

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Councillor James Goyetche, Deputy Warden 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.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Boucher requested and received unanimous consent to add an item to the agenda regarding a certificate of appreciation received from the St. Peter's Lions Club.

Councillor Goyetche requested and received unanimous consent to an item to the agenda regarding Emergency Management Office (EMO).

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

Review of Minutes re:

- a) June 24, 2019 Special Council
- b) June 20, 2019 Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of the June 24, 2019 Special Council meeting and the June 20, 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 Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Lester Joseph Fougere be appointed to serve as a member at large on the St. Peter's, Samsonville and Area Water Utility Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Marie Briand be appointed to serve as a member at large on the Richmond Villa Board. 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 alternate member to serve as the Richmond County representative on the Strait Area Transit Board. 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 Road Name Change Petition form submitted by the residents of Grand Anse to name an unnamed private land to Rae Cove Way be approved. 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 Road Name Change Petition form submitted by a resident of Janvrin Harbour to change an unnamed "k" class road to Carrigan Road be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the tender for pre-engineering for replacement/refurbishment of the Arichat/PDG sewage treatment plant be awarded to CBCL Ltd and FURTHER MOVED that the difference in cost be funded by gas tax. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Lot 10A located in the Lennox Passage Industrial Park, be sold to Matthias Frieke and Christoph Mertinitz at the appraised value determined by a market value appraisal. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Boucher)

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality of Richmond allow the Town of Port Hawkesbury and Wagmatcook entrance into the Cape Breton Regional Enterprise Network (CBREN). Motion carried.

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

b) By-Law Committee

Councillor MacLean gave notice to amend the Heritage Property By-Law, Section 11, in order to reflect the provisions set out in Section 18(3) of the Heritage Property Act by stating that, "The alteration or demolition must be carried out any time after three years from the date of application, provided that the alteration or demolition shall not be undertaken more than four years.

Councillor MacLean gave notice to amend the Noise By-Law to reflect the following:

- Section 4 change to "between the hours of 12 AM (midnight) to 7 AM"
- Section 6.6 - "Noises in relation to religious activities, including but not limited to, amplified sound played within one hour of a church service, which occur between the hours of 7 a.m. and 12 a.m. (midnight);
- Section 7.3 – Construction activities between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. for which a Building Permit has been issued by the Municipality.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the the By-Law Committee Report for the month of SEPTEMBER2019 be adopted. Motion carried.

CAO re: Mayor versus Warden

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor MacLean that Municipal Council approve the expenditure estimated to gauge interest from residents and move forward with the process of informing residents regarding the differences of a Mayor versus Warden System of governance for the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion defeated.

Correspondence
Action Required

- a) Robin Burke re: Cape Breton Housing Board Member;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that Mr. Robin Burke be appointed as the representative for Richmond County on the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority. Motion carried.

- b) Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia re:
Proclamation;

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher the following be proclaimed in the Municipality of the County of Richmond:

WHEREAS the Municipality of Richmond County has adopted the principles of openness, transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS Part XX of the Municipal Government Act gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality of Richmond County; and

WHEREAS access to information ensures citizens of Nova Scotia have the opportunity for meaningful participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS a celebration of the right of citizens to access information will facilitate informed public participation in policy formulation, ensure fairness in government decision-making and permit the airing and reconciliation of divergent views; and

WHEREAS Municipality of Richmond County joins all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in acknowledging international Right to Know Week;

THEREFORE be it resolved that I, Warden Brian Marchand, of the Municipality of Richmond County, do hereby proclaim September 23 to September 29, 2019 to be Right to Know Week in the Municipality of Richmond County.

Motion carried.

- c) Revenue Manager, Clint Samson re: Property Destroyed by Fire;

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Revenue Manger and that taxes in the amount of \$684.15 be written off on the property owned by Herman Martell, located 1868 Hwy 320, Martinique Road, which was completely destroyed by fire on May 22, 2018. Motion carried.

- d) Revenue Manager, Clint Samson re: Municipality of Richmond County and Her Majesty the Queen Properties.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the balance of taxes be written off on the properties of the Municipality of Richmond and her Majesty the Queen following an amended classification as exempt by Property Valuation Services. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Boucher indicated that the Municipality had been presented a certificate from the St. Peter's Lions Club in appreciation of 50 years of partnership in promoting development in the community.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the EMO Coordinator, Adam King, be invited to a Committee of the Whole meeting for a presentation and discussion. Motion carried.

“In Camera” Session (If Required)

There was no “In Camera” Session.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
