

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2011

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 MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the agenda be accepted as presented. **Motion carried.**

Review of Minutes: December 6, 2010

It was noted that these minutes attached had been approved at the previous Committee of the Whole Meeting. The December 6, 2010 minutes will be approved at the January 31, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CAO re:

- (i) Alternative Measures for Water & Sewer for Richmond County Residents

The C.A.O. made a presentation on Alternative Measures for Water & Sewer for Richmond County Residents. (Copy attached)

The C.A.O. has suggested the following:

- Establishment of a steering committee
- Park the projects on the Capital Priorities List for the time being
- The initial goal of the steering committee would be to:
 - Undertake a jurisdictional review of similar rural areas
 - Review current and new technologies
 - Prepare the terms of reference for an RFP (to be approved by council)
 - Begin the process of acquiring funding partners (DOE, FCM Green Fund etc)

The following points were brought forth during discussions:

- It was noted that lagoon type sewer systems will become a thing of the past and no longer be installed in the future.

- It was noted that alternative measures should be considered and that the C.A.O. did a great job in Ottawa.
- It was noted that approximately \$35,000 to \$45,000 is spent yearly to have sludge removed from Richmond County.
- Septic systems are more costly to install and it is time to consider all options available to the residents of Richmond County.
- It was noted that Mr. Anderson strongly suggested sending someone to Chelsea to take a look at their wastewater system.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council that a Steering Committee be formed to look at alternate solutions for providing potable water and wastewater management for Richmond County. **Motion carried.**

(ii) Centrifuge Truck

This item was discussed during the previous presentation.

(iii) Fire Department

The C.A.O. made a presentation on the Fire Departments. (Copy attached)

The C.A.O. suggested the following:

- Have C.A.O. meet with all Fire Chiefs to brief them on the initiative(s) being proposed
- Establish a steering committee made up of staff, council and Fire Chiefs
- Committee would be charged with making necessary recommendations to adopt a new framework for fire services in Richmond County
- Anticipated implementation date would be April 1st, 2012

The following points were brought forth during discussions:

- It was noted that this is a delicate subject and needs to be approached in a very sensitive manner.
- It was noted that one of the largest struggles for volunteer fire departments is volunteers; the expectations of the volunteers have changed considerably (ie: having to respond to medical calls)
- Staff is available to assist all volunteer fire departments with their reporting requirements.
- Fire departments would benefit if they worked together.
- It was noted that alternative methods to provided fire protection to Richmond County may be beneficial.

- All Richmond Volunteer Fire Departments are part of a mutual aid agreement but only take advantage of this approach during crisis situations.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the C.A.O. to meet with all Fire Chiefs to brief them on the initiative(s) being proposed; establish a steering committee made up of staff, council and Fire Chiefs; have the Committee make the necessary recommendations to adopt a new framework for fire services in Richmond County all with an anticipated implementation date of April 1st, 2012. **Motion carried.**

Councillor Sampson re: Physician Recruitment

Councillor Sampson provided a brief summary of the steps taken thus far regarding the Physician Recruitment process.

The following points were brought forward during discussion:

- Councillor Sampson and his Committee were thanked for their efforts towards a much needed approach.
- It was noted that Richmond County will be well served.
- Dr. Laurie MacNeil is owed a sincere thank you for his mentoring efforts throughout this process.
- It was noted that Richmond County and the three clinics, St. Anne's Nursing and Community Centre, Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic and Strait Richmond Hospital, have been working collaboratively on physician recruitment for several months
- It was noted that GASHA has been very cooperative throughout this process.

Correspondence:

(a) Mr. John Bain re:

- (i) Property of Robert Vincent MacDonald and Donna Marie MacDonald, 9928 Grenville Street, St.Peter's

The C.A.O. reported that it is the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission to issue an order to demolish the property of Robert Vincent MacDonald and Donna Marie MacDonald, 9928 Grenville Street, St.Peter's, Richmond County PID # 75053215, AAN # 02682869.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor David that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to Robert Vincent MacDonald and Donna Marie MacDonald, 9928 Grenville Street, St. Peter's Richmond County PID # 75053215, AAN # 02682869, instructing that the structures 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.**

(ii) Property of Madeleine Bosdet, 101 Southside Petit De Grat Road

The C.A.O. reported that it is the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission to issue an order to demolish the property of Madeleine Bosdet, 101 Southside Petit de Grat Road, Alderney Point Cove, Richmond County, PID # 75009837, AAN # 05425603.

Moved by Councillor David, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to Madeleine Bosdet, 101 Southside Petit de Grat Road, Alderney Point Cove, Richmond County, PID # 75009837, AAN # 05425603 instructing that the house 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.**

(iii) Property of George W. Samson & Gladys Samson, 27 Samsons Cove Road

The C.A.O. reported that it is the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission to issue an order to demolish the property of George W Samson and Gladys Samson, 27 Samson Cove Road, Samsons Cove, Richmond County PID # 75011742, AAN # 04121279.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Eastern District Planning Commission and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to George W Samson and Gladys Samson, 27 Samson Cove Road, Samsons Cove, Richmond County PID # 75011742, AAN # 04121279 instructing that the house and shed be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will do the same and recover the costs through property taxes. **Motion carried.**

(iv) Property of Anthony F. Hendriksen and Donna A. Hendriksen, 334 Southside Petit De Grat Road

The C.A.O. reported that it is the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission not to issue an order to demolish the property of Anthony F. Hendriksen and Donna A. Hendriksen, 334 Southside Petit De Grat Road, Alderney Point Cove, Richmond County PID # 75010249, AAN # 00395366 because Mr. Andy Frank arrived at the property during the inspection of the building and claimed to be the caretaker of the property for the Hendriksens and informed the Eastern District Planning Commission that

he hired four men to do the cleanup and committed to having all the debris and outbuilding removed from the property by then end of January 2011; he also committed to securing the openings to the furnace room.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the C.A.O. follow up with the Eastern District Planning Commission and have them revisit the property of Anthony F. Hendriksen and Donna A. Hendriksen, 334 Southside Petit De Grat Road, Alderney Point Cove, Richmond County PID # 75010249, AAN # 00395366 and act accordingly since nothing has been done to have the property cleaned up. **Motion carried.**

(b) Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority re: Physician Recruitment

The C.A.O. reported that GASHA sent an official letter of request which is simply a formality.

(c) Mrs. Tracy Randall re Grant Request – DIMA - Municipal District Activity Fund – District’s 2, 3 and 4 (\$300)

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

\$300 - DIMA - Municipal District Activity Fund – District’s 2, 3 and 4

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.