

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

OCTOBER 25, 2010

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 he wish to add Code of Conduct; Councillor MacNeil wish to add Road Name Change and the C.A.O. wish to add additional information regarding Chapel Island Cove Properties.

Warden Boudreau requested unanimous consent to add Acadian Lines.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the agenda be adopted with the items added. **Motion carried.**

Review of Minutes: October 4, 2010

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of October 4, 2010 be adopted as presented. **Motion carried.**

Richmond Recreation Advisory Committee

The C.A.O. noted the following:

- Six applications have been received for the Richmond Recreation Advisory Committee; the Committee requires 12 people in order to properly represent Richmond County.
- The C.A.O. is seeking permission from the Committee to appoint the other six people to the Committee.
- The Committee will be comprised of one Council member, one staff member and 10 representatives from the community.
- If Councillors would like to put names forward they are to forward them to the C.A.O..

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that the Warden will appoint the Council representative, and the C.A.O. will appoint the Staff representative.

- It was noted that the names of applicants already received will be circulated to Council for review.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Deputy Warden Martell that the C.A.O. be granted permission to appoint members to the Richmond Recreation Advisory Committee in order to get a good geographic representation of the County. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence

- (a) Mrs. Cecile Hyland re: Retirement Notice

The C.A.O. noted the following:

- Mrs. Cecile Hyland submitted her retirement notice (Copy attached).

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that Mrs. Hyland has provided many years of exceptional service to the residents of Richmond County.
- It was noted that Mrs. Hyland's contribution and efforts were well appreciated and great wishes to her for upcoming her retirement.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the Committee recommend to Council to accept Mrs. Cecile Hyland's retirement notice effective August 1, 2011. **Motion carried.**

- (b) Eastern District Planning Commission/The Samsons' re: Chapel Cove Road Properties

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- Correspondence was received by some of the parties involved indicating that the structures were not on their property.
- Recent correspondence was received by a party involved indicating that they were willing to remove the canteen structure; Nova Scotia Power has been contacted to remove the power lines.
- There is a title issue which may cause some difficulty in collecting demolition fees.
- It is the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission to continue with the demolition order for the stables.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that there are instances when determining the owner of a given property is difficult.
- It was noted that this property has been an issue for some time now.

- It was noted that if the property is dangerous to the public the County needs to act on it immediately.
- It was noted that the cost of a cleanup can be very expensive.
- It was noted that the letter indicates a danger to children.
- It was noted that the property is surrounded by water, hence the danger is minimal.
- It was noted that in the event the cost for the cleanup is not recovered the County can put a lean on the property, which can take upwards of 20 years to obtain ownership.
- It was noted that the Solicitor will determine who the order will be issued to.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to Carl Michael Samson, Cecile T. Samson, Melanie Christine Samson and Michelle Anne Samson, Chapel Cove Road, L’Ardoise (PID #75118661); and to Albert Barrett, Chapel Cove Road, L’Ardoise (PID #75068965) instructing that the structure be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. **Motion carried.**

- (c) Eastern Counties Regional Library re: Financial Request for the Share a Book – Build a Community Fundraising Campaign

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- The Eastern Counties Regional Library is making a financial request for the Share a Book – Build a Community Fundraising Campaign.
- Last year Council contributed \$1000.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that along with a financial contribution, Council can request to have a percentage of books placed in a specific library.
- It was noted that it is difficult to find new books to put on shelves for residents.

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council that a financial contribution of \$1000 be made to the Eastern Counties Regional Library for the Share a Book-Build a Community Fundraising Campaign, with the monies to be taken from general revenue. **Motion carried.**

- (d) Development Isle Madame re: Request for a Second Council Representative to Serve on the DIMA Board of Directors

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- Development Isle Madame Association is requesting that two Island Councillors sit on the DIMA board for a two year term.

