

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 29, 2016

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Deputy Warden M. Beaton, Councillor R. Samson
Councillor B. Marchand, Councillor G. Boucher
Councillor S. MacNeil, 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. He also indicated that Councillor Sampson would be late.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Deputy Warden Beaton indicated that advice had been received from the Municipal Solicitor regarding the ongoing Ombudsman investigation and in the best interest of the Municipality, there would be no further public discussion regarding expenses, as to not hinder or in any way interfere with the investigation.

Councillor Marchand questioned why he was the only Councillor to receive a copy of the Solicitor's letter prior to this day. He also noted that he had been in touch with the Ombudsman's Office on Friday and again today and had received confirmation via email from Martin Melnyk (Ombudsman's Office) that any discussions by Council in a Public Forum would not interfere with the Ombudsman's investigation.

It was the consensus of Council that the discussion regarding the Ombudsman investigation and Solicitor correspondence be moved to an "In Camera" Session.

Councillor Marchand requested and received unanimous consent to add the Louisdale Water Project to the agenda.

Deputy Warden Beaton noted that one item was previously added to the agenda regarding a grant request.

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

Review of Minutes: February 1, 2016 (Regular Council)

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the minutes of February 1, 2016 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations re:

- a) Jeux de L'Acadie (Chasta Boudreau/Jannick Boudreau) re: Funding Request

Deputy Warden Beaton welcomed Ms. Jannick Boudreau and Ms. Chasta Boudreau to the meeting.

Ms. Jannick Boudreau and Ms. Chasta Boudreau provided a power point presentation on Jeux de L'Acadie (copy attached).

A discussion period ensued.

Deputy Warden Beaton thanked Ms. Jannick Boudreau and Ms. Chasta Boudreau for their presentation.

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that \$15,000 be given to Jeux de L'Acadie; and FURTHER MOVED that the additional \$1,000 be requested through the Island Councilor's grant funds. Motion carried.

Tourism Priorities:

Mr. Jeff Stanley gave an update to Council regarding the Tourism Project.

A question and answer period followed.

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that a special meeting be scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 to further discuss the Tourism Project. Motion carried.

CAO re:

- a) Bear Paw letter of Support - UARB application
b) Intervenor Status - Bear Paw UARB application

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board indicating Richmond Municipal Council's support of the Bear Paw Pipeline Corporation Inc. project to construct a pipeline from Goldboro to Point Tupper; and FURTHER MOVED that Richmond Municipality act as an intervenor and attend the hearing to speak on their behalf. Motion carried.

Correspondence

For Information Purposes:

- a) Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs re: Proposed Amendments to the Nova Scotia Building Code Regulations;
- b) Isle Madame Food Bank re: Thank You;
- c) Holy Guardian Angels - Social Action/Food Bank re: Thank You;
- d) Invest Nova Scotia Application Response re: Municipality of Richmond;
- e) Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs re: 911 Cost Recovery Fund;
- f) Communities in Bloom re: Participation in Program.

Action Required:

- a) Business Cape Breton re: Funding Partner;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that the request by Business Cape Breton for the Municipality of Richmond to remain as a funding partner for the fiscal April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019, be moved to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that funding in the amount of \$1,000 be awarded to the Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park Society. Motion carried.

- c) Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal 2016 Temporary Count Program;

The CAO noted that any Councillors interested in participating in the Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal 2016 Temporary Count Program, contact Mr. Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works.

d) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Revised Appointments (2016-2017);

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the revised appointments for the Eastern District Planning Commission for 2016-2017 be approved. Motion carried.

e) Chris Boudreau re: Heavy Collection 2016;

It was noted that Mr. Chris Boudreau would be invited to the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 21, 2016 in order to provide further information and answer questions regarding the Heavy Collection for 2016.

f) Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs re: Intervention;

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs and appoint Mr. Ken Meech to help Richmond County Council, at no cost to the Municipality. Motion defeated. (Nayes: Councillor Marchand, Councillor Boucher, Councillor Johnson)

g) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests:

- St. Louis Parish Roman Catholic Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6 (\$17,163.75);
- South Mountain Arm of Gold Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- Barachois Trail Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6 (\$3,873.81);
- Richmond Figure Skating Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- Telile Isle Madame Community Television, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts (\$8,000);
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 110, L'Ardoise, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9 (\$10,000);
- St. Joseph's CWL for the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$500);
- St. John the Baptist Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$5,000);

Councillor Marchand requested and received unanimous consent to have the Richmond Figure Skating Club grant request approved separately.

Councillor Marchand declared a conflict of interest regarding the approval of the Richmond Figure Skating Club grant request and removed himself from discussion.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that the following grant request be approved;

- \$500 to Richmond Figure Skating Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the following grant requests be approved:

- \$17,163.75 to St. Louis Parish Roman Catholic Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6
- \$500 to South Mountain Arm of Gold Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$3,873.81 to Barachois Trail Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6;
- \$8,000 to Telile Isle Madame Community Television, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$10,000 to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 110, L'Ardoise, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9;
- \$500 to St. Joseph's CWL for the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$5,000 to St. John the Baptist Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;
- \$300 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10.

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

The grant request was previously dealt with.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that staff continue to look for funding for the Louisdale Water Project. 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. Harold Mury approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Mr. Bennie Mury approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

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

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

Mr. Napoleon Sampson approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

“In Camera” session

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:38 p.m.

Councillor Boucher left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The meeting ceased at 9:04 p.m. due to a loss of quorum.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON