

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MAY 2 2016**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Deputy Warden Beaton requested a moment of silence for former Richmond Municipal Councillor Dan Alex Morrison who recently passed away.

The C.A.O. took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Deputy Warden Beaton noted that one item was previously added to the agenda by Councillor Johnson regarding cell service for Framboise/Fourchu.

Councillor McNamara requested and received unanimous consent to add street lighting for the Strait Richmond Hospital road.

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

Review of Minutes:

- a) March 29, 2016 (Public Hearing)
- b) March 29, 2016 (Regular Council)

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the minutes of March 29, 2016 (Public Hearing) and March 29, 2016 (Regular Council) be approved as amended. Motion carried.

**First 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 Samson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that First Reading Approval be given to 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”). Motion carried.

**Notice to be Given** – 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”).

Councillor Macneil gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting 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”). Motion carried.

**Councillor Marchand re: Louisdale/Evanston Whiteside Water Treatment Plant**

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council prioritize the Louisdale Water Treatment Plant as its top priority from its list of eligible projects for funding under the next call for applications under the Building Canada Fund Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that gas tax funds or other funding sources be used to complete phase 1 of the water rate study, as it relates to potential construction of the Louisdale Water Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

**Councillor Samson re: Petit de Grat Road Widening**

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Gas Tax Funds be used for an additional 1m of pavement on each side of the road as well as 0.9 m of gravel on each side from the Petit de Grat intersection to the St. Joseph’s Credit Union (1.9 km total to a maximum total of \$180,000); AND FURTHER MOVED that the project be cost shared with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. 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 that, WHEREAS the Municipality

of the County of Richmond has signed a contract with ACOA for \$2.2 million on the \$4.4 million Phase 1 portion of a \$6.6 million tourism project, that staff be directed to proceed with hiring the Glenn Group as Construction Administrators to initiate Phase 1 of the Richmond County Tourism Construction project; AND FURTHER MOVED that Phase 1 priorities be St. Peter's Canal, Isle of 100 Coves and Cape Breton Blueways. Motion carried (Nay: Councillor Marchand)

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the original grant request in the amount of \$668.35 submitted by the Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, District #10 Municipal District Infrastructure fund, approved at the December 14, 2015 Council meeting be increased to \$1,500 due to additional expenditures of the project. Motion carried

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff investigate, in further detail, the estimated costs and potential benefits associated with extending sewer services along Landry Lane, Louisdale; AND FURTHER MOVED that gas tax funding be used to cover the estimated engineering expenses of up to \$5,000. Motion carried.

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

- \$500 to Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$17,094.75 to St. Francis de Sales Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$1,943.14 to Sacred Heart Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$1,000 to Dr. W.B. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$12,500 to Société Vitalité Isle Madame, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$9,000 to Whiteside Church Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$5,700 to River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;
- \$2,000 to Royal Canadian Legion Isle Madame Branch 150, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$500 to River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$3,000 to River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;

- \$15,000 to St. Louis Parish Roman Catholic Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6;
- \$500 to Royal Canadian Legion Isle Madame Branch 150, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$2,500 to Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$15,640.53 to St. Peter's & Area Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts.

Motion carried.

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

CAO re:

- a) Financial Condition Index 2014/15;

For information purposed.

- b) Cape Breton Island Housing Authority Representative;

The CAO noted that if anyone from the public was interested in serving as a representative on the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority Board to contact him or Yvonne Boudreau.

- c) Tariff of Fees and Expenses

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the tariff of fees and expenses used for the 2012 Municipal and School Board Election be approved for the 2016 Municipal and School Board Election with no changes. Motion carried.

- d) Voters List

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that enumeration be used to create the voters list for the 2016 Municipal and School Board Election. Motion carried.

Correspondence

For Information Purposes:

- a) Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park Society re: Thank You;

Action Required:

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Isle Madame Bluegrass and Old Time Country Music Festival  
re: Funding Request;

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the funding request from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Isle Madame Bluegrass and Old Time Country Music Festival be moved to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that staff provide the Department of Municipal Affairs with a summary of the cell service project to determine if it meets the criteria for Gas Tax Funding. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that staff investigate streetlights on the Strait Richmond Hospital Road. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council regarding items on the agenda.

“In Camera” session

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:27 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 9:23 p.m.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that additional material resulting in the destruction of the old St. Peter’s school be accepted at the landfill subject to a necessary purchase and sale agreement with the proponents and that the deadline for demolition be extended to December 31, 2016; AND FURTHER MOVED that the additional material to be taken to the landfill meet the requirements of the facility operating permits and of the Municipal By-Law. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Municipality of Richmond partner with the Municipality of Guysborough and jointly issue a Request for Proposal for a Socio-Economic Effects Management Plan at a cost of \$20,000 each, to help in dealing with potential significant developments related to LNG investment. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Marchand)

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the request for a leave of absence be granted to Warden Victor David. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Auditors and Legal team regarding the Forensic Audit. Motion carried. Nay: Councillor Marchand.

Adjournment:

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

There being no further business, Deputy Warden Beaton adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

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CHAIRPERSON