

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 22, 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 7:04 PM and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

Roll Call of Councillors

The CAO took roll call of Councillors.

Warden Marchand introduced interim CAO, Mr. Maris Freimanis.

Items Added to the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes:

- a) December 14, 2016 (Emergency Council Meeting)
- b) November 28, 2016

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the December 14, 2016 (Emergency Council Meeting) minutes and the November 28, 2016 Regular Council minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried

Committee Reports

a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by, Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond Municipal Council give the requested financial support to the Community Outreach and Support Worker Project, until March 31, 2017, in the maximum amount of \$11,333, pending discussions with the Town of Port Hawkesbury. Motion defeated.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that that the Potlotek Food Bank Society be added to list of Food Banks receiving a \$2,000 donation at the December 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Boucher)

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a “Member at Large” representative be appointed to the Eastern Counties Regional Library Board and that the representative be Mr. Clair Rankin AND FURTHER MOVED that the following changes regarding Committee structures and composition take place:

- Recreation Advisory Committee be reinstated and consist of 3 Staff and 8 Members at Large;
- The Richmond Villa Board remain at 7 members consisting of 4 Councillors, with the extra Councillor being Councillor Martell and 3 Members at Large with the extra member being Mr. Wayne Doucette.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Telile be hired to record and televise the Committee of the Whole and Council meetings at a cost of \$1,000/month for a one year period. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter of support ending unfair taxation on family business transfers (Bill C-274) be sent to Guy Caron, MP on behalf of the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter of support be sent to the Barachois Trail Association for their application to the OHV Fund. 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 grant requests be approved:

- \$500 to St. John the Baptist Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$400 to Sacred Hearts Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$500 to St. Louis Parish Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3
- \$500 to Village on the Canal, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Tender (MOCR20161110) regarding the Arena dressing room renovations be approved. 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 previously budgeted funding amount of \$4920 be approved for the Cape Breton Food Hub. 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 recommendation of the Director of Public Works be approved and that staff proceed with submission of funding applications to the Province of Nova Scotia's Municipal and Community Rural High Speed Internet Funding program for the Framboise / Fourchu and West Bay areas AND FURTHER MOVED that staff be instructed to investigate the possibility of making application through the High Speed Internet Funding program for others areas within the county. Motion carried.

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

Food Bank Presentations

Cheque presentations in the amount of \$2,000 were made to two of the local food banks. Agnes Boudreau accepted the cheque on behalf of the Isle Madame Food Bank which was presented by Councillor Martell and Anita Basque accepted the cheque on behalf of the Potlotek Food Bank Society which was presented by Deputy Warden MacLean.

Warden Marchand noted that the remaining cheques in the amount of \$2,000 each would be mailed to the L’ardoise, St. Peter’s, Port Hawkesbury and Louisdale food banks.

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

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Municipality of the County of Richmond adopt the Expense Claims Publication Policy to enable all expenses of Richmond County Council, Chief Administrative Officer and All Staff be posted online. (Attached as Appendix "A"). Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Millie Hatt approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

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

"In-Camera" Session (if required)

No "In-Camera" Session required.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business, Warden Marchand adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

CHAIRPERSON