



Special Meeting

August 18, 2026

Location: Council Chambers

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

Staff: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Kathleen Jeffrey, Director of Finance, Shannon Mury, Director of Community Development and Recreation (virtually), Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

1. Call to Order

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

Motion carried.

3. In Camera Session

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the meeting move to an in camera session at 5:30 p.m.

Motion carried.

a) Labour Relations

b) Personnel

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting revert to regular session at 6:26 p.m.; and further, that the meeting recess until the conclusion of the public hearing.

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette and Shannon Mury left the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

4. Recess

The meeting recessed for the public hearing regarding the amendments to the Marketing Levy By-law, By-law No. 60.

Warden Lois Landry resumed the regular session at 6:40 p.m.

5. Recommendations for In Camera Session

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council approve the Warden to sign the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Municipality of the County of Richmond and the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, Local 161, that will be in effect until March 31, 2029.

Motion carried.

6. Second Reading, Re: Amendments to the Marketing Levy By-law

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council give second reading approval to the amendments to the Marketing Levy By-law, By-law No. 60, as presented.

Motion carried.

Kathleen Jeffrey left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

7. Rescind Motion, Re: Strategic Initiatives Funding approval for Destination Cape Breton, Port Hastings VIC, Proposal for a Collaborative Operating Model

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council rescind the motion passed on May 28, 2026, approving \$5,000 from the Strategic Initiatives Fund for Destination Cape Breton's Port Hastings VIC Proposal for a Collaborative Operating Model, as Destination Cape Breton has advised that the funds are no longer required due to the Province declining the proposal.

Motion carried.

8. Emergency Boat Launch Ramp, St. Peter's Canal, Ocean Side

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council approve the request from the St. Peter's & District Volunteer Fire Department for financial support toward costs associated with the St. Peter's Canal ocean-side boat launch, in the amount of \$2,500, to be allocated from the Strategic Initiatives Fund.

Motion carried.

9. Member of Council Items

a) Councillor Brent Sampson, Re: Civic Numbers

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council ask staff to post information about the importance of civic address signs as well as where they can be procured.

Motion carried.

10. Grant Requests

a) D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$7,500

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council approve the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$7,500, to be allocated as follows: \$750 from the District 1 Fund, \$750 from the District 2 Fund, and \$6,000 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.

b) St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, grant request for Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$7,500

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council approve the St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, grant request for Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$4,100, to be allocated as follows: \$500 from the District 4 Fund and \$3,600 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.

c) South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association grant request for Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council approve the South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association grant request for Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$250 from the District 3 Fund, \$250 from the District 4 Fund, and \$500 from the Regional Fund.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the main motion be amended by adding the words "with approval

contingent upon the Society providing a second quote and proceeding with the lower of the two quotes” after “Regional Fund.”

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council approve the South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association grant request for Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$250 from the District 3 Fund, \$250 from the District 4 Fund, and \$500 from the Regional Fund, with approval contingent upon the Society providing a second quote and proceeding with the lower of the two quotes.

Motion carried.

- d) St. Peter’s Pirates Association grant request for Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council approve the St. Peter’s Pirates Association grant request for Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$500 from the District 4 Fund and \$500 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.

11. Correspondence

a) Information Only

- i. MOCR letter to the Honourable Scott Armstrong, Minister of Justice, Re: Mi’kmaw versions of public awareness posters
- ii. Letter from the Honourable Leah Martin, Minister of L’nu Affairs, Re: Mi’kmaw versions of public awareness posters
- iii. Letter from the Strait Area Chiefs, Mayors, and Wardens to the Honourable Nolan Young, Minister of Labour, Skills and Immigration, Re: NSCC Strait Area Campus Sister Residence
- iv. Letter from Terry Smith, CEO, Destination Cape Breton, Re: Coordinated Advocacy for Improved Cellular Service in Rural Nova Scotia

b) Action Required

- i. Email from Carolyn Marrelli, Director of Campaigns, GenWell, Re: Proclamation Request

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council approve the proclamation request from GenWell to proclaim September 18 to 20, 2026, as GenWell Weekend.

Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

GenWell Weekend

September 18 to 20, 2026

WHEREAS, GenWell Weekend, taking place September 18 to 20, 2026, is a national campaign led by GenWell, Canada's Human Connection Movement, that encourages Canadians to prioritize meaningful human connection and raises awareness of the important role social health plays in mental, physical, emotional, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS, GenWell is a Canadian charity dedicated to promoting human connection by inspiring Canadians to strengthen relationships, reduce social isolation, and create healthier, happier, and more connected communities through national campaigns, education, partnerships, and community engagement initiatives; and

WHEREAS, GenWell Weekend encourages Canadians to intentionally connect with family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, and members of their community through simple, meaningful actions such as inviting someone for coffee or a meal, organizing a walk or community gathering such as a barbecue or game night, reaching out to someone they have not connected with in a while and making plans to spend time together, introducing themselves to someone new in their neighbourhood, workplace, school, or community, or participating in a community event that brings people together; and

WHEREAS, meaningful human connection plays an important role in supporting social health, strengthening relationships, and building healthier, more resilient communities. While face-to-face connection is encouraged whenever possible, GenWell recognizes that distance, mobility, schedules, and other barriers may make in-person connection

difficult, and encourages people to use telephone or digital technology to maintain meaningful relationships when needed; and

WHEREAS, Richmond County recognizes the importance of fostering a welcoming and connected community where residents support one another, build relationships with neighbours and community members, and have opportunities to engage and participate in community life; and

WHEREAS, recognizing GenWell Weekend provides an opportunity to encourage residents of Richmond County to prioritize connection, strengthen existing relationships, make new connections, and take part in simple actions that contribute to a more engaged, supportive, and connected community; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Warden Lois Landry, on behalf of Richmond County Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim September 18 to 20, 2026, as “GenWell Weekend”.

- ii. Letter from the Honourable Derek Mombourquette, MLA for Sydney-Membertou, Nova Scotia Liberal Critic for Municipal Affairs, Re: Invitation to meet

Council agreed by unanimous consent to accept the invitation from the Honourable Derek Mombourquette, MLA for Sydney-Membertou and Nova Scotia Liberal Critic for Municipal Affairs, to meet and discuss municipal priorities, opportunities, and challenges.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Chairperson

Municipal Clerk