

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

JUNE 1, 2009

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Review of Minutes: May 25, 2009

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded by** Councillor MacNeil that the minutes of May 25, 2009 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation – Le centre de recherches marines de L'Université Sainte-Anne re: Creation of a Marine Research Centre

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mrs. Josette Marchand, Directrice, Campus Petit De Grat and Mrs. Michelle Theriault, Marine Research Coordinator, to the meeting.

Mrs. Marchand and Mrs. Theriault presented a slide presentation (copy attached) and provided an update on the lobster research project and the current activities of the marine research centre.

A question and answer period followed.

The Warden and Councillors commended Mrs. Marchand and Mrs. Theriault for their tremendous initiative in such an excellent project, and wished them much success.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mrs. Marchand and Mrs. Theriault for their very informative presentation.

Tabled from Previous Meetings:

- (a) Coopérative Radio Richmond Ltée re: Operational Budget/ Strategic Plan/Results of Market Study (May 11, 2009 Council Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded by** Councillor Beaton that this item be tabled until next year's budget; and that correspondence be sent to Mr. Billy Joyce, Coopérative Radio Richmond Ltée, advising him that his funding request was received after this year's budget was complete and that his request will be reviewed in next year's budget. Motion carried.

(b) DIMA re: Isle Madame Composting and Recycling Education Project (April 6, 2009 Committee of the Whole Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Martell, **seconded by** Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be instructed to move forward with the funding in the amount of \$3,000 to Development Isle Madame for the hiring of two summer students for the Isle Madame Composting and Recycling Education Project, as a county wide project. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) Department of Community Services re: Expiration of Richmond Representative on the Board of the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority

Moved by Councillor Beaton, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that Mr. Rudolph Boudreau be re-appointed as the Richmond representative on the Board of the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority. Motion carried. (Nay – Councillor David).

(b) Strait Area Mutual Aid Association re: Rotary at Canso Causeway

(c) Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal re: Port Hastings Rotary

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded by** Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be written to the Strait Area Mutual Aid Association, with a copy to the Minister of Transportation, expressing Municipal Council's support in their initiative regarding their correspondence to the Minister of Transportation requesting improvements to the Port Hastings Rotary. Motion carried.

(d) Feed Nova Scotia re: Hunger Awareness Day 2009

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded by** Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council THAT WHEREAS addressing the food security needs of children, youth and families today is fundamental to the future of Richmond County;

WHEREAS the need for comprehensive, coordinated emergency food programs place upon our community a critical responsibility;

WHEREAS it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts towards the health and well-being of hungry Canadians;

WHEREAS FEED NOVA SCOTIA, through its unique approach to providing emergency food supplies, is effectively caring for the needs of hungry children, youth and families in our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Richmond Municipal Council do hereby proclaim June 2, 2009 as “National Hunger Awareness Day” in Richmond County, and urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting the needs of hungry people to unite on that day in the observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of Richmond County, with the fundamental necessity to support the work of food banks in meeting the food security needs of hungry children and youth and families. Motion carried.

(e) Shannon Diggdon re: Grant Requests:

- La Picasse, Centre Communautaire Culturel, Municipal District \$17,000 Fund – District #2 (\$8,000)
- St. Hyacinth’s CWL, Councillors District Activity - \$3,000 Fund, District #3 (\$1,000)

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

- \$8,000 to La Picasse, Centre Communautaire Culturel, Municipal District \$17,000 Fund – District #2;
- \$1,000 to St. Hyacinth’s CWL, Councillors’ District Activity - \$3,000 Fund, District #3.

Motion carried.

(f) Councillor MacNeil re: Fire Protection, St. Peter’s

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor McNamara that the rate for fire protection for the Village of St. Peter’s be taken from the general rate for the Municipality of Richmond. Councillor MacNeil withdrew his motion, with the permission of the seconder.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded by** Councillor McNamara that as there is a perceived difference in the treatment of the ratepayers of St. Peter’s as opposed the remainder of the Municipality, that staff prepare a report for Council indicating the following:

- the current status of fire protection charges in the County as it applies to serviced and unserved areas, as well as the Village of St. Peter’s;
- a history of events and decisions leading to the current system;

- a description of alternative methods of charging and financing the fire protection charges;
- a description of the impacts of alternative methods on:
 - (a) the Village of St. Peter's
 - (b) the serviced areas
 - (c) the unserved areas
 - (d) water rates in all serviced areas
 - (e) the general tax rate

and that the report be presented to the Committee of the Whole in November, 2009.
Motion carried.

(g) Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations re: Louisdale/Evanston/Whiteside Water Treatment Plant Pre-Design – Request for Funding

Moved by Councillor Marchand, **seconded by** Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council that the municipal portion for the Louisdale/Evanston/Whiteside water treatment plant pre-design be funded out of the general revenue and charged against the project should the project go to construction. Motion carried.

List of Cheques Issued: April, 2009

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded by** Councillor Martell that the list of cheques issued for the month of April, 2009 in the amount of \$930,110.49 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded by** Councillor Sampson that the meeting move to “In-Camera” session at 8:15 p.m.

The “In-Camera” Meeting discussed a legal matter, instructions to staff regarding personnel and a personnel issue.

Warden Boudreau reconvened the regular meeting to order at 9:15 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded by** Councillor Beaton that the Warden and CAO instruct Mr. Bain that the Sporting Mountain Plan review be the first priority of the Eastern District Planning Commission in the Municipality; and that this review be accomplished without delay. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded by** Councillor Martell that a position be created for an Intern to be employed with the Municipality on a four month work term. Motion carried.

Councillor David declared a conflict of interest indicating that he is related to the individual that will be hired to fill the intern position, and he left his seat during discussion and voting of this item.

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.