

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MARCH 1, 2010

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Items Added to the Agenda

Deputy Warden MacNeil indicated that there were four items that were added prior to the deadline, regarding Strategic Planning week end, Request from Port Hawkesbury for increase funding toward pool, Rebecca Lewis property, St. Peter's, Additional applications received to serve on planning advisory committee (received prior to 4:00 p.m., February 26, 2010).

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: February 22, 2010

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of February 22, 2010 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau re: Council Action Regarding CAO Replacement

Deputy Warden MacNeil indicated that the Warden would like Councillors who are interested in sitting on a committee, to select the next CAO, to contact him via email; five people are required.

Updating of Richmond Arena Operating Agreement

Deputy Warden indicated that the Warden would like to have four people to form a committee to review the operating agreement for the Richmond Arena.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor David that Warden Boudreau, the Director of Tourism, Recreation & Culture, the Chief Administrative Officer and Councillor Marchand form a committee to review the Richmond Arena Operating Agreement. Motion carried.

St. Peter's School Property/Legal Advice (to be discussed "In-Camera")

To be addressed “In-Camera”.

Correspondence:

- (a) Applications re: Planning Advisory Committee (applications close on February 26th and additional applications received will be provided at the meeting):
- (i) Robert Wambolt
 - (ii) Rosemary Burns
 - (iii) David Gunn
 - (iv) Sietse VanZwol

Deputy Warden indicated that the Warden would like to form a committee to review the names of applicants submitted, and provide four names as a recommendation to Council for the additional members of the Planning Advisory Committee.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that the intent is to form a committee that functions well and to have active participants on the Committee to deal with planning issues within Richmond County.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that a committee be formed, to include, Warden Boudreau, the Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. John Bain and the Chair of the Planning Advisory Committee to review the applications submitted and a recommendation of four additional members for the Planning Advisory Committee be made to Council. Motion carried.

- (b) Mrs. Tracy Randall re: Grant Request:
- St. Joseph’s CWL, Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, District #2 (\$1,000)
 - East Richmond ATV Riders, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, Districts #7 & #8 (\$3,621.65)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grants be approved:

- St. Joseph’s CWL, Municipal District Activity - \$5,000 Fund, District #2 (\$1,000)
- East Richmond ATV Riders, Municipal District \$20,000 Fund, Districts #7 & #8 (\$3,621.65)

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Strategic Planning week end

Deputy Warden indicated that the Warden would like each Councillor to inform Warden Boudreau via email if they are available to attend this workshop and what dates and location is preferred.

It was noted that the preferred week end would be April 26/27, 2010 and the preferred location would be Sydney.

2. Request from Port Hawkesbury for increase funding toward pool

Councillor McNamara indicated that she was present at the previous meeting regarding the operational expenses for the SAERC pool, along with representatives from Port Hawkesbury and Inverness.

During the meeting it was agreed that the user rates would be increased by 25% to help recover the additional operating cost; however, the Town of Port Hawkesbury is requesting that the Richmond County funding contribution be that of \$45,000.

It was noted that the current amount of annual funding provided by Richmond County is \$13,000, while Inverness contributes \$10,000.

It was noted that the request for \$45,000 is too much and that the Committee is not in favour of supporting such a contribution.

It was noted that the operational cost have increased and that the Committee should be prepared to have our contribution increased.

3. Rebecca Lewis property, St. Peter's

Deputy Warden MacNeil indicated that Ms. Lewis was granted access to the property via the Richmond Villa private road prior to the construction of the building and she is currently in the process of sub-dividing the property for sale purposes. Mr. John Bain would like some direction from Council prior to sub-dividing the property.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that Mr. John Bain be authorized to grant access to the property of Ms. Rebecca Lewis as initially granted prior to the construction of the Richmond Villa. Motion carried.

4. Additional applications received to serve on planning advisory committee (received prior to 4:00 p.m., February 26, 2010).

This item has been dealt with previously during this meeting.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Doug Begg approached the Committee regarding an item on the agenda.

In-Camera

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the meeting proceed to “In-Camera” session. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor David that the meeting reconvene to regular session. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the CAO be directed to proceed with the request for Expressions of Interest for the former St. Peter’s School. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Warden be directed to proceed with the request of a 5% increase in pension contributions for Council members, to be borne by the Municipality. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.