

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MAY 2, 2011

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 there were two items previously added; Drive for Literacy and a Recommendation to Council regarding the budget. Unanimous consent was given to Councillor David to add correspondence from Dooley's Pharmacy regarding St. Anne Community and Nursing Centre Pharmaceutical Tender Process.

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

### Review of Minutes: April 26, 2011

**Moved** by Councillor Boucher, **seconded** by Councillor Johnson that the minutes of April 26, 2011 be adopted as presented. **Motion carried.**

### Municipal By-Law Review

Warden Boudreau noted the following:

- 14 days public notice is required to rescind and/or change by-laws
- If notice of first reading is given tonight, along with the second reading done in June and this can be dealt with at the Council meeting in June; which will allow ample time to review the document.

**Moved** by Councillor Beaton, **seconded** by Deputy Warden Martell that Notice of First Reading be given to adopt By-Law #58, By-Law Respecting the Repeals of Certain By-Laws, with Notice of Second Reading to be given at the June Annual Session, which will repeal the following By-Laws:

- By-Law #1 – Interpretation By-Law
- By-Law # 2 – Proceedings of Council By-Law
- By-Law # 4 – Committee and Boards By-Law
- By-Law # 5 – Municipal Officers By-Law
- By-Law # 6 – Municipal Business By-Law

- By-Law # 7 – Municipal Property and Streets By-Law
- By-Law # 8 – Mischiefs and Nuisances By-Law
- By-Law # 9 – Fire and Explosives By-Law
- By-Law # 10 – Anti-Litter By-Law
- By-Law # 11 - Curfew By-Law
- By-Law # 12 – Regulations of Animals By-Law
- By-Law # 14 – Tax on Commencing Business By-Law
- By-Law # 15 – Auctioneers, Peddlers, Hawkers and Traders of Goods By-Law
- By-Law #16 – Automatic and Automatic Vending Machines By-Law
- By-Law # 18 – Junk Dealers By-Law
- By-Law # 19 – Photographers By-Law
- By-Law # 40 – Trunk Sewer Tax By-Law

**Motion carried.**

CAO re:

- (i) Vested Property Listings/Mapping

The CAO noted the following:

- This is for information purposes.
- Questions can be directed to the CAO or the Vested Property Tax Clerk

- (ii) Provincial Announcement on LED Street Lights

The CAO provided a presentation on the Provincial Announcement on LED Street Lights (Copy attached).

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- LED lights is the way of the future and the savings will be significant
- This is a great initiative for the County
- It was the consensus of the Committee to have the Warden write to the UNSM requesting that correspondence be sent to the Premier and the Energy Minister as well as carbon copy Nova Scotia Power Corporation, indicating that Richmond County remains interested in this initiative and would like to move forward.

Correspondence:

- (a) St. Peter's and District Volunteer Fire Department re: Request for Loan Guarantee

The CAO reported the following:

- The St. Peter's and District Volunteer Fire Department would like to reapply for the \$300,000.00 guaranteed loan that was approved three years ago by Council for the expansion of the fire hall
- Due to delays in the construction process, the project was unable to start on schedule
- It is the intention of the group to begin construction in the Spring

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that the delay was due to Department of environment
- It was noted that the group should be ask to provide clearance from the Department of Environment

**Moved** by Councillor MacNeil, **seconded** by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council to approve a loan guarantee in the amount of \$300,000 for the St. Peter's and District Volunteer Fire Department, conditional on the clearance from the Department of Environment being provided. **Motion carried.**

(b) St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility re: Request for Loan Guarantee

The CAO reported the following:

- The St. Peter's Samsonville & Area Water Utility is requesting a loan guarantee in the amount of \$73,000 for the purpose of water systems

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that it is disappointing that the St. Peter's Samsonville & Area Water Utility did not contact their Councillor to provide information on the request
- It was noted that a request for clarification on the loan requirements should be made

(c ) Strait Area Transit re: Request for Financial Operating Support

Councillor Beaton declared a conflict of interest due to his place of employment, and removed himself from discussion.

The CAO Reported the following:

- The Board of Directors and Staff of Strait Area Transit is acknowledging the support that has been provided by Richmond County over the past year
- A request for financial operating support from the Municipal units is being asked in the amount of \$15,584, which is calculated on the 2006 census of 9740 residents at \$1.60 per capita
- This amount will be matched by Service Nova Scotia as part of the Community transportation Assistance Program (CTAP)

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that the Province supplies each Municipality with monies for transportation each year, these funds are passed along from the Province to the organization via the County
- The amount requested is the same amount that was provided last year
- It was noted that a presentation was delivered on the Strait Area Transportation service and Richmond County was noted for their continuous support

**Moved** by Councillor Marchand, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to approve the funding request made by the Strait Area Transit in the amount of \$15,584. **Motion carried.**

(d) Mrs. Tracy Randall re: Grant Requests

- Little Anse Sampsons Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$200);
- Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$100);
- St. Hyacinths Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$300);
- Dr. W.B. Kingston Clinic, Municipal District Activity Fund, All Districts, (\$2,000);
- Isle Madame New Horizons Senior Citizens Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts, (\$20,000)

**Moved** by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council the approval of the following grants requests:

- \$200, Little Anse Sampsons Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$100, Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$300, St. Hyacinths Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$2,000, Dr. W.B. Kingston Clinic, Municipal District Activity Fund, All Districts;
- \$20,000, Isle Madame New Horizons Senior Citizens Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts

**Motion carried.**

#### Items Added to the Agenda

1. Warden Boudreau re: Drive for Literacy

Warden Boudreau indicated that each year the Richmond County Literacy Network hosts a Drive for Literacy Golf Tournament in Dundee. The County supports this event each year and would like Council support for this year's event.

**Moved** by Councillor Beaton, **seconded** by Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council that Richmond Municipal Council sponsor the Drive for Literacy event as done in previous years and that Mr. Darrin McLean organize the teams for the event. **Motion carried.**

2. Warden Boudreau re: Recommendation to Council regarding the budget

Warden Boudreau withdrew this item because budget deliberations have not been completed.

3. Councillor David re: correspondence from Dooley's Pharmacy regarding St. Anne Community and Nursing Centre Pharmaceutical Tender Process

Deputy Warden Martell declared a conflict of interest due to a family member being employed with Dooley's Pharmacy and removed himself from discussion.

Councillor David indicated that he circulated correspondence from the Pharmacist at Dooley's Pharmacy seeking information about the public pharmaceutical tender process for St. Anne Community and Nursing Centre in Arichat who is seeking Council's support in attempting to bring the service to Richmond County.

It was noted that there are three pharmacy's in Richmond County; there was a similar issue with the Richmond Villa and it was dealt with at the board level.

It was noted that this is not an issue that Council can deal with, as Council cannot single out one of the three pharmacies in the County.

Council has municipal representation on the St. Anne Community and Nursing Centre board of directors. The concern will be brought up and addressed with the board of the Centre.

#### Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

#### Adjournment

**Moved** by Councillor Beaton, **seconded** by Deputy Warden Martell that the meeting be adjourned. **Motion carried.**

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