

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2016

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

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

Warden David took roll call of Councillors.

Warden David indicated that regrets were sent by Councilor Samson and Councillor Sampson

Items Added to the Agenda:

Warden David noted that three items were previously added to the agenda by Shannon Mury regarding a grant requests.

Councillor McNamara requested unanimous consent to add two items; a personal issue to be discussed in-camera as well as one that did not have to be discussed in-camera.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Councillor Marchand requested unanimous consent to add an item regarding a press release.

Unanimous consent was granted.

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

Review of Minutes:

- a) September 12, 2016 (Special Council Meeting)
- b) September 12, 2016 (Public Hearing Meeting)

c) June 29, 2016 (Annual Session)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of September 12, 2016 (Special Council Meeting), September 12, 2016 (Public Hearing Meeting), June 29, 2016 (Annual Session). Motion carried.

Presentations:

a) Millie Hatt re: Community Outreach and Support Worker Position

Warden David welcomed Mrs. Hatt to the meeting.

Mrs. Hatt made a presentation to Council regarding the Community Outreach and Support Worker Position (Copy attached).

Warden David thanked Mrs. Hatt for her presentation.

A discussion period ensued.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the finance department explore potential options to provide \$2,500 per month funding for the Community Outreach and Support Worker position, with the possibility of using some councillors infrastructure funding. Motion carried.

b) Jim Mustard re: SAT Update

Warden David welcomed Mr. Mustard to the meeting.

Mr. Mustard made a PowerPoint presentation to Council regarding Strait Area Transit (Copy attached).

Warden David thanked Mr. Mustard for his presentation.

A discussion period ensued.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the finance department be asked to explore options for further funding for Strait Area Transit. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden Beaton, seconded by Councillor MacNeil 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 and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners. 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 Deputy Warden, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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 “A”). (Nay: 7; Councillor Martell, Deputy Warden Beaton, Councillor Boucher, Councillor McNamara, Councillor MacNeil, Councillor Johnson, Councillor Marchand, Warden David) Motion defeated.

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

- Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10, \$400;
- Societé Vitalité Isle Madame, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts, \$26,000;
- South Mountain Arm of Gold Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7, \$300;
- Canadian Cancer Society-Relay for Life Arichat, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1, \$289.80;
- River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7, \$2,440;
- Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9, \$2,500;
- St. Hyacinth Cemetery Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3, \$300;
- St. Peter’s & Area Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8, \$4,002.
- Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$3,500);
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 47, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts (\$3,947.18);
- La Picasse, Centre Communautaire Cutlurel, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2 (\$5,000);

- Festival Acadien de Petit de Grat, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$1,000).

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Malcolm, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of September 2016 be adopted. Motion carried.

Second Reading Approval – To amend By-Law #43 Deed Transfer By-Law in order to change Section 3(1) to read as follows: Section 3(1): On every deed a tax of one and a half percent of the value of the property thereby conveyed is imposed and levied and payable to the municipal unit within which the property lies. (Attached as Appendix “A”).

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Beaton that second reading approval be given to amend By-Law #43 Deed Transfer By-Law in order to change Section 3(1) to read as follows: Section 3(1): On every deed a tax of one and a half percent of the value of the property thereby conveyed is imposed and levied and payable to the municipal unit within which the property lies. (Attached as Appendix “A”). (Nay: 1; Councillor Marchand) Motion carried.

Director of Public Works re: Richmond Water Rate Study re: Louisdale/Evanston/Whiteside Water Treatment Plan

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Municipality of the County of Richmond apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for changes in its rates for water and water service, fire protection to the Municipality of the County of Richmond and changes to its rules and regulations for customers served by the Municipality of the County of Richmond water utility, as set out in the water rate study prepared by G.A. Isenor Consulting Limited in Association with Blaine S. Rooney Consulting Limited. Motion carried.

Correspondence

For Information Purposes

- EDPC re: Supplementary information requested at the September 12th Public Hearing regarding rezoning property in Arichat {PIO 75003608} from Vi/loge Low Density Residential (VR-1) to Village Residential Multiple Unit (VR-2).

For information purposes.

- b) EDPC re: Planning Advisory Committee request for clarification regarding policy R-13 of the Municipal Planning Strategy for the County Addressing the Development of Wind Energy;

For information purposes.

- c) N.S. Community Services, Hon. Joanne Bernard re: Cape Breton Island Housing Authority representative;

For information purposes.

Action Required

- a) Residents of Grand Greve re: Road Name Change

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council give approval to the road name change from “6056 road” to “Seashell lane” in District #9, as it meets policy approval and has received approval of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and the Eastern District Planning Commission; AND FURTHER MOVED that this change be recognized for 911 purposes only and without responsibility on the Municipality’s part to provide or maintain services. Motion carried.

- b) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests
 - River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7, \$500;
 - Calvin Presbyterian Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10, \$9,870;
 - District 10 Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10, \$789.85;
 - Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5, \$2,000;
 - St. Hyacinth Cemetery Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3, \$1,000.

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

- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7, \$500;
- Calvin Presbyterian Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10, \$9,870;

- District 10 Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10, \$789.85;
- Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5, \$2,000;
- St. Hyacinth Cemetery Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3, \$1,000;
- St. Peter’s Parish Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8, \$5,451.95;
- St. Peter’s Community Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9, \$336;
- Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts; \$800.

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Councillor McNamara re: Personal Issue

Councillor McNamara gave thanks for her fellow Councillors and staff for the past 25 years.

Warden David gave words of thanks to Councillor Sampson, Councillor MacNeil and Deputy Warden Beaton for their contribution to Richmond County of the previous years.

2. Councillor Marchand re: Press Release

Councillor Marchand indicated that items were added at a previous meeting and discussed in-camera.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Richard Cotton addressed Council regarding the agenda.

Ms. Ellen Polegeto addressed Council regarding the agenda.

Ms. Linda Crawford addressed Council regarding the agenda.

Mrs. Gina Stanley addressed Council regarding the agenda.

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald addressed Council regarding the agenda.

“In-Camera” session, if required

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting move to an “In-Camera” session at 9:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 10:03 p.m.

Adjournment:

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

There being no further business, Deputy Warden Beaton adjourned the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON