted that the draft package was developed over a number of weeks based on research and committee best practices from other municipalities. He also noted that on November 13th, 2018 the proposed Committee and Boards Reorganization report was presented to the Committee of the Whole and some proposed changes were voiced at the meeting which have now been incorporated along with Terms of Reference for each Committee.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Proposed Committees and Boards Reorganization report be approved effective January 1, 2019. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Boucher)

Committee Reports

a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grant request be approved.

- Richmond County Seniors Council, Type 2-Activity Grant request, in the amount of \$500

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grant request be approved.

- River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Type 2-Activity Grant request, in the amount of \$450

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grant request be approved.

- Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Type 2-Activity Grant request, in the amount of \$500

Motion carried. (Nays, Deputy Warden Marchand, Councillor Boucher)

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of NOVEMBER 2018 be adopted. Motion carried.

Councillor Martell declared a conflict regarding the Audit Committee.

b) Audit Committee

Warden MacLean noted the following:

- On November 20th, 2018 at 6pm the audit committee met and was presented with the financial statements and the audit report from our CFO and Auditors for the year ending March 31, 2018
- As Warden, I am pleased at the progress we have made this year and am happy to report that we posted a surplus of approximately \$636,000. This is in large part due to a reduction in operating costs through an organizational review
- I am also pleased to report that our net debt position on a consolidated basis has improved significantly over last year (\$1,598,354) and the Water Utility and Richmond Housing Corporation have posted surpluses of \$128,211 and \$480,381 respectively
- At year end we have Capital Reserves of \$1,948,900 and Operating Reserves of \$4,237,391
- The Municipality invested \$2.7M into capital projects in which the largest investment related to the Louisdale/Evanston/Whiteside water treatment plant project. Funding was received from various sources such as Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, ACOA, New Building Canada Fund, and Gas Tax
- Grant Thornton's audit report stated "In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Municipality of the County of Richmond as at March 31, 2018, and the consolidated results of its operations, changes in its net debt, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Public Sector Accounting Standards" which means we have been provided with a clean audit report
- I would like to thank the Municipality's finance staff for their hard work and diligence on the successful completion of the 2018 audit. In addition, I want to thank the Audit Committee members for their input and productive discussions during our meetings

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and that the financial statements for the Municipality of the County of Richmond for the year ended March 31, 2018 be accepted as presented by the Auditors and the Chief Financial Officer. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Audit Committee Report for the month of November 2018 be adopted. Motion carried.

Correspondence
Action Required

a) Isle Madame Christian Assembly Society

It was the consensus of Council that the request for a tax exemption by the Isle Madame Christian Assembly Society, for the property at 122 Cove Road, be revisited at a later date due to Property Valuation Services potentially exempting the property in whole or in part AND FURTHER CONSENTED that after the PVSC designation has been determined, inclusion in By Law #56 would be considered.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the request for a letter of support by the Isle Madame Christian Assembly Society, regarding the establishment of a cemetery as part of further development of the property at 122 Cove Road, be approved, conditional on meeting and receiving approval from the Department of Environment and the Eastern District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

b) Lennan MacDonald re: Cameron Mountain Road

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Marchand that a letter of concern be sent to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, with a copy to Canada Post, regarding the pooling of water at the bottom of Cameron Mountain Road where mail is received from one of the 48 comp mailboxes. Motion carried.

c) Grant Requests

- River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club, Type 2, Activity - \$500

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the grant request from the River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club, Type 2, Activity in the amount of \$500, be approved contingent on expense receipts being submitted to the Chief Financial Officer in addition to the number of attendees. Motion carried.

For Information Purposes

a) Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Roadside Brush Cutting

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council.

Mr. Robbie Fougere approached Council.

Mr. Richie Cotton approached Council.

Mr. Gary Gibson 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 8:18 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
