

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DECEMBER 19, 2018

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Councillor Gilbert Boucher, Warden Jason MacLean,
Councillor James Goyetche, Deputy Warden Brian Marchand,
Councillor Alvin Martell, CAO, Kent MacIntyre
Also present were Chief Financial Officer, Jason Martell,

Warden MacLean called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

Deputy Warden Marchand requested and received unanimous consent to add an item regarding a request from the West Bay Pastoral Charge.

Warden MacLean requested and received unanimous consent to add an item regarding Council's weekday preferences in regards to the scheduled monthly Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings.

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

Review of Minutes: November 13, 2018

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the minutes of November 13, 2018 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Food Bank Presentations re: Isle Madame, St. Peter's, Louisdale, L'Ardoise and Chapel Island

Cheques were presented to the Isle Madame and St. Peter's Food Banks in the amount of \$2,000 each. It was noted that the Louisdale, L'Ardoise and Chapel Island cheques would be delivered. A total of \$10,000 was donated to the five Richmond County Food Banks.

CAO re:

- a) Fire Services Review – Update

The CAO noted the following:

In the New Year, the municipality will begin to work with all municipal Fire Departments to review operational effectiveness and potential ways the fire services can be improved.

Through a review we can identify best practices that can be shared, as well as determine and assist in short and long term planning for major capital expenditures.

There are some existing Fire Departments that do not have the full breadth of resources for financial reporting, volume purchasing opportunities and other operational capabilities. A review will assist in determining how the municipality can help.

Essentially, the municipality administers approximately \$800,000 annually for fire services and this review is an avenue to ensure funds are maximized and service delivery is cost effective.

It will take several months to complete this exercise and we may require some expertise to assist – we will keep Council appraised as the review progresses.

b) Lennox Passage Yacht Club

A request was received from the Lennox Passage Yacht Club for a one year extension to the deadline of March 31, 2019 to expend the funds regarding their infrastructure grant.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committee recommend to Council that a one year extension to March 31, 2020 be granted to the Lennox Passage Yacht Club in expending the funds relating to their infrastructure grant. Motion carried.

c) Food for Children

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committee recommend to Council that the request for financial support from the Food 4 Children Society in the amount of \$500 be approved and that the funds for this be used from the activity grant fund. Motion carried.

d) Canada Revenue Agency - 2019 Tax Reform

The CAO gave a power point presentation (attached).

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the Council's stipend be adjusted to reflect the appropriate adjustment to mitigate the CRA Tax Reform effective January 1, 2019. Motion carried. (Nay: Deputy Warden Marchand)

Warden re:

a) St. Peter's Canal Project Update

Warden MacLean noted the following:

The St. Peter's Canal Committee is a product of a new joint meeting arrangement between the Village of St. Peter's and the Municipality of Richmond.

The Joint Committee quickly realized the St. Peter's Canal will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2019 and we should collectively work towards making it a special year.

For effectiveness reasons, the Joint Committee has created two sub committees;

1. An event committee – created to plan, design and implement a 150th Anniversary celebration targeted for July/August of 2019. The members of this committee include;

- Village of St. Peter's
- Parks Canada – event coordinator
- SP Economic Development Organization
- Village on the Canal Association
- St. Peter's Community Club
- Pirate Days Group

2. A Legacy Project Committee – created to plan, co-ordinate, design and implement a significant rehabilitation and development of the site to provide a unique and unforgettable visitor experience. The members of this committee are;

- Municipality of Richmond
- Parks Canada
- Potlotek – First Nations
- Village of St. Peter's
- Develop Nova Scotia

Our Joint Committee is pleased to have the major stakeholders like, Parks Canada, Potlotek First Nations, and Develop Nova Scotia as partners on the legacy project.

Both sub-committees are working hard to develop and align exceptional experiences in conjunction with the appropriate funding.

Several meetings are planned in the coming weeks and there will be more information forthcoming as committees' progress.

b) Potlotek Band Council Meeting

Warden MacLean noted the following:

On December 4th, the CAO and I had the pleasure of meeting with the Potlotek Band Council.

This was a very informative and productive meeting whereby we discussed a number of matters, for instance;

- Cooperation and collaboration regarding the St. Peter's Canal Legacy Project – a joint willingness to develop a unique cultural experience for residents and visitors.
- New developments planned and/or occurring on Potlotek First Nations properties.
- Shared interests in economic development and a readiness to assist each other when opportunities arise.
- An understanding that First Nations history and heritage are important components in the Richmond County cultural mosaic.

Both parties agreed that meeting regularly will serve to keep each other connected and informed.

More meetings will be planned in the New Year.

Correspondence

Action Required

- a) Revenue Manager re: Request for a Right of Way – George, Gail and Gina Landry

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Staff investigate the process to establish a Municipal By-Law which would allow the Municipality to effectively manage and administer “right of way” requests as they pertain to the Private Ways Act and to charge costs associated with the assignment of a right of way, back to an applicant. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Grant Request: Development Isle Madame

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that the Type 2, Activity Grant request, for Development Isle Madame, in the amount of \$500, be approved. Motion carried.

2. Deputy Warden Marchand re: West Bay Pastoral Charge Request

A discussion took place regarding the request. No decision was made.

3. Warden MacLean re: Meeting Schedule Dates/Weekdays

It was the consensus of the Committee that Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings continue to be scheduled on Monday evenings.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

“In Camera” Session (Legal Contracts)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:22 PM. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting reconvene to “Regular Session” at 9:12 PM.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:
