



## Regular Council Meeting

May 26, 2026

Location: Richmond Room and Council Chambers

Present: Warden Lois Landry, Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Brent Sampson, Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor Shawn Samson

Staff: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

1. Call to Order

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. In Camera Session - Personnel

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the meeting move to an in camera session at 6:45 p.m.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting revert to regular session at 6:50 p.m., and recess until 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

3. Opening Acknowledgement

The Warden made the following opening acknowledgment:

We are gathered today on Unama'ki, the Land of Fog, a part of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people since time immemorial. We honour and thank the Mi'kmaq for sharing their land and home with us.

4. O'Canada

Warden Lois Landry asked everyone to stand, if able, for the singing of O'Canada.

5. Roll Call of Councillors

Troy MacCulloch, CAO, took the roll call of Councillors.

6. Recommendations from In Camera (if applicable)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that Council appoint Margaret Gracie to the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible (IDEA) Committee.

Motion carried.



7. Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

8. Review of Minutes, Re:

a) April 27, 2026, Special Meeting

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the minutes of the April 27, 2026, Special Meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.

b) April 28, 2026, Regular Council

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the minutes of the April 28, 2026, Regular Council meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.

c) May 14, 2026, Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that the minutes of the May 14, 2026, Special Meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.

9. Question Period:

There were no questions.

10. Committee Reports:

a) Committee of the Whole

i. The Committee discussed the VON proclamation request.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and proclaim May 17-23, 2026, as VON Week in Richmond County.

Motion carried.

### VON Proclamation

Whereas, the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada is a charitable, community-based healthcare organization that has addressed community health and social needs for 129 years.

Whereas, VON Richmond County home support workers, community support services coordinators and many other staff and volunteers have been caring for the lives and well-being of residents of Richmond County since 2019; and VON's nursing, health promotion and support services make a contribution to the healthcare system in Nova Scotia.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Warden Lois Landry, on behalf of Richmond County Municipal Council, hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2026, as VON Week here in Richmond County.

I would like to encourage all residents of Richmond County to support VON and our community by sharing positive messages and supporting VON Richmond's charitable programs.

- ii. The Committee discussed the correspondence from Jim Cavanagh, Fire Chief, Port Hastings Volunteer Fire Department.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct the Warden to write a letter to the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport Management Committee recommending that emergency services representation be included on the committee.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct the Warden to forward the correspondence from Jim Cavanagh, Fire Chief of the Port Hastings Volunteer Fire Department, to the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport Management Committee, with a request that the items raised be placed on the agenda for discussion at an upcoming committee meeting.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of May be adopted.

Motion carried.

b) By-law/Policy Committee

i. The Committee discussed the Flag Policy.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and adopt the Flag Policy as presented.

Motion carried.

ii. The Committee discussed the Credit Card Policy.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and adopt the Credit Card Policy as presented, with the following changes:

- In section 4.1(c), remove the words “inclusive of tax”.
- In section 4.1(c), add the words “and cash value” after the word “balance” and add “on the first Regular Council meeting in April” after the word “annually”.
- In section 4.4(a)(iii), replace the words “lost or stolen” with “lost, stolen, or compromised”.
- In section 4.5(c), replace the word “checked” with “signed in”.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the By-law/Policy Committee report for the month of May be adopted.

Motion carried.

c) Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible (IDEA) Committee

i. The Committee discussed public awareness posters provided by the Province of Nova Scotia.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible Advisory Committee and that a



letter be sent to the Province of Nova Scotia advocating for all public awareness posters to be translated and printed in Mi'kmaq.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the By-law/Policy Committee report for the month of May be adopted.

Motion carried.

11. New Business, Re:

- a) Destination Cape Breton, Re: Port Hastings Visitor Information Centre – Proposal for a collaborative operating model

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that Council refer the discussion of the \$5,000 request from Destination Cape Breton for the proposed Port Hastings Visitor Information Centre collaborative operating model to the Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting.

Motion carried.

12. Correspondence

- a) Action Required:

- i. Email from Celeste Gotell, Community Outreach Coordinator, Seniors Take Action Coalition of Richmond County, Re: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day proclamation request

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that Council approve the proclamation request from the Seniors Take Action Coalition and proclaim June 15, 2026, as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

Motion carried.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the mistreatment of older adults and promote respect for their rights; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations recognizes this day internationally to acknowledge the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS, ageism and social isolation are major causes of elder abuse;  
and

WHEREAS, recognizing that it is up to all of us to work collectively to  
prevent violence and abuse of older adults in their homes and  
communities, and recognize that the abuse of older adults is more  
common than many of us realize; and

WHEREAS, this day serves as a reminder to check in on seniors,  
challenge ageism, and connect with resources to ensure their safety and  
well-being, thus showing that we care can have a positive impact on  
those feeling lonely or experiencing isolation; and

WHEREAS, there are dedicated people and organizations that are  
committed to creating safety for older adults in our community, such as  
the Seniors Take Action Coalition of Richmond County and the Seniors  
Safety and Inclusion Coordinator;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Warden Lois Landry, on behalf  
of Richmond County Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim June 15,  
2026, as "*World Elder Abuse Awareness Day*", and I encourage all  
Richmond County residents to recognize and celebrate seniors and their  
ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our communities.

b) For Information Purposes

- i. Letter from the Honourable Kim Masland to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), Re: Act to Provide Support for Fire Protection Services
- ii. Letter from MOCR to the Honourable Kim Masland, Minister of Emergency Management, Re: Invitation to meet in Richmond County regarding Fire Services
- iii. Letter from Derek Estabrook, Executive Director, Atlantic Hydrogen Alliance, Re: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hydrogen East Conference

13. Review of Action Items

a) Action Items List

For information only.

14. Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

15. Question Period

There were no questions.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Municipal Clerk