

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 28, 2016

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Councillor James Goyetche, Councillor A. Martell
Warden B. Marchand, Councillor G. Boucher,
Deputy Warden Jason MacLean

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

Roll Call of Councillors

The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Marchand noted that there were two items previously added to the agenda by Councillor Martell re: Toulouse Street Sewer Extension and Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests.

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

Review of Minutes:

a) November 7, 2016 (Special Council Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the November 7, 2016 (Special Council Meeting) minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried

b) October 21, 2016 (Special Council Meeting)

c) September 26, 2016 (Regular Council)

Councillor Goyetche indicated that he would refrain from voting on the approval of the October 21, 2016 (Special Council Meeting) and September 26, 2016 (Regular Council Meeting) minutes since he was not a Councillor or present at that time.

Warden Marchand noted that Warden David's name was missing from the September 26, 2016 (Regular Council) minutes.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the minutes of the October 21, 2016 (Special Council Meeting) and the September 26, 2016 (Regular Council) meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Presentations:

- a) Report of the Returning Officer for the 2016 Municipal & School Board Elections

Warden Marchand welcomed Mr. Clair Rankin to the meeting.

Mr. Rankin did a presentation regarding the Returning Officer for the 2016 Municipal & School Board Elections.

Warden Marchand thanked Mr. Rankin for his presentation.

- b) Property Valuation Services (Trudy LeBlanc, Russ Adams, Lloyd MacLeod) re: Overview of Services/Richmond Municipal Profile

Warden Marchand welcomed Mr. Russ Adams, Mr. Lloyd MacLeod and Ms. Trudy LeBlanc to the meeting.

Mr. Adams, Mr. MacLeod and Ms. LeBlanc did a power point presentation regarding an overview of services.

Warden Marchand thanked Mr. Adams, Mr. MacLeod and Ms. LeBlanc for their presentation.

Committee Reports

- a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Tourism Project

discussion be deferred to a later date pending a meeting between ACOA, the Warden, a Councillor and a staff member. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that funding options for the Toulouse Street sewer extension be investigated and that the project be revisited as a stand-alone project with an update presented at the Regular Council meeting in November. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the amounts available in Infrastructure and Activity funds be doubled for each Councillor effective April 2017. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Goyetche)

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the remaining fund balances in the Infrastructure/Activity funds be distributed as follows:

- Previous Districts #9 & #10, moved to current District #5
- Previous Districts #7 & #8, moved to current District #4
- Previous Districts #5 & #6, moved to current District #3
- Previous Districts #3 & #4 and half of previous District #1, moved to current District #2
- Half of Previous District #1 and remainder of Previous District # 2 moved to current District #1.

Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Goyetche)

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a contribution be made to the five local food banks (Isle Madame, Louisdale, St. Peter's, L'Ardoise and Port Hawkesbury) in the amount of \$2,000 each; AND FURTHER MOVED that the local food banks be invited to the December 2016 Council meeting for a cheque presentation. Motion carried.

There was consensus of Council that the Policy Committee be amended to reflect 3 members at large instead of 2 and also regarding the elimination of Council representation on the Eastern Counties Regional Library and Richmond County Literacy Committees as well as elimination of the Recreation Advisory and Vehicle Use Policy Committees.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following list of Committee Structures be adopted as amended:

COMMITTEE NAME	Councillors	Members at Large	Staff	CAO
Planning Advisory Committee (2 Councillors)	2	2		
Eastern District Planning Commission (1 Councillor)	1			1
Richmond Villa (3 Councillors)	3	2		
St. Anne's Community & Nursing Care Centre (1 Councillor)	1			
Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Park Commission (1 Councillor, Warden)	1 (Warden)			1
Strait Area Airport (1 Councillor)	1			1
Richmond County Police Services Advisory Committee (2 Councillor)	2	2		
Emergency Measures Advisory (2 Councillors)	2		2	1
Audit Committee (All Councillors)	5	3	Dir of Finance	1
Steering Committee re: Fire Services (2 Councillors)	2		1	
Wastewater Management Committee (2 Councillors)	2		3	1
Pitu'paq (1 Councillor)	1			
Renewable Energy (2 Councillors)	2	2	2	
Physician Recruitment (3 Councillors)	3	3		
Strait Area Transit (1 Councillor)	1			
CDENE (French) (1 Councillor)	1			
Policy Committee (All Council)	5	3	2	
Heritage Advisory Committee (3 Councillors)	3		1	

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Richmond approve an amendment to the “Instrument of Incorporation” which established the Richmond Housing Corporation so as to change the number of its members by deleting from the present instrument of Incorporation the following clause:

“The Corporation shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed as follows: By resolution of Council and further that the Resolution shall set out the term of office”

THAT the following clause be substituted therefore:

“The Corporation shall consist of five members who shall be appointed as follows: By resolution of Council and further that the Resolution shall set out the term of office”.
Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that privilege and confidentiality be waived on the engagement letters from Boyne Clarke and Grant Thornton and be posted on the municipal website on November 29, 2016. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that that the “Hours of Operation” Policy be reviewed in the New Year. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of November 2016 be adopted. Motion carried.

Warden Marchand re: Committee Nominations

Warden Marchand noted that the following Committee Members had been selected:

<u>COMMITTEES LIST 2016</u>

<u>PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE</u>	<u>FIRE SERVICES</u>
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Warden Marchand	Warden Marchand
Councillor Boucher	Councillor Boucher
Barry Landry	Shannon Mury
Robert Wambolt	

EASTERN DISTRICT PLANNING

Warden Marchand
Deputy Warden MacLean

RICHMOND VILLA

Warden Marchand
Deputy Warden MacLean
Councillor Boucher
Eva Landry
Barry Landry

ST. ANNE'S COMMUNITY NURSING CARE CENTRE

Councillor Goyetche

JOINT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Warden Marchand
Councillor Martell
CAO

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Warden Marchand
CAO

RCMP ADVISORY

Councillor Martell
Councillor Boucher
Doug Landry
Matt Hayne

EMO

Deputy Warden MacLean
Councillor Boucher
CAO
Chris Boudreau
Cecil Frost

WASTEWATER

Councillor Martell
Councillor Boucher
CAO
Director of Finance
Chris Boudreau

PITU'PAQ

Deputy Warden MacLean

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Warden Marchand
Councillor Martell
CAO
Chris Boudreau
Gail Johnson
Clair Rankin

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

Warden Marchand
Deputy Warden MacLean
Councillor Martell
Charmaine Boudreau, RN
Tara MacInnis, LPN
Tracy Martell, Pharmacist

STRAIT AREA TRANSIT

Warden Marchand

CDENE

Councillor Goyetche

POLICY COMMITTEE

All Councillors
CAO
Chris Boudreau
Robbie Fougere
Lois Landry
Dave Forgeron

AUDIT COMMITTEE

All Councillors
CAO
Director of Finance
Terrance Tyrrell
Germaine MacDonald

Heritage Advisory Committee

Warden Marchand
Councillor Martell
Councillor Boucher
Josette Marchand

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committees List 2016 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Motion Required - To adopt the Richmond County Expense Claims Publication Policy to enable all expenses of Richmond County Council and the Chief Administrative Officer be posted online. (Attached as Appendix “A”)

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that Richmond Municipal Council adopt the Richmond County Expense Claims Publication Policy to enable all expenses of Richmond County Council and the Chief Administrative Officer be posted online. Motion defeated.

The Warden indicated that notice of motion would be given at the December 2016 Committee of the Whole to adopt the Richmond County Expense Claims Publication Policy, which would include expenses for all staff.

Deputy Clerk/Treasurer re:

- a) Toulouse Street Extension (Director of Public Works)

The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer presented a briefing note received from the Director of Public works, Chris Boudreau, outlining funding options for proceeding with the proposed Toulouse Street Sewer extension as a stand-alone project rather than an add-on to the proposed Tourism development at the St. Peter’s Canal.

The Deputy Clerk/Treasurer indicated that he would meet with the Director of Public Works to discuss the option of temporarily placing the pumping station on the corner and later moving it to where it was originally meant for.

There was consensus of Council that the re-design be delayed until the future of the St. Peter’s Tourism Development is determined.

- b) Update on Municipal Website

The Deputy Clerk noted that all Municipal Policies, By-Law's and the Employee Policy Manual had been posted online and were available for public viewing.

Correspondence

For Information Purposes

- a) Holiday Operation Schedule

Action Required

- a) Canadian Union of Postal Workers re: Delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities Conference

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the federal government's Canada Post Review will conclude, in the spring of 2017, with the government announcing decisions on the future of Canada Post, including whether or not to create a new service and revenue stream through postal banking.

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for this service because thousands of rural towns and villages do not have a bank and nearly two million Canadians desperately need alternatives to payday lenders.

WHEREAS postal banking helps keep post offices viable and financial services accessible in many parts of the world.

WHEREAS postal banking has the support of over 600 municipalities and close to two-thirds of Canadians (Stratcom poll 2013).

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Richmond supports the addition of postal banking at Canada Post.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Richmond call on the federal government to instruct Canada Post to add postal banking with a mandate for financial inclusion.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to other local governments in Canada for whom contact information is readily available,

requesting favorable consideration of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Martell re:

- a) Televising the Richmond County Committee of the Whole meetings

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Staff negotiate with Telile, the cost of televising both Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings and report back to the Committee of the Whole with negotiation information. Motion carried.

- b) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests:

- Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$1,000);
- Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2 (\$4,000);
- Bonnie Brae Seniors Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4 (\$820).

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

- \$1,000 to Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$4,000 to Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;
- \$820 to Bonnie Brae Seniors Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4.

Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Goyetche)

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Gordon Kerr approached Council with a question.

Mr. Richie Cotton approached Council with a question.

Mr. Clair Rankin approached Council with a comment.

Mrs. Linda Crawford approached Council with a question.

“In-Camera” Session – Sale of Municipal Property/Legal/Personnel

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the meeting proceed to an “In Camera” Session at 8:50 PM. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 10:03 PM. Motion carried.

There was consensus of Council to continue with the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Staff proceed and list the property, PID# 75034520, and also ensure all details of the sale, including purchase and sale agreement, are acceptable to the municipality. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the municipality sign off on the consent form, as an abutting property owner, in the property located in L’Ardoise, which is a former Right of Way, known as PID# 75069526. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that legal services for the Municipality of Richmond be tendered. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Boucher)

Councillor Martell declared a conflict and removed himself from the following vote regarding cost of living increase.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that a cost of living increase of 1.5% be granted, retroactive to January 1, 2016, to staff and Council and an additional 1.5% be granted for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Linda Crawford approached Council with a question.

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council with a comment.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Marchand adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER

CHAIRPERSON