

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2019

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Councillor James Goyetche, Councillor Alvin Martell
Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, Councillor Gilbert Boucher,
Warden Jason MacLean, CAO, Kent MacIntyre, Director of Public Works,
Chris Boudreau, Chief Financial Officer, Jason Martell

Warden MacLean called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

A moment of silence was observed for former Municipal Councillor, Malcolm Beaton who passed away on February 5, 2019.

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 regarding the Mayor versus Warden System of governance.

Deputy Warden Marchand requested and received unanimous consent to add an item to the agenda regarding a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

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

Review of Minutes:

- a) January 28, 2019 Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of January 28, 2019 Regular Council be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from the Catholic Women's League of Canada Association, Saint Joseph's Council, Petit de Grat, Type 2-Activity Grant in the amount of \$500, be approved. 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 grant request from the Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors & Pensioners Club, Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$2,000, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of FEBRUARY 2019 be adopted. Motion carried.

b) By-Law Committee

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law Committee to amend the Grant Policy. Motion carried. (Nay: Deputy Warden Marchand)

Deputy Warden Marchand gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next regular Council meeting to amend the Grant Policy with the changes noted during the Committee meeting.

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law Committee to amend By-Law #56. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Marchand gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next regular Council meeting to give First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, in order to cap the current assessment account numbers included and not consider any new applicant requests for exemptions other than those currently pending.

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the By-Law Committee Report for the month of FEBRUARY 2019 be adopted. Motion carried.

c) Audit Committee

Councillor Alvin Martell declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion.

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and that the external audit services contract for the Municipality of Richmond County be awarded to Grant Thornton for the next five fiscal years beginning fiscal year ending March 31, 2019 to fiscal year ending March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Audit Committee Report for the month of February 2019 be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion Required - To amend the Street Light Policy to add section 6, “procedures”, to include Private roads with limitations, the noted changes to #6 (Procedures)(bullet #3) and to add in the maximum street lights per District/per year and the minimum number of permanent residences on a private road in order to qualify for street lights. (Attached as Appendix “A”)

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council amend the Street Light Policy to add section 6, “procedures”, to include Private roads with limitations, the noted changes to #6 (Procedures) (bullet #3) and to add in the maximum street lights per District/per year and the minimum number of permanent residences on a private road in order to qualify for street lights. (Attached as Appendix “A”) Motion defeated. (Nays: Deputy Warden Marchand, Councillor Boucher, Councillor Martell)

Motion Required - To amend the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy to allow for the submission of complaint forms by Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (Attached as Appendix “B”).

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council amend the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy to allow for the submission of complaint forms by Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Richmond (Attached as Appendix “B”). Motion carried.

First Reading Approval - To adopt By-Law #65, Noise By-Law as a By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. (Attached as Appendix “C”)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council give First Reading Approval to adopt By-Law #65, Noise By-Law as a By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. (Attached as Appendix “C”) Motion carried.

First Reading Approval - To repeal By-Law #8, Mischiefs and Nuisances By-Law (Attached as Appendix “D”) which will be replaced with By-Law #65, Noise By-Law.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council give First Reading Approval to repeal By-Law #8, Mischiefs and Nuisances By-Law (Attached as Appendix “D”) which will be replaced with By-Law #65, Noise By-Law. Motion carried.

Motion Required - To adopt the Code of Conduct Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. (Attached as Appendix “E”)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council adopt the Code of Conduct Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. (Attached as Appendix “E”) Motion carried. (Nays: Deputy Warden Marchand, Councillor Boucher)

First Reading Approval – Councillor Martell – To amend By-Law #56 to include the Rocky Bay Ballfield, AAN#10587255 in By-Law #56 – Tax Exemption By-Law (Attached as Appendix “F”)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council give First Reading Approval To amend By-Law #56 to include the Rocky Bay Ballfield, AAN#10587255 Council Meeting to amend By-Law #56 – Tax Exemption By-Law (Attached as Appendix “F”) Motion carried.

**Correspondence
Action Required**

- a) Société Vitalité Isle Madame re: Tax Exemption Request

Councillor Martell gave notice that that he would introduce a motion at the next regular Council meeting to give First Reading approval to amend By-Law #56 in order to add property account # 05410347, piece of land located between Ecole Beau Port and the soccer field.

For Information Purposes

- a) St. Joseph’s CWL re: Thank you

Items Added to the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the CAO initiate an investigative review and cost analysis of the two systems of governance, including the timelines and procedure to implement any potential change and noting that the results of the review would be completed and presented at the May 27, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried. (Nay: Deputy Warden Marchand)

Deputy Warden Marchand expressed concern regarding the \$500 cost of a session on February 27, 2019 being held for by and for Management with an invitation to Council that would provide information and expertise on best practices, methods of recruiting potential tenants to our industrial parks and other valuable information to help the Municipality move forward with the Economic Development portion of the Strategic Plan.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Mr. Richie Cotton approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

2nd Fifteen Minute Question Period re: Richmond Municipal Strategic Plan

Mary Lou Bedford approached Council.

Mr. Robbie Forger approached Council.

Ms. Shirley McNamara approached Council.

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council.

Ms. Dorothy Barnard approached Council.

“In Camera” Session (Legal Contract)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the meeting proceed to an In Camera Session. at 8:15 PM Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden Marchand that the meeting reconvene to Regular Session at 8:50 PM

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council approve the Terms and Conditions of the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Municipality of Richmond County and the Town of Port Hawkesbury regarding the Landrie Lake Water Utility. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council approve the terms and conditions of the Purchase and Sale Agreement (transfer of assets) between the Province of Nova Scotia, the Town of Port Hawkesbury and the Municipality of Richmond County. 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 8:16 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
