THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND
LA MUNICIPALITÉ DU COMTÉ DE RICHMOND

Regular Council Meeting

October 27, 2026

Location:	Council Chambers
Present:	Councillor Lois Landry, Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Brent Sampson, Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor Shawn Samson
Staff:	Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (Virtually), Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

1. Call to Order

   Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Election of Warden

   Troy MacCulloch, CAO, called for nominations for the position of Warden. Councillor Amanda Mombourquette nominated Councillor Lois Landry, who accepted the nomination. Mr. MacCulloch called for nominations two more times. There being no further nominations, he declared Councillor Lois Landry as Warden of the Municipality of the County of Richmond by acclamation.

3. Election of Deputy Warden

   Warden Lois Landry assumed the chair and called for nominations for the position of Deputy Warden. Councillor Shawn Samson nominated Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, who declined the nomination. Councillor Amanda Mombourquette nominated Councillor Brian Marchand, who accepted the nomination. The Warden called for nominations two more times. There being no further nominations, she declared Councillor Brian Marchand as Deputy Warden of the Municipality of the County of Richmond by acclamation.

4. Opening Acknowledgement

   The Warden made the following opening acknowledgement:

   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.

5. O'Canada

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

6. Roll Call of Councillors

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

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

Warden Lois Landry requested and received unanimous consent to move agenda item 11(b) Proposed Development in Point Tupper Heavy Industrial Park – Data Centre to the end of the agenda before the question period.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, that the agenda be approved with the change as discussed.

Motion carried.

8. Review of Minutes, Re

a) September 24, 2026, Special Meeting

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the minutes of the September 24, 2026, Special Meeting be adopted as corrected.

Motion carried.

b) September 22, 2026, Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the minutes of the September 22, 2026, Regular Council 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 Fourchu Development Association grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $700.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Fourchu Development Association grant application

for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $700, to be allocated from the District 5 Fund.
Motion carried.

ii. The Committee discussed the Framboise Community Centre grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $500.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Framboise Community Centre grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $500, to be allocated from the District 5 Fund.

Motion carried.

iii. The Committee discussed the Lennox Passage Yacht Club grant application for the Tier 3 Waterfront Development Grant Funds in the amount of $10,000.
Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Lennox Passage Yacht Club grant application for the Tier 3 Waterfront Development Grant Funds in the amount of $10,000, to be allocated from the Tier 3 Waterfront Development Grant Funds.
Motion carried.

iv. The Committee discussed the Our Lady of Assumption Columbarium – Diocese of Antigonish grant application for the Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $7,500.
Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council approve the Our Lady of Assumption Columbarium – Diocese of Antigonish grant application for the Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of $2,000, to be allocated as follows: $1,000 from the District 1 Fund and $1,000 from the District 2 Fund.
Motion carried.

v. The Committee discussed the Councillors' Payment Policy.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee

of the Whole and refer the Councillors' Payment Policy to the By-law/Policy Committee for further discussion and review, with no increase to Council remuneration pending the outcome of the review.

Motion carried.

vi. The Committee discussed the letter from Nova Scotia Department of Public Works, Re: Cost-share agreement on the paving of subdivision (J Class) streets – 2027-28 construction season.
Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to bring forward the current road list; make the necessary inquiries regarding planned work on Hospital Road, including opportunities for municipal participation and the possibility of requesting additional work; and report back at the next Council meeting.
Motion carried.

vii. The Committee discussed the letter from Jennifer Snowdon regarding the request for a sidewalk.
Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the matter to the Village of St. Peter's and advise the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works that Council is supportive of the decision coming out of the Village of St. Peter's.
Motion carried.
Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the word sidewalk be replaced with the word crosswalk.

"The Committee discussed the letter from Jennifer Snowdon regarding the request for a ~~sidewalk~~ crosswalk."
Motion carried.

viii. The Committee discussed the Cape Breton Partnership Update on the Richmond County Economic Development Service Model, Impact Snapshot and Activities.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent

Sampson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and receive the Cape Breton Partnership report.

Motion carried.

ix. The Committee discussed publishing the dates and times of EverWind's engagement sessions.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to publish the dates and times of EverWind's engagement sessions on the Municipality's website and social media channels when they become available.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council adopt the Committee of the Whole report for the month of October 2026.

Motion carried.

b) By-law/Policy Committee Report

i. The Committee discussed the Halloween Policy.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-law/Policy Committee and repeal the Halloween Policy.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council adopt the By-law/Policy Committee report for the month of October 2026.

Motion carried.

c) Recreation Advisory Committee Report

i. The Committee discussed serviced land for a multi-use facility.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Recreation Advisory Committee and that staff be directed to prepare a report of potential municipally owned serviced property that may be available to house a multi-use facility.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council adopt the Recreation Advisory Committee report for the month of October 2026.

Motion carried.

d) Fire Protection Services Committee Report

i. The Committee discussed potential locations for the next dry hydrant installation.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee and proceed with a dry hydrant installation at McNabs, in the Westside Loch Lomond-Grand River Mouth area.

Motion carried.

ii. The Committee discussed bulk insurance.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee and, upon the next insurance renewal, have staff explore insurance pricing and obtain an itemized quote.

Motion carried.

iii. The Committee discussed the Emergency Services Fund application.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee and approve a regional approach to the Emergency Services Fund application.

Motion carried.

iv. The Committee discussed the new Fire Protection Services Committee Terms of Reference.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Fire Protection Services Committee and proceed with the adoption of the new Terms of Reference.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council adopt the Fire Protection Services Committee report for September 2026.

Motion carried.

11. Warden, Re

a) Council for a Day Contest, Municipal Awareness Week – Update

Warden Lois Landry provided a brief overview of the Council for a Day Contest. She announced the winners: Samuel Giroux, Sage Samson, Lillian Blaire Martell, Abe Boudrot, and Olivia Shea.

12. Correspondence

a) Action Required:

n/a

b) For Information Purposes

i. MOCR letter to Brad Harrison, Area Manager, Nova Scotia Department of Public Works, Re: Request for Sidewalk near East Richmond Education Centre

ii. Letter from Julissa Stewart to the Town of Port Hawkesbury, Re: EverWind data centre campus announcement

iii. Letter from the Honourable Scott Armstrong, MLA, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Re: New billing framework for municipalities that receive RCMP policing services

iv. Letter from the Board of Directors of the Seniors Take Action Coalition (STAC), Re: Appreciation for recognizing STAC through the volunteer recognition program

13. Unfinished Business

a) Letter from Nova Scotia Department of Public Works, Re: Cost-share agreement on the paving of subdivision (J Class) streets – 2027-28 construction season

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council submit the following application to the Province for cost-shared paving of J-class roads in order of priority as follows: Kings Road (Rockdale), Touesnard Lane (River Bourgeois), Sampson Road (L'Ardoise).

Motion carried.

14. Review of Action Items

a) Action Items List

For information only.

15. Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

16. Proposed Development in Point Tupper Heavy Industrial Park – Data Centre

i. Speaking notes from event on October 16, 2026

It was noted that support for the project depended on demonstrating sustainability, protecting residents and resources, and providing significant benefits to Richmond County.

ii. Feedback from residents

It was noted that feedback received by the Warden from residents and non-residents included views both in support of and opposed to the project, while others wished to learn more before forming an opinion. She encouraged residents to attend upcoming company engagement sessions to learn more about the project.

iii. Communicating with Council

It was noted that residents were encouraged to contact Council members directly by email, telephone, written correspondence, or in person. It was clarified that Council members were not monitoring social media feeds, and that messages sent through Facebook Messenger should be moved to regular correspondence channels. Respectful communication was emphasized, noting that emails containing profanity would not receive a reply and threats would be referred to the RCMP.

17. Question Period

Moved by Deputy Warden Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council extend Question Period so that everyone has their say.

Motion carried.

The following individuals approached Council:

- Nancy Leblanc
- Yens (no surname given)
- Benjamin Lauzon

- Phillip Cousins
- Rebecca Wall
- Julissa Stewart
- Dorothy Booher
- Madonna Bernard
- Lisa Boudreau
- Jason Jankuloski
- Barry Landry
- Michel Covin
- Jason Smith
- Randy Daniels

18. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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Chairperson Municipal Clerk