

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

JUNE 15, 2009

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Items Added to the Agenda

It was noted that Councillor MacNeil wished to add an item regarding Canada Day and Councillor McNamara wished to add an item regarding extending congratulations to all successful MLA candidates, as well as the new government.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded by** Councillor Martell that the Items Added be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: June 1, 2009

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that the minutes of June 1, 2009 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation: Isle Madame Health and Wellness Centre (Jessica Boudreau) re: Request for Funding

Deputy Warden Johnson welcomed Mrs. Jessica Boudreau to the meeting.

Mrs. Boudreau reviewed a proposal for the Isle Madame Health and Wellness Centre, outlining their Community Consultation and Building Program and requested funding from Richmond County Municipal Council in support of this project (copy of Power Point presentation attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Deputy Warden Johnson thanked Mrs. Boudreau for her presentation.

CAO re: Personnel Committee of Council/Consultation Committee

The CAO indicated that he has prepared a draft recommendation to Council regarding staff succession and training.

The following points were brought forth during discussions:

- The internal organization should be examined to determine if there are any existing personnel that would have the aptitude for filling the position (i.e. CAO position) if not then an outside search through the services of a recruitment organization may be necessary.
- Continued staff development is important and not only to be provided to targeted individual but also those who could be expected to replace them in their current positions.
- The Municipality has a lot of senior staff so succession planning must be a priority and be done on an ongoing basis.
- Co-op type education programs and work placements should be used to evaluate potential recruits.
- The CAO recommended that a Council/CAO Consultation Group on Personnel Matters be formed.
- It was noted that interested Councillors should approach the Warden by e-mail.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded by** Councillor Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that a Council/CAO Consultation Group on Personnel Matters be formed and that Councillors that are interested in serving on this committee notify the Warden by e-mail. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) Chief Financial Officer re: Area Rates

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded by** Councillor MacNeil that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and that the following Area Rates be approved:

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| ▪ St. Peter's Volunteer Fire Department | .10¢ |
| ▪ West Bay Road and District Volunteer Fire Department | .10¢ |
| ▪ L'Ardoise Volunteer Fire Department | .16¢ |
| ▪ Grand River Volunteer Fire Department | .15¢ |
| ▪ Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department | .12¢ |
| ▪ Louisdale & District Volunteer Fire Department | .10¢ |
| ▪ Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department | .15¢ |
| ▪ Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department | .11¢ |
| ▪ District #10 Volunteer Fire Department | .15¢ |
| ▪ Louisdale Sidewalks | .10¢ |
| ▪ District #2 | .04¢ |
| ▪ District #4 | .05¢ |
| ▪ St. Peter's Village Commission – collect whatever rate they establish, conditional on them providing their rate to the Municipality by July 31, 2009. | |

Motion carried.

(b) Shannon Diggdon re: Grant Request:

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

- St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre – Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, (Multiple Districts) in the amount of \$15,000;
- D’Escousse Civic Improvement Society – Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #3 in the amount of \$5,000;
- Janvrin’s Island Community Centre Association – Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #4 in the amount of \$2,915.25;
- Strait Health Care Foundation – Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #5 in the amount of \$800;
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #47 – Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #7 in the amount of \$2,500.

Motion carried.

(c) Mr. Richard Burt re: Richleen Estates Subdivision

The CAO indicated that he has met with Mr. Burt to review his proposal of partnering with the Municipality to extend water and sewer service to his subdivision in Louisdale, indicating that this project is the type of project that the Municipality may be able to entertain depending on the costs and level of funding being requested and that the next logical step in to have Mr. Burt prepare further details of the project including costs and that this information be presented to Council for further consideration.

Moved by Warden Boudreau, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that staff be requested to work with Mr. Burt and that a proposal be submitted, as soon as possible, by Mr. Burt to include costs and level of funding requested from the Municipality for the proposed water and sewer improvements at Richleen Estates. Motion carried.

List of Cheques Issued - May, 2009

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that the list of cheques issued for May 2009 in the amount of \$630,428.64 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

(1) Councillor MacNeil re: Canada Day

The following points were brought forth during discussions:

- A decision must be made tonight regarding fireworks displays in Richmond County.
- People are very upset that there are plans to have Canada Day fireworks in Richmond County.
- In future years there must be a line item in the Recreation budget for fireworks.
- Tomorrow is the deadline to book a fireworks display.
- There is an issue in Arichat in obtaining a location to launch the fireworks.
- DIMA arranges all of the other Canada Day activities that are held in Arichat.
- The Recreation department has received an extra \$5,000 in funding for Canada Day activities from the Province however these funds cannot be used directly for fireworks.
- \$10,000 is the approximate costs to hold two fireworks displays in the County.
- It was noted that Council is able to use reserve funding, noting that this is a one time expense for the betterment of the Municipality.

It was agreed that Councillors will get together after the Committee of the Whole Meeting tonight to discuss this issue further.

(2) Councillor McNamara re: Extend congratulations to all successful MLA candidates, as well as the new government.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be sent to the new NDP Government under the leadership of Mr. Darrell Dexter congratulating them on their victory and also send letters to all of the four local candidates congratulating them on their campaign efforts and in particular MLA Michel Samson on his election win. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Richard Burt approached the Committee thanking Staff and Councillors for entertaining his request.

Mr. Lorenzo Boudreau approached Council requesting financial assistance in preparing a plaque commemorating 211 municipal councillor's that have passed away.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting proceed “In-Camera”. Motion carried.

The “In-Camera” Meeting discussed a legal matter, an outstanding bill, the sale of municipal property and Canada Day fireworks.

Deputy Warden Johnson re-convened the Regular Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded by** Councillor MacNeil that the Committee recommend to Council to approve and accept the terms of settlement negotiated on May 20th, 2009, concluding the subdivision development contract between the Municipality and HJS Consultants and further move that Municipal staff be instructed to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to conclude the matter on the terms so approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded by** Councillor MacNeil that the Committee recommend to Council that Council fund \$5,000 for fireworks to add to the \$500 per Councillor that will be committed and that Council review this matter prior to next years budget approval. Motion carried. (1 Nay – Councillor Brian Marchand)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded by** Councillor Martell that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business Deputy Warden Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.