

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2009

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Warden Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Boudreau indicated that there were no items added to the agenda that were submitted before the deadline, however Councillor David requested and received unanimous consent of council to add an "In-Camera" item regarding Home Support Workers.

Moved by Deputy Warden Johnson, **seconded by** Councillor McNamara that the item added be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: October 5, 2009

It was noted that the costs for the Arichat Lift Station Project have come in significantly above what had been budgeted, however this seems to be the tendency for similar projects in surrounding municipal units.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded by** Councillor MacNeil that the minutes of October 5, 2009 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Reports:

(a) Councillor David re: Update on Milford Terminal

Councillor David indicated that he attended a meeting at the Civic Centre last week with representatives from the Milford Terminal, providing an update on this project.

Councillor David indicated that they are requesting support from the Municipality to express the importance of the project to local politicians.

The CAO indicated that at a Mayors and Wardens meeting held earlier today there was a document presented requesting a meeting with the Hon. Peter MacKay and Premier Darrell Dexter which also included a press release and that each Council was being asked to support the document.

The following points were brought forth during discussions:

- The Milford Terminal requires \$500 million in investment from the private sector, which has already been secured.
- The facility will be superior to any on the eastern seaboard.
- If Council wishes to support the project, then the Warden will sign the letter requesting a meeting with Minister MacKay and Premier Dexter.
- If Canada is going to participate in the next generation of shipping then this facility would enable Canada to compete in the industry.
- The Milford Terminal would have significant capacity and would serve as a breakdown facility.
- Halifax could not accept the new super capacity ships because of the issues of the waterway and bridges.
- The Milford Terminal requires 1800 acres of land and the process of securing the land requires that nine different organizations become involved.
- The intent of the request for support and the meeting would be to assist with clearing a path for the land to be turned over in a timely manner.

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that Council authorize Warden Boudreau to endorse a letter requesting a meeting with the Hon. Peter MacKay and the Premier Darrell Dexter to discuss the Milford Terminal project and express the Municipality's support for the project. Motion carried.

(b) Councillor McNamara re: Women in Politics Conference

Councillor McNamara reported the following:

- She attended a Women in Politics conference in Halifax held October 16-18
- There were 24 women in attendance from various backgrounds and age groups.
- The conference was sponsored by the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and Mount Saint Vincent University.
- She presented the municipal case involving how to get elected and the responsibilities of an elected municipal councilor.
- There were representatives from other levels of government

- She facilitated a session regarding “knocking on doors” to effectively campaign and also acted as a table monitor teaching others how to draft a campaign.

Correspondence:

(a) Tracy Randall re: Grant Requests:

- (i) Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund District #1;
- (ii) Development Isle Madame, Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund Districts #1, 2, 3 and 4;
- (iii) Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund – District #3;
- (iv) River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund – District #7;
- (v) Eastern Counties Regional Library, Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund – all districts.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, **seconded by** Councillor David that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grant requests be approved:

- \$10,000 to Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund District #1
- \$152.00 to Development Isle Madame, Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund Districts #1, 2, 3 and 4;
- \$794.00 to the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund – District #3;
- \$2,250.52 to the River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund – District #7;
- \$1000 to Eastern Counties Regional Library, Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund – all districts.

Motion carried.

(b) Christmas Daddies re: Funding Request

The following points were brought forth during discussions:

- Concern was expressed regarding how much money being donated by communities comes back to the community
- It was suggested that budgetary information be requested from the organization

Moved by Councillor Beaton, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that the funding request from Christmas Daddies be referred to the Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation. Motion carried.

List of Cheques Issued – September, 2009

Deputy Warden Johnson declared a conflict of interest with regards to the list of cheques issued and removed herself from discussions.

Councillor David declared a conflict of interest with regards to the list of cheques issued, indicating that his business is listed as receiving a cheque and removed himself from discussions.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the List of Cheques Issued for September 2009 in the amount of \$796,875.43 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to be discussed in Regular Session.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Doug Begg addressed the Committee.

Mr. Begg congratulated Council for their supportive attitude towards the Milford Terminal.

Mr. Lorenzo Boudreau addressed the Committee, however his comments were not relevant to tonight's agenda and he was requested to approach staff if he wished to discuss the issue at an upcoming meeting.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting proceed "In-Camera". Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee direct staff to prepare correspondence to the Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health, indicating that Council has been made aware that there has been an audit of the Richmond County Home Care Services and requesting information regarding how the issues that are outlined in the audit are being addressed and further move that copies of this correspondence to be sent to MLA Michel Samson, Mr. Chris MacKay and the Hon. Marilyn More, Minister of Labour and Workforce Development. Motion carried. Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor David the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CAO