

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 23, 2019**

**Location:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office

**Present:** Councillor James Goyetche, Councillor Alvin Martell  
Warden Brian Marchand, Councillor Gilbert Boucher,  
Councillor Jason MacLean, CAO, Don Marchand

Warden Marchand 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 CAO took roll call of Councillors.

**Election of Warden**

**a) Nominations called by the CAO for the Appointment of Warden**

The CAO called for nominations for the position of Warden.

Councillor Boucher nominated Deputy Warden Marchand for the position of Warden, for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Warden Marchand accepted the nomination.

The CAO called for further nominations, three times.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that nominations cease.  
Motion carried.

The new Warden of Richmond County thus becomes Brian Marchand.

**b) Nominations called by the Warden for the Appointment of Deputy Warden (If Required)**

Warden Brian Marchand called for nominations for the position of Deputy Warden.

Councillor Boucher nominated Councillor Martell for the position of Deputy Warden, for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Councillor Martell declined the nomination.

Warden Marchand called for further nominations, three times.

Warden Marchand acknowledged that there were no further nominations.

No Deputy Warden appointment.

### **Items Added to the Agenda**

There was one item previously added to the agenda by Councillor MacLean regarding correspondence received from Minister Chuck Porter.

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

### **Review of Minutes**

a) March 25, 2019 Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of March 25, 2019 Regular Council be approved as presented. Motion carried.

b) April 1, 2019 Special Council

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of April 1, 2019 Special Council be approved as presented. Motion carried.

c) April 4, 2019 Emergency Council

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of April 4, 2019 Emergency Council be approved as presented. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Goyetche)

### **Committee Reports**

a) Committee of the Whole

Councillor Martell declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion from the Committee of the Whole Report.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the auditing firm, Grant Thornton, be engaged to review the Sundry account to determine if there is any inappropriate, illegal or wrongful activity in the account. Motion defeated (Nays: Warden Marchand, Councillor Boucher)

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of APRIL 2019 be adopted. Motion carried.

**Second Reading Approval – Councillor Martell - 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 (Attached as Appendix “A”) Version #4**

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Second Reading Approval be given 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 (Attached as Appendix “A”) Version #4. Motion carried.

**Second Reading Approval - Councillor Martell –to amend By-Law #56 in order to include property account # 05410347, piece of land located between Ecole Beau Port and the soccer field (Attached as Appendix “B”). Version #5. Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Second Reading Approval be given to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law in order to include property account # 05410347, piece of land located between Ecole Beau Port and the soccer field (Attached as Appendix “B”). Version #5. Motion carried.

**Correspondence  
Action Required**

- a) Bryne Butts, EDPC re: Road Name Change

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council approve the Road Name Change request from “Unnamed Private Lane” to “Rue de L’Acadie” which was received from La Picasse Centre Communautaire Culturel for the Former Acadian School lane in Petit de Grat. Motion carried.

- b) St. Joseph Parish Finance Committee re: Tipping Fees

It was the consensus of Council that the Richmond County Solid Waste Management By-Law does not allow for a tipping fee waiver and therefore the request from St. Joseph’s Parish Glebe House to waive tipping fees in the amount of \$1465.20 would not be discussed.

- c) Deputy Warden Marchand re: Extension of Grants

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council approve a 6 month extension to all remaining grants that have not been paid out as of March 31st, in order to ensure that groups have enough time to proceed with their projects in

spring/summer of 2019 and have the funds paid out prior to the end of the 6 month extension. Motion carried. (Nays: Councillor MacLean, Councillor Goyetche)

d) Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation re: Lyme Disease Awareness

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the following Proclamation be adopted:

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 2019 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month".

Motion carried.

e) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Revised Appointments

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that the following District Planning staff be appointed to various Municipal positions:

- Administrator – Dangerous and Unightly Premises: Jonathan Martin (Alternate: John Bain)
- Building Inspectors: Harry Martell (Alternates: David MacKenzie, Sean Donovan, Cyril Leblanc, Jonathan Martin and Leon Leblanc/Special Constable: Sean Donovan)
- Development Officer: Andrew Jones (Alternates: John Bain, Wanda Ryan and Paul Dec)
- Fire Inspector: Leon Leblanc (Alternates: Sean Donovan, Harry Martell, David MacKenzie, Jonathan Martin and Cyril Leblanc)

Motion carried.

f) Hearts of Isle Madame Disability Society AAN# 02531917 & AAN # 10615161 (Former Filles de Jesus) re: Tax Exemption

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that notice be given for First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law in order to include properties AAN# 02531917 & AAN # 10615161, owned by the Hearts of Isle Madame Disability Society. Motion carried.

g) Friends of St. John's (Former St. John's Anglican Church) AAN# 00089044  
re: Tax Exemption

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that notice be given for First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law in order to include the property AAN# 00089044, owned by The Friends of St. John's Arichat Society. Motion carried.

**Items Added to the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor MacLean that Council accept the offer of assistance and support from the Department of Municipal Affairs such as training on roles and responsibilities and the provision of a mediator (at no cost to the municipality) to help improve council relations and develop a path forward. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of Council that Warden Marchand send an email to the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding potential financial assistance for Municipal communications from the department.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that, effective immediately, all budget meetings be open to the public and be advertised for the public with all scheduled times and dates. Motion carried.

**Presentations to Richmond County Volunteers**

Presentations were made to Richmond County Volunteers (List Attached).

**Adjournment**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON