

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

JUNE 13, 2011

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden J. Boudreau, Deputy Warden A. Martell
Councillor V. David, Councillor M. Beaton
Councillor S. McNamara, Councillor B. Marchand
Councillor G. Boucher, Councillor S. Sampson
Councillor G. Johnson

Warden Boudreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

Unanimous consent was given to Councillor Beaton to add a grant request from the Lennox Passage Yacht Club for a Municipal District Activity Grant, District #3 for \$318.65.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the agenda be approved with the item added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: June 6, 2011

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of June 6, 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

(a) Arichat Recreation Commission (Bruce Joshua) re: Wellness Centre

Deputy Warden welcomed Mr. Joshua to the meeting.

Mr. Joshua provided a presentation on the Wellness Centre (Copy attached).

Mr. Joshua indicated that Dr. Laurie MacNeil would be speaking on behalf of the Committee and the Wellness Centre project.

Mr. Joshua highlighted the process, to date, in regards to the needs assessment that has taken place, what is proposed, additional services, a schematic design, funding options and the next step.

Dr. Laurie MacNeil indicated that residents in the surrounding areas have health issues that would benefit from the use of such a facility in the area.

Dr. MacNeil also noted that during his career, he has worked with many physicians, some of who were not interested in staying in Richmond County permanently because of the lack of recreation infrastructure.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that this is a great project for the residents of the surrounding areas
- It was noted that the estimated cost of this project is for a turnkey process, as off early 2011
- It was noted that there is a role for Council to play in the process by sitting at the table during this process
- It was noted that a team should be put together that would comprise of various government and community representatives to ensure all expertise are available for this project
- It was noted that at this point funding is not being requested of Council, however there may be a request for operational support
- It was noted that this is a facility that is long overdue for the community
- The Arichat Recreation Commission is following the Guysborough model for this project

Moved by Warden Boudreau, seconded by Councillor David that the Committee recommend to Council that we move the Wellness Centre project forward in terms of Council and staff (as determined by the CAO), to participate at the table in further discussion for potential development of this project. Motion carried.

Referred from May 30, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting: List of Priorities for Road Improvements Within Each Councillor's District

Deputy Warden Martell indicated that a list was provided.

Councillor Johnson indicated she wish to add Lewis Cove Road as well as Route 4.

Councillor Beaton indicated he would like to add Grandique Road.

Warden Boudreau indicated that the list needs to be prioritized prior to being submitted.

Mrs. Shannon Diggdon will provide Councillors with the list. Each Councillor is to prioritize the roads and submit the list to Warden Boudreau for review and submission to the Province.

CAO re:

- (i) Request to Add D'Escousse Wastewater Management Project to the Capital List

The CAO indicated that Councillor Beaton has requested that the D'Escousse Wastewater Management Project be added to the Capital List.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor David that the Committee recommend to Council that the D'Escousse Wastewater Management Project be added to the Capital List. Motion carried.

- (ii) Approval of Vehicle Use Policy

The CAO indicated that municipal vehicles are now left on municipal property at the end of the work day, unless employees are on-call.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Johnson that notice be given and recommend to Council that the Vehicle Use Policy be approved and implemented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Chief Financial Officer re:

- (i) St. Peter's School Update

The CAO reported the following:

- The process of migration for the former St. Peter's School is near completion
- An option is to place a Request for Proposal for an expression of interest to purchase the property, prior to proceeding with a demolition order

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- There is concern with the title of the property
- It was noted that the process of migration is near completion and the RFP will not be posted prior to the completion of the migration
- It was noted that this process should proceed as soon as the migration is complete

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the Committee recommend to Council that staff prepare a Request for Proposal to determine if there are interested persons who would like to purchase the former St. Peter's School property;

and the proposal should include a deposit and property plan, as well as other conditions to ensure that the property would be developed. Motion carried.

(ii) Capital Investment Plan

The CAO reported the following:

- In order to comply with gas tax reporting requirements, Council is required to approve a five year Capital Investment Plan for the year ending March 31, 2012.
- The proposed plan requires approval of Council

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and recommend to Council to approve the five year Capital Investment Plan for the year ending March 31, 2012 to include the Hospital Road Sewer Extension; the West Arichat Sewer; the Louisdale Water Plant; the D'Escousse Sewer System and the new Excavator at the Landfill. Motion carried.

(iii) Area Rates

The CAO reported the following:

- The Chief Financial Officer provided the Committee with a list of area rates for approval by Council
- St. Peter's VSA rate has not been provided thus far

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- The lack of submission of area rates from various groups is a recent occurrence, year after year; a message needs to be communicated that indicates that rates that are not submitted prior to the end of July will not be collectable

Moved by Warden Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and approve the following area rates, along with the St. Peter's VSA rate conditional on them providing the rate by July 31, 2011 and that a clause be communicated to all groups that any rates submitted beyond July of each year will not be collectable:

St. Peter's Fire Department	0.09
West Bay Road Fire Department	0.10
L'Ardoise Fire Department	0.16
Grand River Fire Department	0.15
Loch Lomond Fire Department	0.12
Louisdale Fire Department	0.10
Framboise – Fourchu Fire Department	0.15

Isle Madame Fire Department	0.11
District #10 Fire Department	0.15
Louisdale Sidewalks	0.10
District #2 Community Rate	0.04
District #4 Community Rate	0.05

Motion carried.

(b) Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness re: Approval of Recreation Facility Development Grant for Richmond Arena

The CAO reported the following:

- Correspondence has been received by Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness confirming the approval of a Recreation Facility Development Grant for Richmond Arena

The following points were brought forward during discussion:

- This is a great announcement and should be communicated to the public at Council's Annual Session
- It was noted that this grant will help prolong the life of the Arena

(c) Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Subdivision Road – Pepperell Street, St. Peter's

The CAO reported the following:

- Correspondence has been received by Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the approval of the road name change for the Subdivision on Pepperell Street, St. Peter's to Northside Drive, as requested

(d) Eastern District Planning Commission re:

- (i) Property of Abraham Sampson, Grandique Road, Martinique, PID # 75097287/Assessment Account #03886905; Property of Abraham Sampson and Blanche Sampson, 1723 Grandique Road, Martinique, PID #75003822/Assessment Account #07935951
- (ii) Property of Canada Adventure Resort Ltd, 10320 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, PID #75058107/Assessment Account #01979973
- (iii) Property of Eduard Steininger, Highway #4 Cannes, PID

#75019968/Assessment Account #02483262

- (iv) Property of Gerard Birrette, 12 Barrett Road, Lower L'Ardoise, PID #75067033/Assessment Account #00328936
- (v) Property of Viola Burke Coltman, 1007 Veterans Memorial Drive, Arichat, PID #75001792/Assessment Account #01432133
- (vi) Property of William Murphy, 22 Boucher Lane, River Bourgeois, PID #75047571/Assessment Account #03431126

The CAO reported that it is the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission that an Order to Remedy Condition be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued by Council to the owners listed above, instructing that the buildings 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.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that all property owners have been contacted
- It was noted that property owners are provided with an opportunity to remedy the issue prior to Council being involved in the process
- It was noted that correspondence sent to land owners, by the Eastern District Planning Commission is not clear enough and they should be made aware of this

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Municipality's Administrator for Dangerous and Unightly Premises and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to the following property owners; and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council, instructing that the buildings 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:

- Abraham Sampson, Grandique Road, Martinique, PID # 75097287/Assessment Account #03886905;
- Abraham Sampson and Blanche Sampson, 1723 Grandique Road, Martinique, PID #75003822/Assessment Account #07935951;
- Canada Adventure Resort Ltd, 10320 Grenville Street, St. Peter's, PID #75058107/Assessment Account #01979973;

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- Gerard Birrette, 12 Barrett Road, Lower L'Ardoise, PID #75067033/Assessment Account #00328936;
- Viola Burke Coltman, 1007 Veterans Memorial Drive, Arichat, PID #75001792/ Assessment Account #01432133;
- William Murphy, 22 Boucher Lane, River Bourgeois, PID #75047571/ Assessment Account #03431126.

Motion carried.

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

- Petit De Grat Red Caps, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$200);
- Isle Madame Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$200);
- D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$276);
- Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3 (\$800);
- Janvrin's Island Community Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$600);
- Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5 (\$15,000);
- St. Francis De Sales Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5 (\$3,434.77);
- Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$250);
- Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$5,169.73);

It was noted that the grant submitted via items added will be included in the following motion.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council the approval of the following grants:

- \$200, Petit De Grat Red Caps, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$200 Isle Madame Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$276, D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$800, Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$600, Janvrin's Island Community Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$15, 000, Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$3, 434.77, St. Francis De Sales Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$250, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$5, 169.73 Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;
- \$318.65, Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3.

Motion carried.

Approval of Cheques Issued: May 2011

Councillor David declared a conflict as there were cheques issued to his business and removed himself from discussions.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the list of cheques issued in the amount of \$737,829.14 for the month of May 2011 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Canada Day:

The CAO reported the following:

- Canada will be handled in the same fashion as last year
- \$12,000 has been allotted for fireworks, and will be divided equally for the Arichat Waterfront and St. Peter's display.

Moved by Warden Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to order two fireworks shows, in the same amount as last year; one being presented over the Arichat Harbour and the other being presented over the St.

Peter's Bay. Councillors from both the Island and Mainland will contribute towards the shows from their annual allocation. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

This item was previously dealt with.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

In-Camera

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting proceed to "In-Camera" session. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the CAO and allow an employee the opportunity to retire early, under a plan presented by the CAO and accepted by Council, due to health issues and that the CAO be authorized to replace this employee. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Warden Boudreau that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the CAO and issue a merit increase to staff for the 2011-2012 fiscal year in accordance with the present personnel policy. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER