

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2010

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.

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

Review of Minutes:

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Beaton that the minutes of November 29, 2010 be adopted as presented. **Motion carried.**

CAO re:

- (i) Tipping Fees

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- Tipping fees have been a topic of concern for Richmond County
- Fees are applied to debris brought to the landfill that weighs more than 400 kg
- An option would be to have staff research what other municipal units are charging and structure our municipal tipping fees

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that staff should inquire what other neighbouring municipalities are charging for tipping fees.
- It was noted that it would be nice to have some consistency and ensure that all persons entering the landfill are charged the same.
- It was noted that the landfill changed its hours from mid-April to mid-September 2010 to extend the Saturday operation to 4:00 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, **seconded** by Councillor MacNeil that staff be directed to review the Richmond County tipping fees in context to the neighbouring municipalities and make a recommendation to Council. **Motion carried.**

(ii) Municipal Information System Review Update

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- Richmond County has partnered with nine other municipalities to conduct a Municipal Information System Review Update.
- The primary objective is to determine the optimal software solution to replace the outdated systems currently in use.
- The current system is reaching the end of its useful lives and has been identified as risks from a support, stability and capacity standpoint.
- The Barrington Consulting Group (BCG) has been selected to partner with the municipalities for the initiative.
- To date the project team has made significant progress towards its goal of releasing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to potential vendors in early December.
- Criteria were also developed to evaluate these demos and in turn identified the recommended solution.
- A voting committee consisting of one representative from each municipal unit has been composed to make key project decisions and provide evaluations on behalf of their respective municipalities.
- The RFP is scheduled to be released on December 14, 2010 with a due date of January 13, 2011.
- No commitment has been given by our County and a future update will be present to Council in the New Year.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that this is a great initiative and also important to keep our systems up-to-date.
- It was noted that during budget deliberations the County auditors pointed out risks associated with our current AS400 software.

Solicitors/Eastern District Planning Commission re: Proposed Demolition/Property of Thomas Nicholas Richard, 124 Boudreauville Road (PID #75008466):

(i) Mr. John Bain re: Update on Property

Mr. Bain provided Council with an update on the property of Mr. Thomas Nicholas Richard, 124 Boudreauville Road (PID#75008466).

The following points were brought forth during discussions:

- There were four recommendations which included five orders.
- Mr. Thomas Richard has made progress in cleaning up his property.

The Committee thanked Mr. Bain for his presentation.

(ii) Mr. Thomas Nicholas Richard re: Opportunity to Address the Committee

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Thomas Nicholas Richard to the meeting and asked Mr. Richard if he understood what is expected of him.

Mr. Richard addressed the Committee and indicated that he understands what is expected of him but does not agree with all the orders, however he will comply.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- Council follows due process in Richmond County for all derelict property.
- Properties are being identified and addressed accordingly.
- This property has been an ongoing issue for several years and it is time to take action.
- The recommendations of the Eastern District Planning Commission should be followed.
- Wilf's Demolition and Salvage of Louisdale will go pick up metal debris free of charge.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council to move forward with the orders applied to the property of Mr. Thomas Nicholas Richard, 124 Boudreauville Road (PID#75008466) , as presented by the Eastern District Planning Commission, and ask the C.A.O. to use limited discretion in his decision. **Motion carried.**

Tabled from Previous Meeting:

- (a) DIMA Grant Request that went into the wrong category

Warden Boudreau reported the following:

- During budget deliberations a sum of \$3920 was allocated to Development Isle Madame for an Eco-Action project. During such deliberations Council said the funding would be provided through the same avenue as funds given in the last year's budget.
- That funding was provided via general funding; however, in error the monies were included in the Grants to Charitable Organizations motion and passed as such.
- Payment of this amount is now due and a motion is required to rescind that part of the original motion.
- A second motion would then be required to move the payment forward, as discussed, from general revenue.

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that monies awarded to Development Isle Madame for an Eco-Action project, in the sum of \$3920, to be taken from the Grants to Charitable Organization grant fund, be rescinded. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council that a grant in the sum of \$3920 be awarded to Development Isle Madame for an Eco-Action project and that the funds be taken from general revenue, as intended. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence:

- (a) Cape Breton Regional Municipality re: Request for Letter of Support

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- The Cape Breton Regional Municipality is asking for a letter of request to support the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in their bid to host the 2012 MasterCard Memorial Cup in Cape Breton.
- This would be an Island-wide initiative for all Cape Bretoners to enjoy.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that Staff write a letter of support for the the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles in their bid to host the 2012 MasterCard Memorial Cup in Cape Breton. **Motion carried.**

(b) Mrs. Tracy Randall re: Grant Request:

- (i) St. Peter's Branch #47, Royal Canadian Legion – Municipal Infrastructure fund, Districts #2, #5, #6, #7 and #8 (\$20,503.75 -breakdown attached);
- (ii) Branch #47, Royal Canadian Legion, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #7 and #8 (\$400);
- (iii) Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association – Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$300);
- (iv) South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association – Municipal District Activity fund, District #7 (\$460.97);
- (v) West Bay Pastoral Charge – Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$500);
- (vi) St. Louis CWL – Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$500);
- (vii) Louisdale Lions Club – Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$400);
- (viii) River Bourgeois Mariners Society – Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$4,876);
- (ix) Salmon River Community Association - Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$2,337.50);
- (x) Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association – Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3 (\$600)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommends to Council that the grant request submitted by the River Bourgeois Mariners Society – Municipal District Infrastructure Fund District #7 in the amount of \$4,876 not be funded due to the lack of available funds. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Marchand, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the grant request submitted by Louisdale Lions Club – Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 in the amount of \$400 be amended to \$450. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grant request be approved:

- \$20,503.75 to the St. Peter's Branch #47, Royal Canadian Legion – Municipal Infrastructure fund, Districts #2, #5, #6, #7 and #8 (-breakdown attached);
- \$400 to the Branch #47, Royal Canadian Legion, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #7 and #8;

- \$300 to the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$460.97 to the South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association – Municipal District Activity fund, District #7;
- \$500 to the West Bay Pastoral Charge – Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$500 to the St. Louis CWL – Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$2,337.50 to the Salmon River Community Association - Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10
- \$600 to the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association – Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3

Motion carried.

List of Cheques Issued: November, 2010

Councillor David declared a conflict of interest because cheques were written to his company and removed himself from discussions.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor MacNeil that the list of cheques issued in the month of November 2010 for amount of \$1,105,191.17 be accepted as presented. **Motion carried.**

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added.

In-Camera

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

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the meeting reconvene. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Deputy Warden Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that as a part of the succession process and accompanying staff reorganization the C.A.O. be given authority to seek third party assistance in identifying new job descriptions and related salary levels and that the CAO bring a project description and quote to council, for ratification, before proceeding with the actual work. **Motion carried.**

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.