- At present Councillor Malcolm Beaton is the only Councillor that is presently sitting on the DIMA board.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that the DIMA board is not a standing committee of Council.
- It was noted that any Councillor who sat on the board would be in conflict when requests are made to Council.
- It was noted that Councillor Beaton currently sits on the board as ex-officio.
- It was noted that if there are any volunteers who wish to sit on the board, they can inform the Warden.

(e) Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #47 re: Highway Sign on Cenotaph Site in St. Peter's

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- A letter was submitted to the C.A.O. regarding a sign that was erected by Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.
- The group would like a letter of support to be sent to the Minister to have the sign moved.

The following points were brought during discussion:

- Councillor MacNeil has been in contact with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, along with St. Peter's Economic Development Organization and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch and would like to table this request until he has had the opportunity to meet with the groups again to discuss this issue.

Move by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher to postpone the request put forth by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #47 regarding the Highway Sign on Cenotaph Site in St. Peter's until November 8, 2010. **Motion carried.**

(f) Mrs. Tracy Randall re: Grant Requests:

- (i) Raise a Reader Campaign, Municipal District Activity Fund – All districts (\$1,000);
- (ii) DIMA, Municipal District Activity Fund – Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4 (\$200);
- (iii) Dorothy's Pets in Need, Municipal District Activity Fund – District #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 and #10 (\$900) (\$100 per district);

- (iv) D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund – District #3 (\$100);
- (v) River Bourgeois Community Services Society – District #7 (\$250);
- (vi) The Harbour Authority of Little Harbour, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #9 (\$17,000).

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- The grant for Raise a Reader Campaign should be \$1,100 because Councillor David committed \$200.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Deputy Warden Martell that the Committee recommend to Council to approve the following grant requests:

- Raise a Reader Campaign, Municipal District Activity Fund – All districts (\$1,100);
- DIMA, Municipal District Activity Fund – Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4 (\$200);
- Dorothy's Pets in Need, Municipal District Activity Fund – District #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 and #10 (\$900) (\$100 per district);
- D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund – District #3 (\$100);
- River Bourgeois Community Services Society – District #7 (\$250);
- The Harbour Authority of Little Harbour, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #9 (\$17,000).

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Warden Boudreau re: Code of Conduct

Warden Boudreau indicated that Richmond County is one of few municipalities who have not approved and signed a code of conduct.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Deputy Warden Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that the Deputy Warden Chair a committee of three persons, comprised of one Councillor, one staff and himself and that the staff representative be Mrs. Karen Doyle. **Motion carried.**

2. Councillor MacNeil re: Road Name Change

Councillor MacNeil indicated that there is a new sub-division that has made a request for a road name change (Copy attached).

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to give approval to the road name change in the new subdivision on Pepperell Street in St. Peter's (District #8) to "Northside Drive", if it meets policy approval and receives the approval of the Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal and the Eastern District Planning Commission. **Motion carried.**

3. Warden Boudreau re: Acadian Lines

Warden Boudreau indicated that Acadian Lines has put forth a request to the U.A.R.B. to reduce the number of trips from Halifax to Sydney from three to two and to use only highway 105.

Warden Boudreau would encourage Council to intercede and make a presentation to the U.A.R.B.

It was noted that such a change would have a negative impact on the Strait, St. Peter's and surrounding areas and would be an insult to Richmond County.

It was noted that some residents who reside along route #4 have no access to transportation other than the services provided by Acadian Lines.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, **seconded** by Councillor David that **WHEREAS** Acadian Lines operates the only public transit system permitting Richmond County residents a passenger service to Sydney, Halifax and other destinations on those routes; **AND**

WHEREAS Acadian Lines has applied to the Nova Scotia Utilities and Review Board (NSURB), for the permission to discontinue that service by routing all Sydney to Halifax trips on highway 105; **AND**

WHEREAS the business community of Richmond County along with the traveling public would suffer from this loss of service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Richmond make intervention at the URB, stating its strong opposition to the Acadian Lines application and asking that service on Highway 104 and Route 4, through Richmond County, not be altered. **Motion carried.**

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.