

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 24, 2016

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Deputy Warden M. Beaton, Councillor A. Martell,
Councillor S. McNamara, Councillor B. Marchand,
Councillor G. Boucher, Councillor S. MacNeil,
Councillor S. 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 sent by Councilor Samson.

Items Added to the Agenda:

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

Councillor Martell requested and received unanimous consent to add new district boundaries.

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

Review of Minutes:

a) May 2, 2016 (Regular Council)

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of May 2, 2016 (Regular Council) be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

a) Seaside Communications re: Cheque Presentations to Louisdale Volunteer Fire Department and Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department

The CAO noted that due to a scheduling conflict, seaside's presentation had been postponed to the June Council meeting.

Second Reading Approval – To amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the Municipality to move beyond the Pilot Project stage. (Attached as Appendix "A").

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Marchand that second reading approval be given to amend amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the Municipality to move beyond the Pilot Project stage. (Attached as Appendix "A"). Motion carried.

Motion Required – To amend the Municipality's Street Light Policy to include other areas, in addition to streets, which may require extra lighting, for emergency purposes (such as fire departments), as deemed beneficial by the district Councillor. (Attached as Appendix "B").

Moved by Concillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNarama that the Municipality's Street Light Policy be amended to include other areas, in addition to streets, which may require extra lighting, for emergency purposes (such as fire departments), as deemed beneficial by the district Councillor (Attached as Appendix "A"). Motion carried.

First Reading Approval - To adopt the Dundee Hills Development Wastewater Management District By-Law, By-Law # 64 , as a By-Law for the Municipality of the County of Richmond (Attached as Appendix "C").

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that first reading approval be given to adopt the Dundee Hills Development Wastewater Management District By-Law, By-Law # 64, as a By-Law for the Municipality of the County of Richmond (Attached as Appendix "C"). Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and the Director of Public Works and that Staff proceed with the installation of gravity sewer along Toulouse Street; AND FURTHER MOVED that Staff investigate possible avenues for external funding, while the municipality would still assume the cost through Gas Tax. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Staff proceed with the connection of the St. Peter's/Sampsonville water system to the residents of French Cove with a 575 meter extension of 12 inch line to accommodate future development beyond

French Cove; AND FURTHER MOVED that Staff investigate possible avenues for external funding, with this project being prioritized over the gravity sewer along Toulouse Street, while the municipality would still assume the cost through Gas Tax. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and the Eastern District Planning Commission and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Shane and Tina Murphy, 169 Chapel Cove Road, L’Ardoise, Nova Scotia, Property Identifiers (PID) 75072355, Assessment Account (AAN) 03280128, subject to notice of proposed demolition in accordance with the legislation. The Order should state to the owners that the dwelling unit 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 Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Director of Public Works and that the Municipality proceed with installation of the requested street lights on the Hospital Road, Evanston by submitting a request to Nova Scotia Power. Motion carried.

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

- \$300 to Chapel Island First Nation Band/Fisheries, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$500 to Louisdale Lions Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$500 to Grand River Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$400 to L’Ardoise Seniors Jolly Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$1,000 to L’Ardoise Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$500 to Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$500 to Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$7,500 to River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;
- \$500 to Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$12,378 to Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4;
- \$400 to Bras d’Or Lake Biosphere Reserve, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;

- \$400 to Village on the Canal, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$500 to Village on the Canal, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$15,000 to Little Anse Sampsons Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;
- \$600 to St. Peter’s Catholic Church, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$600 to Louisdale Lions Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$1,800 to Hearts of Isle Madame Disability Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$10,000 to L’archeveque Wharf Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$1,485 to Dr. Kingston memorial Community Health Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9;
- \$11,500 to St. Joseph’s Parish, c/o Episcopal Corporation of Antigonish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$13,280 to Javrin’s Island Community Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure fund, District #4;
- \$10,000 to Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$3,450, St. Peter’s Economic Development Organization, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of May 2016 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

For Information Purposes:

- a) Communities, Culture and Heritage, Office of the Minister re: Letter of Support (Eastern Counties Library Board).

For information purposes.

Action Required:

- a) Vernon Burke, President, L’Ardoise Men’s Club re: Letter of Support for Club Licence;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council issue a letter of support for the L’Ardoise Men’s Club indicating that they are an organization in good standing with the community, to assist them with obtaining a club liquor license. Motion carried

- b) Community Services, Office of the Minister re: Appointment to the Board of the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority;

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council appoint Mr. Robin Burke as the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority representative for Richmond County. Motion carried.

- c) Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation re: Funding Request;

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the request for funding, submitted by the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation, in the amount of \$100,000 (\$20,000 per year for five years) be moved to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

- d) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests

- Petit de Grat Red Caps Baseball Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts (\$12,500);
- St. Louis Parish Canada Day Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,000);
- L'Ardoise Jolly Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9 (\$1,500);
- St. Louis Parish Baracos Days Festival Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,000);
- D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3 (\$10,000);
- Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$500).

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the follow grants be approved:

- \$12,500 to Petit de Grat Red Caps Baseball Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$1,000 to St. Louis Parish Canada Day Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,500 to L'Ardoise Jolly Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9;
- \$1,000 to St. Louis Parish Baracos Days Festival Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,000);
- \$10,000 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$500 to Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$500).

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Councillor Martell re: New District Boundaries

Councillor Martell indicated that he spoke with the returning officer regarding the election and the need to provide some clarity with the new boundaries.

Councillor Martell indicated that information pertaining to new boundary lines need to be communicated to the public prior to the election to provide some clarity on the new districts.

It was mentioned that a mail out or pamphlet would be beneficial as well as posting information on the county Facebook page and quarterly newsletter.

It was also mentioned that the returning officer will be training enumerators who can also share this information when visiting homes.

It was noted that maps have been provided to all councillors which shows the changes.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council regarding an agenda item.

Adjournment:

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

There being no further business, Deputy Warden Beaton adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON