

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 27, 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
Director of Public Works, Chris Boudreau, Solicitor, Noah Landry

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 Deputy Warden

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

The Warden 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 accepted the nomination.

The Warden called for further nominations, three times.

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

The new Deputy Warden of Richmond County thus becomes Alvin Martell.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda

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

Review of Minutes re: April 23, 2019 Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the minutes of the April 23, 2019 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that notice of registration of properties (PID 75033100) & (PID 75209700) be placed on the Municipal Registry of Heritage Property and notice of such registration shall be sent to the Diocese of Antigonish and to the Whiteside Church Preservation Society and that a copy of the registration shall be deposited in the Registry of Deeds for the district in which the municipal heritage properties are located. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that taxes in the amount of \$343.82 be written off on the property owned by Alfred McNamara, located at 292 Hospital Road, which was completely destroyed by fire on February 11, 2019. Motion carried

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that taxes in the amount of \$202.84 be written off on the property owned by Boyd Babin, located at 137 Cove Road, which was completely destroyed by fire on January 13, 2018. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Warden Marchand and Councillor Goyetche be the two elected officials from the municipality to serve on the Landrie Lake Water Utility Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Deputy Warden Martell be the elected official from the municipality appointed to the Landrie Lake Watershed Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor MacLean that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a 10% rate increase, applied for a 5 year period, beginning April 1, 2019, for the Richmond County Truckers Association for trucking services related to trucking of solid waste and recycling to Guysborough and Sydport. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the request received from the Nova Scotia Community College Heavy Equipment Operator Program for the provision of

a work site at the Joint Industrial Park in Port Hawkesbury to deliver the practical component of the program be approved pending investigation by the CAO into liability issues in addition to ensuring that the site would remain in good condition after use. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Don Marchand be appointed, for a one year term, as the Chief Administrative Officer, for the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

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

b) Heritage Advisory Committee

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committee recommend to Council that the Friends of St John's Arichat Society's request to make an alteration to St. John's Centre for the Arts (formerly the St. John's Anglican Church) in Arichat be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Heritage Advisory Committee Report for the month of MAY 2019 be adopted. Motion carried.

First Reading Approval – Deputy Warden Martell - 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. (Attached as Appendix “A”) Version #6

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First Reading Approval - Councillor Goyetche - 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. (Attached as Appendix “B”). Version #7

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that First Reading Approval be given 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. (Attached as Appendix “B”). Version #7 Motion carried.

First Reading Approval – First Reading Approval to amend By-Law #62, Wastewater Management District By-Law (Attached as Appendix “C”) in order to accommodate the following changes:

• Redefining the geographic area for the wastewater management district to include all of Richmond County (excluding Chapel Island Mi’kmaq reserve) to allow for expansion of the project;

• Changes to the charges for new participants to reflect true construction costs;

• Changes to the payment terms for new participants to require a deposit in advance of the Municipality incurring engineering expenses and payment in full in advance of construction related activities;

• Implement a term of seven years after which systems installed under the program will cease to be registered as “municipal” systems and the systems will become the full responsibility of the Owner;

• Addition of an appeals process within the By-law for Owners having concerns regarding the replacement work being undertaken on their property;

• Other administrative changes and clarifications as noted in the proposed amended By-law.

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Motion carried.

CAO re: Mayor versus Warden System

It was the consensus of Council that staff further investigate the most effective process of collecting information from the public regarding preference of a Mayor versus a Warden system of governance.

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Chris Boudreau Arichat Mainstreet Revitalization Project re: Discussion of the St. Anne's Rest Area /Easement (Page 2 of document);

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that Staff pursue an easement with St. Anne’s Nursing Home in order to enable the Municipality to construct a passive park on their property as part of the Arichat Mainstreet Revitalization Project, AND FURTHER MOVED that the final design of the passive park be carried out in consultation with St. Anne’s, the Committee and ACOA who are funding 100% of the cost for the passive parks as part of the Streetscaping work. Motion carried.

b) Jason Martell, CFO re: Canada Day Grants

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the following Canada Day 2019 funding applications be approved:

St. Peter’s and Area Lions Club	\$3,000 (District 4)
Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society	\$ 500 (District 3)
Johnston’s Harbour Wharf Association	\$ 400 (District 5)
Bras d’Or Lakes Seniors Association	\$ 300 (District 5)
Grand River Volunteer Fire Department	\$1,500 (District 5)
L’Ardoise Men’s Club	\$1,500 (District 5)
Point Tupper Heritage Association	\$ 500 (District 3)
St. Louis Parish	\$1,500 (District 3)
Development Isle Madame Association	\$6,000 (Districts 1&2)

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

15 Minute Question Period

Mr. Richie Cotton approached Council.

Mr. Gerry Bourque approached Council.

“In Camera” Session (Legal)

Moved by Councillor Boucher seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Boucher seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the meeting revert back to “Regular Session” at 8:31 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Goyetche seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
