

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DECEMBER 8, 2014

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden V. David, Deputy Warden S. McNamara
Councillor R. Samson, Councillor A. Martell,
Councillor M. Beaton, Councillor B. Marchand,
Councillor G. Boucher, Councillor S. MacNeil
Councillor G. Johnson, Councillor S. Sampson

Warden David called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden David indicated that one item was previously added to the agenda by Councillor Marchand regarding Phase 2 of the Louisdale sidewalk project.

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

Review of Minutes:

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the minutes of November 10, 2014 (Committee of the Whole) and November 21, 2014 (Special Committee of the Whole) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) Greg Silver re: Design Input for Welcome Signage;

Warden David welcomed Mr. Greg Silver to the meeting.

Mr. Silver gave a power point presentation and the following points were brought forth:

- Richmond County identity signs is an opportunity to convey a message 365 days a year to all vehicles entering Richmond County;
- Public input will be sought before any decisions on message or design are made;
- Public input will be obtained through an online survey;

- There is potential for up to 9 signs, one on Hwy 104 is subject to specific Provincial regulations and the other 8 signs would be on secondary roads;
- There are no municipal by-laws in place to regulate the signs considered for this project;
- Location is regulated with respect to such things as traffic safety, snow removal etc;
- Permission must be obtained from landowners whose property these signs are to be located on;
- A decision needs to be made regarding the desired message for the signage;

Warden David thanked Mr. Silver for his presentation.

b) Garnet MacLaughlin re: Richmond County Trails Strategy;

Warden David welcomed Mr. Garnet MacLaughlin to the meeting.

Mr. MacLaughlin gave a power point presentation and the following points were brought forth during presentation and discussions:

- Request for Proposal was issued by the Municipality of Richmond County to develop a Richmond County Trails Strategy;
- There are challenges for linking trails;
- There is a trail strategy development strategy;
- Sustainable trails must be planned to engender Stewardship;
- All trails affect our environment;
- Trails change over time and must be designed in anticipation of changes;
- Trails support a wide variety of visitor contexts;
- Trails are designed to provide experiences that bring users back again;
- Trails are classified into three categories, Shared Use Trails, Multi-Use Trails and Established trails;
- Criteria to determine if a region is a trail tourism product includes, website, getting there, sense of arrival, on the trail navigation, trail condition and features;
- Trail connectivity has challenges but is extremely important to future trail development;
- Trail events are well attended in Richmond County;
- The region has a strong attachment to the development of the St. Peter's abandoned rail section;
- St. Peter's abandoned rail is under the ownership of the Province and is a non-motorized trail;
- The community is divided regarding the potential uses if the rail trail was managed;
- Current condition of the rail trail does not meet any recognized trail standard;
- Funding is limited if a shared use model is not considered for ongoing capital and maintenance of the trail;

- There are four Development options for the rail trail and St. Peter's and its surrounding communities could benefit from a trail referendum that could resolve this outstanding section of unmanaged trail;
- Implementation plan includes such things as creating a trails fund, event based support from Tourism & Economic Development, Annual Trail Forum and a Trails Policy;
- East Richmond Riders are installing a bridge right now at a cost of approximately \$300,000;
- It is key that the trails connect;
- Crown owned land is looked at as an opportunity to work together and make recommendations to the government as a joint body.

Warden David thanked Mr. MacLaughlin for his presentation.

Warden David requested that a moment of silence be observed for the late Joe MacPhee who previously served as a Councillor for the Municipality of Richmond County.

- c) Business Cape Breton re: Façade Program (Note: Please see correspondence under "Action Required").

Warden David welcomed Mrs. Eileen Lannon Oldford and Mr. Wayne Scott to the meeting.

Mrs. Oldford gave a power point presentation and the following points were brought forth:

- Business Cape Breton has replaced the former Cape Breton Development Business Center;
- Interested parties have previously met regarding a possible façade program for Isle Madame;
- Expressions of Interest were circulated for review/completion and to date 20 have been received, 16 private sector and 4 non-profit;
- A Request for Proposal was developed and released on September 22, 2014 to invited consultants, with a closing date being on October 3, 2014;
- Two proposals were received, one from Greg Silver Graphic Design and VMP Group;
- Evaluation committee is comprised of Jeff Stanley, Janine LaCroix and Eileen Lannon Oldford;
- The selection committee is considering a proposal presented by Greg Silver Graphic Design, pending funding, with a cost of \$18,496.60;
- The façade committee has approached the Province for funding but funds for this type of project are exhausted for the current fiscal year and a new application can be made after April 1, 2015;

- Two local funding programs were reviewed, Chedabucto Bay Investment Fund Ltd and St. Joseph's Credit Union's Community Economic Development fund but the request did not meet their funding criteria;
- Request from the Municipality of Richmond for \$10,000 of the cost to complete the Themed Concept Design this fiscal year and paying the remainder of \$8,496.60;
- Anticipated start date for the Façade Program is February 2015;
- Façade Programs have proven their worth;

Warden David thanked Mrs. Lannon Oldford and Mr. Scott for the presentation.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Warden and CAO meet with the appropriate ACOA Representatives to gauge their interest into the Isle Madame Façade Program prior to releasing any other funding towards the design. Motion carried.

Boundary Review

Warden David indicated that the recommendation in the Final Boundary Review Report consisted of three options. He also indicated the following:

- The result of the survey was that 93% (285) of the respondents wanted a Council size of 5 or more;
- The Warden system has been working well in Richmond County since 1879;
- The question included in the survey for a "larger" Council should not have been part of the question;
- Richmond County has been praised as being a leader in every way with the current Council size;
- Liquefied Natural Gas Limited may bring more people to the area;
- Stantec provided three recommendations, Council size of 5, 7 and 10;
- Residents wanted a Council size of 8 or more;
- Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board ruled that Guysborough would remain the same and the potential is there for Richmond County to receive the same ruling;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council that retaining a Council size of 10 Councillors with a Warden appointed by Council be recommended to the UARB and FURTHER MOVED that the Richmond County boundaries be reviewed at a later date. Motion carried. (Nayes: Councillor Samson, Councillor Martell, Councillor Sampson, Councillor MacNeil).

Building Canada Fund

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the District #3 and #4 wastewater projects and the Louisdale

water project be the only two projects submitted on the Building Canada Fund Application. Motion defeated.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that District #3 and #4 wastewater projects, Louisdale water project, French Cove water, Petit de Grat sidewalks and Arichat sidewalks be submitted on the Building Canada Fund Application. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Marchand)

Notice to be given – To Amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the first installment for the one-time connection fee to coincide with the first installment for the maintenance and operation fee, and to provide flexibility with respect to timing of installation of the on-site septic systems. (Attached as Appendix “A”).

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Samson that notice be given to amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the first installment for the one-time connection fee to coincide with the first installment for the maintenance and operation fee, and to provide flexibility with respect to timing of installation of the on-site septic systems. (Attached as Appendix “A”). Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes

- a) Alicia Lake, Coordinator, Pan Cape Breton Local Food Hub re: Update;
- b) Turner Drake & Partners re: Infrastructure Acquisition for Municipal Projects;
- c) Property Valuation Services re: 2015-2016 Budget;
- d) Director of Public Works re: Christmas 2014 Holiday Operations Schedule.

Action Required

- a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Summary Offence Tickets – Special Constable;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council that Sean Donovan, of the Eastern District Planning Commission, be appointed as a Special Constable able to issue Summary Offence Tickets for violations of the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations in the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

- b) Business Cape Breton re: Façade Program;

Item was previously dealt with.

- c) Eastern District Planning Commission re:

- 1) Property of Elizabeth Sommer, 134 Church Point Road, River Bourgeois, NS, (PID 75045070, AAN 01765671);
- 2) Property of Anja Sampson and Vonnie Carter, 8718 Highway 4, River Bourgeois, NS, (PID 75105981, AAN 04736184);
- 3) Property of Pauline Walsh, 8338 Highway 4, River Bourgeois, NS, (PID 75045526, AAN 00549762).

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Elizabeth Sommer, 134 Church Point Road, River Bourgeois, NS, (PID 75045070, AAN 01765671) and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owner instructing that the house be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Anja Sampson and Vonnie Carter, 8718 Highway 4, River Bourgeois, NS, (PID 75105981, AAN 04736184) and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owner instructing that the house be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

d) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests

- Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$600);
- Fleur de Lis Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,000);
- Mi’Kmawey School, Chapel Island, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$650);
- St. John the Baptist CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1 (\$6,000);
- VOCA, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$500);
- Richmond County Early Childhood Education Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$1050);

- Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$150);
- St. Louis CWL, Municipal District Activity, District #6 (\$505);
- Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$300).

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grant requests be approved:

- \$600 to Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$1,000 to Fleur de Lis Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$650 to Mi'Kmauwey School, Chapel Island, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$500 to St. John the Baptist CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$500 to River Bourgeois Seniors 50+ Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$6,000 to Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1;
- \$500 to VOCA, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$1050 to Richmond County Early Childhood Education Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$150 to Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$505 to St. Louis CWL, Municipal District Activity, District #6;
- \$300 to Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1.

Motion carried.

Approval of Cheques Issued – October 2014:

Warden David declared a conflict due to cheques being written to his business and removed himself from discussion.

Moved by Councillor Sampson , seconded by Councillor Samson that the list of cheques issued for the month of October 2014 in the amount of \$1,448,820.27 (General Account), \$20,057.32 (Water Account) be approved. Motion carried.

Review of Cheques – November 2014:

For Information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

- a) Councillor Marchand re: Phase 2 – Louisdale Sidewalks

There was unanimous consent that staff investigate the requirements needed for the 2nd Phase of the Louisdale Sidewalk project to be added to the Capital Priority list and return to Council with a recommendation.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Gary Gibson approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Mr. Ross Wagg approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Mrs. Lisa Boudreau approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

In-Camera

There was no “In Camera” session.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boucher that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON