

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE 48TH COUNCIL

JUNE 29, 2016

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden V. David, Deputy Warden M. Beaton
Councillor R. Samson, 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.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Deputy Warden Beaton indicated that one item had previously been added by Councillor Johnson regarding cell service for the Framboise/Fourchu area.

Councillor McNamara requested unanimous consent to ask a question regarding the cancellation of a previous meeting.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Councillor McNamara would like clarification on those who were not able to attend the June 13, 2013 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Deputy Warden indicated he would provide a response to Council once it is determined.

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

Review of Minutes: May 24, 2016 (Regular Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of May 24, 2016 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) Seaside Communications (Angela Bresson) re: Cheque Presentations to Louisdale Volunteer Fire Department and Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department;

Deputy Warden Beaton welcomed Ms. Angela Bresson of Seaside Communications to the meeting.

Ms. Angela Bresson, along with District Councillors, made a cheque presentation to the Isle Madame and Louisdale Volunteer Fire Departments.

Deputy Warden Beaton thanked Ms. Bresson for her presentation.

- b) Potlotek First Nation

No one was present for the presentation.

Committee Reports

- a) Planning Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee to approve the rezoning of PID 75003608 from Village Low Density Residential (VR-1) to Village Residential Multiple Unit (VR-2) to permit two (2) grouped multiple unit dwellings with a total of twelve (12) dwelling units. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Planning Advisory Committee report for the month of June 2016 be accepted. Motion carried.

Second 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 "A").

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher 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 "A"). Motion carried.

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 "B").

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara to amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the Municipality to move beyond the Pilot Project stage. (Attached as Appendix "B"). Motion carried.

Notice to be Given – To adopt the Richmond County "Expense Claims Publication Policy to enable all expenses of Richmond County Council and the Chief Administrative Officer to be posted online. (Attached as Appendix "C").

Councillor Martell gave notice that he will introduce a motion to adopt the Richmond County "Expense Claims Publication Policy to enable all expenses of Richmond County Council and the Chief Administrative Officer to be posted online. (Attached as Appendix "C").

First Reading - To approve the rezoning of PID 75003608 from Village Low Density Residential (VR-1) to Village Residential Multiple Unit (VR-2) to permit two (2) grouped multiple unit dwellings with a total of twelve (12) dwelling units. (Attached as Appendix "D")

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that first reading approval be given to approve the rezoning of PID 75003608 from Village Low Density Residential (VR-1) to Village Residential Multiple Unit (VR-2) to permit two (2) grouped multiple unit dwellings with a total of twelve (12) dwelling units. (Attached as Appendix "D"). Motion carried.

Councillor Gilbert Boucher re: East Coast ATV Riders Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 - Amended Grant Request;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the original grant request in the amount of \$10,000 submitted by the East Coast ATV Riders Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts, approved at the September 28, 2015 Regular Council Meeting be increased to \$20,000 due to additional expenditures of the project; AND FURTHER MOVED that the addition \$10,000 be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7. Motion carried.

Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) – Louisdale WTP (Motion required to prioritize top three projects)

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and that Staff proceed with funding applications for the Clean Water and Waste Water Fund for the following projects, listed

in order of priority: Louisdale / Evanston / Whiteside Water Treatment Facility, French Cove Water Extension, and Toulouse Street Sewer Extension. Motion carried.

Landry Lane Water/Sewer Extensions

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council direct staff to moved forward and that the infrastructure be installed at a depth sufficient to service the residents of Landry Lane and future servicing of Burt Avenue. The depth of installation required to accommodate Burt Avenue would increase the costs by an estimated \$40,000 as noted above AND FURTHER MOVED that gas tax funding be used subject to availability. Motion carried.

Councillor Samson re: Road widening in Petit de Grat

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Samson that the Acting Warden and the CAO be authorized to sign Cost Share Agreement No. 2016-006, Little Anse West Arichat Road Shoulder Widening. Motion carried.

Warden David indicated that he would commit \$5,000 out of his infrastructure fund towards this project.

Request for Proposals re: Sale of Arichat Court House Building

Unanimous consent was given to direct staff to advertise for request for proposals for the sale of the Arichat Court House Building.

Acting Warden's Report

For information purposes.

Annual Appointments:

- a) Signing Officers (Chief Administrative Officer and Warden; with Director of Finance and Deputy Warden as alternates);

Moved by Warden David, seconded by Councillor Samson that Municipal Council appoint the Chief Administrative Officer and Warden as signing officers, with the Director of Finance and Deputy Warden as alternates. Motion carried.

- b) Clerk/Treasurer (Chief Administrative Officer) and Deputy Clerk Treasurer (Director of Finance)

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Warden David that Municipal Council appoint the Chief Administrative Officer as Clerk/Treasurer, with the Director of Finance as the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Motion carried.

CAO re: Memo's from Director of Finance

1. Capital Investment Plan

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council approve the 2 and 5 year Capital Investment Plans for the Municipality of the County of Richmond for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. Motion carried.

2. Area Rates (Louisdale Sidewalks)

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Finance and that the Louisdale Sidewalks area rate remain at .10 cents as a result of the shortfall being transferred from the accumulated balance of \$20,000 in the District #6 Infrastructure Fund. Motion carried.

3. Area Rates

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Finance and that the following area rates be approved:

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| St. Peter's Fire Department | 0.09 |
| West Bay Road Fire Dept | 0.10 |
| L'Ardoise Fire Dept. | 0.16 |
| Grand River Fire Dept. | 0.15 |
| Loch Lomond Fire Dept. | 0.12 |
| Louisdale Fire Dept. | 0.10 |
| Framboise-Fourchu Fire Dept. | 0.15 |
| Isle Madame Fire Dept. | 0.11 |
| District Ten Fire Dept. | 0.15 |
| Louisdale Sidewalks | 0.10 |
| District #2 Community Rate | 0.04 |
| District #4 Community Rate | 0.05 |

St. Peter's Village Commission - collect whatever rate they establish, conditional on them providing their rate to the Municipality by July 31, 2016.

Motion carried.

4. Final Budget for year ending March 31, 2017

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Samson that Municipal Council give approval to the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2017 in the amount of \$14,404,588;

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$9,156,066 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2017, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of .80¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$2:10; which rates said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30th day of September, 2016 as the day on which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid. (Nay: Councillor Marchand). Motion carried.

Correspondence

For Information Purposes

- a) Departmental Reports;

For information purposes.

- b) Whiteside Church Preservation Society re: Thank You;

For information purposes.

- c) Housing Nova Scotia re: 2015-2016 Municipal Funding Share of Public Housing Net Operating Losses;

For information purposes.

- d) Housing Nova Scotia re: Cape Breton Housing Authority;

For information purposes.

- e) Eastern District Planning Commission re: 2015-2016 Annual Report and Financial Statements;

For information purposes.

Action Required

- a) Canadian Union of Postal Workers re: Federal Government reviewing our public postal service;

Moved by Warden David, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Richmond Municipal Council adopt the following resolution:

Whereas Canada Post announced drastic cutbacks to our public postal service in December 2013, including plans to end home mail delivery in our country.

Whereas there was a huge public outcry in response to the cutbacks and stiff opposition from most federal parties, including the Liberal Party, which promised to halt the delivery cuts and conduct a review of Canada Post, if elected.

Whereas the delivery cuts were halted and our Liberal government is currently conducting a Canada Post Review, starting with an independent task force that will collect input from Canadians, do research, gather facts and draft a discussion paper in September of 2016, identifying viable options for postal service in this country.

Whereas a parliamentary committee will consult with Canadians in the fall of 2016 on the options that have been identified in the task force's discussion paper and then make recommendations to the government on the future of Canada Post.

Whereas it will be crucial for the task force and parliamentary committee to hear our views on key issues, including the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the Canadian Postal Service Charter, restoring home mail

delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible.

Therefore be it resolved that Municipality of the County of Richmond provide input to the Canada Post Review task force and make a submission when the parliamentary committee consults with Canadians this fall.

Motion carried.

- b) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests
- Javrin’s Island Sports & Recreation, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4 (\$2,500);
 - Johnston’s Harbour Wharf Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$4,850);
 - Loch Side Cemetery, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$300);
 - Little Anse Hawks Baseball Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$250);
 - Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$500);
 - Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$500);
 - Louisdale Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6 (\$1625);
 - St. Hyacinth Cemetery Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$700);
 - D’Escousse Civic Improvement Society c/o Beautification Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$600);
 - Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$600);
 - Université Sainte-Anne, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts, (\$10,000);
 - St. Anne Community & Nursing Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$600);
 - Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$450);
 - Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$400);
 - St. Peter’s & Area Lions Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$500);

- Potlotek First Nation, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$11,137.50).

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the following grants be approved:

- \$2,500, Javrin’s Island Sports & Recreation, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4;
- \$4,850, Johnston’s Harbour Wharf Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$300, Loch Side Cemetery, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$250, Little Anse Hawks Baseball Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$500, Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$500, Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$1,625, Louisdale Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6;
- \$700, St. Hyacinth Cemetery Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$600, D’Escouse Civic Improvement Society c/o Beautification Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$600, Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$10,000, Université Sainte-Anne, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$600, St. Anne Community & Nursing Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$450, Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$400, Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$500, St. Peter’s & Area Lions Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$11, 137.50, Potlotek First Nation, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10.

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Councillor Johnson re: Cell Service Framboise/Fourchu area

Councillor Johnson requested to discuss possible funding options to commence construction of the cell towers.

The CAO provided an update on a meeting that he attended regarding the issue neighbouring municipalities are experiencing with the lack of cell service.

Councillor Johnson has committed the balance of the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund to this project.

The CAO indicated that the county is waiting on confirmation of eligibility for the use of gas tax funds for said project.

Additional information has been provided with the items added. An updated will be provided at the September Council meeting at which time a motion can be put forward to commence the project.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

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

Mrs. Ester MacDonnell approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Mr. Robert Fougere approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

“In-Camera” session, if required

Moved by Warden David, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting move to an “In-Camera” session at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:14 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Warden David that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Deputy Warden Beaton adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON