

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MAY 30, 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; a request from SAT for \$200 regarding a lunch during a strategic planning exercise and a loan for St. Peter's and Area Volunteer Fire Department.

Unanimous consent was granted to Warden Boudreau to add an item regarding a resident receiving a Mobius Award on June 7, 2011. This item will be discussed "In-Camera".

Review of Minutes: May 2, 2011

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of May 2, 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

- (a) Réseau Santé (Marlene LeBlanc) re: PATH (People Assessing Their Health) Project and Community Health Impact Assessment Tool

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mrs. Marlene LeBlanc to the meeting.

Mrs. LeBlanc provided an overview of the PATH (People Assessing Their Health) Project and Community Health Impact Assessment Tool and distributed a booklet. (copy attached)

Mrs. LeBlanc indicated that she has presented to various groups and organizations and is available for future consultation to address any questions and/or concerns and to help get the word out in the community.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that the presentation was very well done
- This tool can be used for different cultures and is in the process of assessing the First Nations culture
- It was noted that other groups may be willing to partner to look at all aspects of health for various groups
- It was noted that the document does not pay much attention to physicians in Richmond County

Warden Boudreau thanked Mrs. LeBlanc for her presentation.

(b) Strait Area Ground Search & Rescue (Tanya King) re: Request to be Classified as an Emergency Service Provider

Warden Boudreau welcomed Ms. Tanya King and Mr. Albert Boudreau of the Strait Area Ground Search & Rescue.

Ms. King and Mr. Boudreau made a presentation to Council requesting support for the Strait Area Ground Search & Rescue to be classified as an Emergency Service Provider. (copy attached)

Ms. King noted that their request to be classified as an Emergency Service Provider is to allow them to be eligible for grants and/or funding that may be available in the future.

Ms. King also noted that Search & Rescue recently joined the project Life Saver Nova Scotia to help track children with Autism.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that it is great to see how Search & Rescue can bring a community together in a time of need
 - This is a tremendous organization and very valuable; a worthwhile venture that deserves much support
 - It was noted that many persons do not realize the services provided by Search & Rescue until they are required
- Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Committee recommend to Council to support the Strait Area Ground Search & Rescue Association in being classified as an Emergency Service Provider. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau thanked Ms. King and Mr. Boudreau for their presentation.

Review of Final Budget 2011

A copy of the final budget 2011 was provided for review.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the Final Budget 2011 be sent to Council for approval at the annual session in June. (Ayes: 9, 1 Nay; Councillor MacNeil) Motion carried.

Referred from May 9th Council Meeting - List of Priorities for Road Improvements within each Councillor's District;

Warden Boudreau indicated that the List of Priorities for Road Improvements within each Councillor's District was referred from the May 9th Council Meeting and would like direction on how Councillors which to proceed.

The following points were brought forward during discussion:

- It was noted that each Councillor could forward a list of roads/bridges from their district
- It was noted that there is no limit on the number of roads/bridges to list; however Council will have to prioritize the master list prior to it being sent to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
- It was noted that the roads need to be prioritized in a similar fashion as the capital project list
- It was noted that an option to prioritizing would be to use traffic counters; each Councillor can make a request to have them put in their district and the charges will be paid by the Municipality
- Each Councillor is to submit their list to the Warden Boudreau, via email, by June 6, 2011

Correspondence:

- (a) Health Association of Nova Scotia re: Request to Declare September, 2011 as "Continuing Care Month"

Mr. Darrin McLean, acting CAO, reported the following:

- The Health Association of Nova Scotia is requesting that Council declare September, 2011 as "Continuing Care Month".

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council that Richmond Municipal Council declare the month of September, 2011 as “Continuing Care Month” in the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

(b) Mr. Basil Sampson re: Continuing Access by Vehicle to The Point

Mr. McLean reported the following:

- Mr. Sampson has indicated in the correspondence that there is limited access to the Points and would like assistance, from Council, with this matter.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that Point Michaud beach and area has had many restrictions. Department of Natural Resources has somewhat extended themselves.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that a letter be written to the Department of Natural Resources urging them to convene a meeting with the public to share the vision of views for Point Michaud and area. Motion carried.

(c) Ste. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre re: Board Representative

Mr. McLean indicated that the Ste. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre is seeking a board representative for the 2011-2012 term.

Shannon will contact Councillor Beaton and give him the opportunity to continue his term, if he so desires. Should he not be interested, this will be discussed at the June 6, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

(d) L’Ardoise Adult Recreation Club re: Request for Property Tax Exemption/Ballfield Property

Mr. McLean indicated that the L’Ardoise Adult Recreation Club is requesting a property tax exemption for the ball field property.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the property tax exemption request for the ball field, owned by the L’Ardoise Adult Recreation Club, be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer to

determine if the request meets the criteria; and FURTHER MOVED that upon meeting the criteria Councillor Sampson gives notice of first reading at the June 20th Annual Council session. Motion carried.

(e) Emergency Management Office re: Disaster Financial Assistance Program

Mr. McLean indicated that this is for information purposes.

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

- Richmond Academy, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$200);
- Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1, (\$150);
- Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3, (\$300);
- Isle Madame Tourism and Trade Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$300);
- D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3 (\$1,000);
- Isle Madame Tourism and Trade Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$300).

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

- \$200, Richmond Academy, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$150, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$300, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$300, Isle Madame Tourism and Trade Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$1,000, D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$300, Isle Madame Tourism and Trade Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4.

Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued: April 21, 2011

Councillor David declared a conflict because of his personal business.

Councillor MacNeil declared a conflict because of a family member receiving payment.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council the approval of cheques for the Month of April 2011 in the amount of \$1, 021, 507.62. motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Warden Boudreau re: Request from SAT for \$200 re a lunch during strategic planning exercise

Warden Boudreau indicated that the Strait Area Transit is hosting a luncheon during a strategic planning exercise. The Town of Port Hawkesbury has assisted with a previous function and they are now requesting assistance from our Council.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor David that the Committee recommend to Council that the funding request in the amount of \$200 be taken from general revenue and provided to Strait Area Transit for a lunch during a strategic planning exercise. Motion carried.

2. Councillor MacNeil re: Loan for St. Peter's & Area Volunteer Fire Department

Councillor MacNeil indicated that the St. Peter's & Area Volunteer Fire Department was approved for a loan in the past and did not use it; therefore, they are requesting the use of the loan in the amount of \$300,000.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to move forward with the loan request from the St. Peter's & Area Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$300,000. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

In-Camera

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded Councillor David that the meeting proceed to "In-Camera" session. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the meeting reconvene to regular session. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and agree to a 5% increase for both Richmond County Truckers Association rates and revisit the rates in three month intervals. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that assistance for travel expenses to the Mobius Award Luncheon in Halifax on June 7, 2011 be provided to the recipient of the Mobius Award. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.