

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

JUNE 6, 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 grant request from the Red Caps baseball Club for \$250 and a grant request for \$500 from the Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association.

Unanimous consent was granted to the CAO to add an item regarding personnel. This item will be discussed "In-Camera".

### Review of Minutes: May 30, 2011

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor David that the minutes of May 30, 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

### Presentations:

- (a) Ms. Beth Nanni re: Provincial Energy and Emission Project with Acadia University – the Nova Scotia E3 Challenge

Warden Boudreau welcomed Ms. Beth Nanni to the meeting.

Ms. Nanni provided a presentation on the Provincial Energy and Emissions Project with Acadia University – the Nova Scotia E3 Challenge. (copy attached)

Ms. Nanni indicated that the Nova Scotia E3 Challenge is a program created for Nova Scotia residents and communities to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

The program goals are for individual to keep track of home energy use, transportation and travel activity with the Nova Scotia E2 Challenge calculator and to take actions to reduce energy use and emissions in daily activities; for communities to engage citizens in

the program and perhaps challenge another community; and for the Province to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and ensure a sustainable future for all Nova Scotians.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- There are calculators available to assist municipal units measure their gas emissions
- It was noted that Canada Day would be a great opportunity to hand out promotional items for the project
- It was noted that this is a great initiative
- It was noted that this is something that will be revisited in the fall

Warden Boudreau thanked Ms. Nanni for her presentation.

(b) Director of Public Works re: Richmond Rural Environmental Management Project

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. McLean to the meeting.

Mr. McLean provided a presentation on the Richmond Rural Environmental Management project (Copy attached).

Mr. McLean provided some background in the water, sewer and solid waste management issues in Richmond County.

Mr. McLean discussed the Richmond Rural Environmental Management Project scope and next steps, along with the following recommendations:

- Identify target communities in which to carry out the project and in which to establish Environmental Management Zones
- Authorize Municipal Staff to apply for and pursue funding from upper levels of government for project components
- Solicit recommendations from the Chief Financial Officer on an appropriate financing plan for the project.
- Have Municipal Staff report back to Council in the Fall 2011 on the progress of next steps.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- Mr. McLean and the Committee were complimented on the great work done for this project
- It was noted that there are many residents that are faced with issues regarding wastewater management, particularly in Districts 3 & 4
- There was a concern about the cost to each land owner
- It was noted that costs have not been determine thus far; the Chief Financial Officer should be involved to determine financing options
- It was noted that specific technology needs to be determined for each zone prior to determining user fees
- It was noted that this is a great approach as there are many residents that could not afford to have their wastewater systems upgraded without such assistance
- There was concern with how compliance can be implemented in one area and not affect the entire County
- It was noted that the County is affected by the current situations, it is time to move forward with the next steps and provide resolution to the issues residents are facing

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. McLean for his presentation.

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Malcolm that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be authourized to move the Richmond Rural Environmental Management Project forward and report back to Council in the Fall 2011 with project specifics. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Hon. John MacDonell re: Phase II of the Joint Information Technology Initiative

The CAO reported that Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations will provide a one time grant of \$200,000 to assist with cost to purchase and implement the new IT system.

- (b) St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility re: Information

For information purposes.

- (c) Strait Area Transit re: Official Launch of the Expanded Service

For information purposes.

- (d) Autism Society of Cape Breton re: Financial Request

For information purposes.

(e) Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Disposal of Surplus Land

The CAO indicated that the former Nova Scotia Liquor Commission building is available to the Municipality if there is a need to acquire the building.

The CAO noted that the Municipality does not need this building; there are several private and non-profit groups that have an interest in the building.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee recommend to Council that the CAO write to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and indicated that that Municipality of the County of Richmond is not interested in obtaining ownership of the former Nova Scotia Liquor Commission. Motion carried.

(f) Mrs. Shannon Diggdon re: Grants

- Richmond Academy Youth Health Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3, \$260;
- Isle Madame Community Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4, \$1,000;
- Societe Petit de Grat Beautification Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2, \$250;
- St. Joseph's C.W.L., Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2, \$300;
- St. Louis Parish (Baracos Days), Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6, \$1,000;
- Louisdale Girl Guides, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6, \$500;
- Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6, \$1,000;
- St. Louis Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6, \$1,000.

Warden Boudreau requested permission of the Committee to include the two grants submitted in the items added.

Warden Boudreau withdrew the grant request submitted by the Red Caps Baseball Club until there is clarification with the list of joint stock membership.

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

- \$260, Richmond Academy Youth Health Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$1,000, Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$250, Societe Petit de Grat Beautification Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$300, St. Joseph's C.W.L., Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$1, 000, St. Louis Parish (Baracos Days), Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$500, Louisdale Girl Guides, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000, Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000, St. Louis Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6.
- \$500, Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2.

Motion carried.

Approval of Cheques Issued: April, 2011:

This item was previously dealt with at the last Committee of the whole meeting

Review of Cheques Issued: May, 2011

The CAO noted that the cheque made payable to the Town of Port Hawkesbury for approximately \$83,000 is for all commitments made to the town.

All questions may be directed to the CAO.

Items Added to the Agenda:

These items were dealt with under grants.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

In-Camera

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

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the meeting reconvene to regular session. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.