

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Deputy Warden M. Beaton, Councillor R. Samson
Councillor B. Marchand, Councillor G. Boucher
Councillor S. MacNeil, Councillor Sampson
Councillor G. Johnson,

Deputy Warden Beaton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

The C.A.O. took roll call of Councillors.

Deputy Warden Beaton indicated that regrets were received by Councillor Martell, Councillor McNamara and Warden David.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Deputy Warden Beaton noted that one item was previously added to the agenda regarding a motion to move Council to Leadership by a Mayor instead of the current Warden system.

Councillor Marchand requested and was denied unanimous consent to add the visa charges that Grant Thornton provided to the CAO.

Councillor Marchand requested and was denied unanimous consent to add the Grant Thornton management letter.

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

Review of Minutes: December 14, 2015 (Regular Council)

Councillor Marchand declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion regarding approval of the minutes due to a grant for the Richmond Skating Club being

included in the minutes of December 14, 2015. He indicated that his wife was involved with the group.

Councillor Johnson noted the following omission from the minutes of December 14, 2015: Prior to voting on the motion for a forensic audit, at the December Council meeting, Councillor Johnson questioned if another Councillor was in a conflict of interest.

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the minutes of December 14, 2015 be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Presentations re:

- a) Erika Shea re: New Dawn CEDIF program

Deputy Warden Beaton welcomed Ms. Shea to the meeting.

Ms. Shea provided a power point presentation on the New Dawn CEDIF program (copy attached).

A discussion period ensued.

Deputy Warden Beaton thanked Ms. Shea for her presentation.

Deputy Warden re:

- a) Report/Update

Deputy Warden Beaton provided an update on the activities of his office in the last couple of weeks as well as the results of the UARB appeal hearing.

CAO re:

- a) Tourism Plan
 - Priorities/Update
 - Financing Options

The CAO provided a power point presentation on the Tourism Plan (copy attached).

A discussion period ensued.

- b) Proposed Financial Reform Plan

The CAO provided a report on the proposed financial reform plan.

A discussion period ensued.

Committee Reports:

a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that a six (6) month extension be granted to Ms. Shirley McNamara contingent on the property owner obtaining a report from a structural engineer and that the work is completed by the property owner and FURTHER MOVED that should the property owner not comply with this agreement that Council accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Shirley Anne McNamara, Evanston Road, Evanston, NS PID 75108720 and AAN 00835498 and notice having been given, that the Order should state to the owners that the dwelling is to be demolished and all debris be removed and disposed of in the appropriate manner within thirty (30) days. If the property owner fails to comply the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and adopt the financial reform proposal contingent on the contents being examined by the administration staff and a committee of council and that these parties report back to council with recommendations prior to approval. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a loan guarantee for the Village of St. Peter’s, to purchase a sidewalk tractor, in the amount of \$43,312.50, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grant requests be approved:

- \$1,500 to Chapel Cove Preservation Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$500 to River Bourgeois Senior’s 50+ Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$30,000 to Village of St. Peter’s, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8;
- \$800 to Strait Richmond Healthcare Foundation, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$600 to Mi’kmawey School, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;

- \$2,000 to Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of February 2016 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

b) Planning Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that Cameron Samson, Dr. Hossam Elokda & Jeff Pinhey of the Dundee Hills Vacation Village Project be invited to attend a Planning Advisory Committee Meeting in order to do a presentation and provide further explanation regarding the project to the committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Policy be amended so that any Dangerous & Unsightly premises issues be reviewed at a Planning Advisory Committee Meeting before being forwarded with a recommendation to Council. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Planning Advisory Committee Report for the month of February 2016 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

c) Fire Protection Services Committee

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the Town of Port Hawkesbury be advised that Richmond County will not partner with the Town of Port Hawkesbury and engage the services of an independent professional company capable of assessing the needs of both Point Tupper and the Town of Port Hawkesbury, the risks in each area and recommend an appropriate level of equipment to meet those needs and risks. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the Municipality consider the options available to conduct a study for the fire services needs in the Point Tupper area only, to include the industrial and the residential area. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Fire Protection Services Committee Report for the month of February 2016 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

For Information Purposes:

- a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Variance granted for the 10485 Grenville Street, St. Peter's Nova Scotia (PID 75061259);

For information purposes.

- b) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Operating Estimates for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year;

For information purposes.

- c) Invest Nova Scotia re: Application response.

For information purposes.

Action Required:

- a) Stella Maris Pastoral Unit re: Donation;

The CAO noted that Shannon would circulate a grant application to all councillors.

- b) Director of Finance re: Draft Inter-municipal Agreement;

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Richmond County enter into a five year Inter-municipal Agreement in regards to computing and accounting with the nine other municipal units. Motion carried.

- c) Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park Society re: Funding Request

The CAO noted that an amount was not provided; therefore he would make contact with the group and provide Council with the information to make a decision at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Councillor MacNeil re: Motion to move Council to Leadership by a Mayor instead of the current Warden

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Samson that Pursuant to section 12, sub-section 8 of the Municipal Government Act, 1998, C.18, S.1., that the Municipality of Richmond decides that henceforth the chair of this council shall be

elected at large. (Ayes: 4; Nays: 3 Councillor Johnson, Councillor Marchand, Councillor Boucher). Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

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

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

Mr. Richard Burt approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Mr. Doug Begg approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Mr. Albany Boudreau approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Mr. Dave Forgeron approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

“In Camera” session

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:49 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Deputy Warden Beaton adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON