

Regular Council Meeting

June 23, 2026

Location: Richmond Room and Council Chambers

Present: Warden Lois Landry, Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette
(Virtually), 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 7:00 p.m.

2. 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.

3. O'Canada

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

4. Roll Call of Councillors

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

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

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson,
that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

6. Review of Minutes, Re:

a) May 25, 2026, Special Meeting

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor
Brian Marchand, that the minutes of the May 25, 2026, Special Meeting be
adopted as corrected.

Motion carried.

b) May 26, 2026, Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn
Samson, that the minutes of the May 26, 2026, Regular Council meeting be

adopted.

Motion carried.

c) May 28, 2026, Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the minutes of the May 28, 2026, Special Meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.

7. Question Period:

There were no questions.

8. Committee Reports:

a) Committee of the Whole

- i. The Committee discussed the Isle Madame Boat Club sponsorship request for \$1,000.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Isle Madame Boat Club sponsorship request in the amount of \$500, to be allocated from the Sponsorship Fund.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the main motion be amended to increase the approved amount to \$1,000, with the additional \$500 to be allocated equally from the District 1 and District 2 Funds, at \$250 each.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Isle Madame Boat Club sponsorship request in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$500 from the Sponsorship Fund, \$250 from the District 1 Fund, and \$250 from the District 2 Fund.

Motion carried with four (4) in favour and one (1) opposed. (No: Councillor Brent Sampson)

- ii. The Committee discussed the La Société du Festival Acadien de Petit-de-Grat grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$1,000.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by

Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the La Société du Festival Acadien de Petit-de-Grat grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$250 from the District 1 Fund, \$250 from the District 2 Fund, and \$500 from the Regional Fund. Motion carried.

- iii. The Committee discussed the Kitchen Rackets Organization - Celtic Colours International Festival grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$500.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Kitchen Rackets Organization - Celtic Colours International Festival grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$500, to be allocated from the District 4 Fund.

Motion carried.

- iv. The Committee discussed the Kitchen Rackets Organization grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$500.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Kitchen Rackets Organization grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$500, to be allocated from the District 4 Fund.

Motion carried.

- v. The Committee discussed the update from the St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, regarding previously approved funding that was contingent upon the approval of provincial funding.

Councillor Brent Sampson declared a conflict regarding the previously approved funding for the Nicolas Denys Museum and left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the

Committee of the Whole and rescind the motion granting funding in the amount of \$7,500 to the St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, as their provincial funding application was not approved.

Motion carried.

Councillor Brent Sampson returned to the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

- vi. The Committee discussed the Lakeside Community Association grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds for \$7,500.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Lakeside Community Association grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$7,500, to be allocated as follows: \$500 from the District 4 Fund and \$7,000 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.

- vii. The Committee discussed the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 sponsorship request for \$1,500.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 sponsorship request for \$1,500, to be allocated from the Sponsorship Fund.

Motion carried.

- viii. The Committee discussed the Louisdale Lions Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$1,000.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Louisdale Lions Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$750 from the District 3 Fund and \$250 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.

- ix. The Committee discussed the New Horizons Senior Citizens Club grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds for \$7,320.
Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the New Horizons Senior Citizens Club grant request for the Tier 2 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$3,195, to be allocated as follows: \$600 from the District 1 Fund, \$595 from the District 2 Fund, and \$2,000 from the Regional Fund.
Motion carried.
- x. The Committee discussed the River Bourgeois Mariner Society grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$1,000.
Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the River Bourgeois Mariner Society grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$750, to be allocated as follows: \$500 from the District 4 Fund and \$250 from the Regional Fund.
Motion carried.
- xi. The Committee discussed the Lennox Passage Yacht Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds for \$1,000.
Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Lennox Passage Yacht Club grant request for the Tier 1 - Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000, to be allocated as follows: \$300 from the District 1 Fund, \$300 from the District 2 Fund, and \$400 from the Regional Fund.
Motion carried.
- xii. The Committee discussed the establishment of a Budget Committee.
Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and refer the discussion on the Terms of Reference for a Budget Committee to the By-law/Policy Committee.
Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council adopt the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of June 2026.

Motion carried.

b) By-law/Policy Committee

- i. The Committee discussed the amendments to the Marketing Levy By-law.

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

Motion carried.

- ii. The Committee discussed the Positive Recreation Opportunities for All (PRO-Recreation) Program Policy.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and adopt the Positive Recreation Opportunities for All (PRO-Recreation) Program Policy as presented, with the following changes:

- amend section 4.3 by adding “and approving” after “determining”;
- amend the application form by adding a definition of household size to include the total number of persons in the household, including children, adding a 1-person household with an annual income limit of \$22,512; and revising the household size scale by changing the 7- persons category to “7+ persons”.

Motion carried.

- iii. The Committee discussed the Regional Emergency Management By-law.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and accept the Regional Emergency Management By-law as presented, with the amendments as discussed, subject to legal consultation.

Motion carried.

- iv. The Committee discussed the By-law/Policy Working List.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and remove the REMO Terms of Reference from the By-law/Policy Working List.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and remove the Receipt of Donations discussion from the By-law/Policy Working List and remove the related action item, number 522, from Council's Action List.

Motion carried with four (4) in favour and one (1) opposed. (No: Councillor Brent Sampson)

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

Motion carried.

c) Recreation Advisory Committee

- i. The Committee discussed the Richmond County Volunteer Recognition Program

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee and that staff be directed to expand the Volunteer Recognition Program to include categories for Volunteer of the Month, In Memoriam, and Group/Organization nominations; AND FURTHER MOVE that this expanded program be adopted and implemented immediately.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Recreation Advisory Committee Report for the month of June be adopted.

Motion carried.

d) RCMP Advisory Board

- i. The RCMP Advisory Board discussed the placement of a speed radar unit in Louisdale to address traffic speed concerns.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council accept the recommendation of the RCMP Advisory Board and direct staff to place a speed radar unit on Highway 320 in Louisdale, along the section of road between Harbourview Crescent and the local gas station.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the RCMP Advisory Board Report for the month of June be adopted.

Motion carried.

e) Source Water Protection Advisory Committee

- i. The Committee discussed the amendments to the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee and refer the amended Terms of Reference to the By-law/Policy Committee for review.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that the Source Water Protection Advisory Committee Report for the month of June be adopted.

Motion carried.

9. First Reading Approval, Re:

a) Marketing Levy By-law, By-law No. 60

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council give first reading approval for the Marketing Levy By-law, By-law No. 60.

Motion carried.

b) Regional Emergency Management By-law, By-law No. 71

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council postpone the first reading approval of the Regional Emergency

Management By-law, By-law No. 71, to the next Regular Council meeting.

Motion carried.

10. Correspondence

a) Action Required:

- i. Email from Fatima Ali, Event Coordinator, MitoCanada Foundation, Re: Mitochondrial Disease Awareness proclamation request

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council approve the proclamation request from the MitoCanada Foundation and proclaim September 14th to 20th, 2026, as World Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week.

Motion carried.

World Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week - Proclamation

WHEREAS the human body is fueled by trillions of microscopic powerhouses called mitochondria. Present in almost every cell in our bodies, these tiny but mighty energy-producing structures generate the energy we need to survive. When there is dysfunction with these important structures in one or more parts of our bodies, we see mitochondrial diseases appear.

WHEREAS there are hundreds of mitochondrial diseases, and because mito is very hard to diagnose, many people don't realize that they have these diseases. There is a strong need for more mitochondrial disease research to support those living with and caring for a loved one with mito, and for clinicians to be able to diagnose and treat Canadians living with mito.

WHEREAS, World Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week this year is observed from September 14th to 20th. The goal of this week is to raise awareness for mitochondrial health and diseases on a global scale. The initiative helps to raise awareness for mitochondrial diseases in Canada and across the globe, which can be crucial for the development of treatments, research on the disease, and providing support to those living with mito.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Warden Lois Landry, on behalf of Richmond County Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim September 14th to 20th, 2026, as "World Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week".

b) For Information Purposes

- i. Letter from the Honourable John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Re: Summary of changes for the coming fiscal year
- ii. Letter from the Honourable Kim Masland, Minister of Emergency Management, Re: Invitation to meet in Richmond County regarding Fire Services
- iii. Letter from MOCR to Richard Boudreau, President, Petit-de-Grat Red Caps, Re: Letter of support for their bid to host the 18U AA Atlantic Baseball Championship

11. Unfinished Business

a) Firearms Safety Course – Costs and Scheduling Update

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council allocate up to \$2,000 from the Council Strategic Initiative Fund to support the firearms safety course.

Motion carried.

12. Review of Action Items

a) Action Items List

For information only.

13. Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

14. Question Period

There were no questions.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Chairperson

Municipal Clerk