

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2011

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

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

### Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Boudreau indicated that the CAO wished to add New Page Status Update and a Memo from the Chief Financial Officer regarding Deletion from By-Law #56; Councillor Sampson wished to add a Grant Request.

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

### Review of Minutes: September 26, 2011

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the minutes of September 26, 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

### Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency re: Annual Report/Financial Statements

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Blaine Gillis, Mrs. Amanda Mombourquette and Ms. Karen Malcolm to the meeting.

Mr. Blaine Gillis, Mrs. Amanda Mombourquette and Ms. Karen Malcolm presented a power point presentation, providing an update on the Annual Report/Financial Statements of the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency. (Copy attached).

A question period ensued.

Warden Boudreau thanked the staff of the Strait-Highland Regional Development Agency for their presentation.

Solicitors/Eastern District Planning Commission re: Proposed Demolition:

- Property of Pirkko Nurmi, 8079 Highway 4, Cannes, River Bourgeois, Richmond County (PID #75043000; AAN #00506206);
  - (i) Mr. John Bain re: Update on Property

Mr. Sean Donavon was present, for Mr. John Bain, and indicated that in his viewing of the property it is evident that the property has not been tended to in years. Fire and Building Officials have inspected the structures on the property and conclude that they are dangerous and unsightly.

The Eastern District Planning Commission staff wish to proceed with their recommendation that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to the property owner 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.

(ii) Opportunity for Above Property Owner to Address the Committee

Warden Boudreau provided opportunity for the owners of 8079 Highway 4, Cannes, River Bourgeois, Richmond County (PID #75043000; AAN #00506206) to appear before the Committee.

Mr. Greg Boyd, son of the property owner, addressed the Committee and indicated the following:

- that his family wishes to retain the property at 8079 Highway 4, Cannes, River Bourgeois, Richmond County
- a carpenter, who was present at the meeting, assessed the property and concluded that the property is not unsafe.
- he has contacted Burke Brother’s Trucking Ltd. to make arrangements for the demolishing of the property, if necessary, but would like to be given the opportunity to repair the structure, if not would like an extension to have the structure demolished.

Moved by Councillor Marchand that the son of the property owner, Mr. Greg Boyd, be given the opportunity to repair the structures at 8079 Highway 4, Cannes, River Bourgeois, Richmond County (PID #75043000; AAN #00506206).

Warden Boudreau called three times for a seconder for the above motion. Being that there was no seconder for the motion, the motion was defeated.

Moved By Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor David that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to the property owner, Pirkko Nurmi, 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 (60) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried. (Nay: 1; Councillor Marchand)

CAO re:

(i) Overview of Ottawa Trip

The CAO reported the following:

- The Warden and CAO went to Ottawa to meet with Ministers regarding the New Page situation
- The trip was very positive

The Warden reported the following:

- The meeting with Minister Valcourt and Minister MacKay was positive
- Minister MacKay had ECBC present at the meeting to be aware of the need to assist potential buyers
- A meeting took place to discuss relief for wood cutters

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- The Warden and CAO were commended for the efforts put forth during the meetings and discussions that took place in Ottawa
- It was noted that Rodger Cuzner, MP and Mr. Joel Bowen were instrumental in setting up the meeting with Minister Valcourt and Minister MacKay in Ottawa
- Correspondence will be sent to Mr. Cuzner thanking him for his assistance in setting up these meetings

(ii) Possible Travel to Chelsea, Quebec re: Wastewater

The CAO reported the following:

- While in Ottawa meetings were also held regarding the County's Green Action Plan
- The County qualifies for funding at a better rate and support was granted for the de-watering truck and solar plan for the Richmond Arena
- Chelsea Quebec has similar wastewater issues and have used alternative measures to address these issues; the CAO looking for Council's support for County representatives to go to Chelsea in the future
- The meeting with the FCM to discuss wastewater management concepts and the solar panel project for the Richmond Arena were very positive
- Funding is available from the Province for 50 per cent of traveling expenses for the potential trip to Chelsea Quebec

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that the trip to Chelsea is worthwhile
- It was noted, by a Councillor, that they were in Chelsea during the summer and it would most definitely be worthwhile for Staff and County representatives to visit the area and bring back ideas for our County to address the wastewater issues
- It was consensus of the Committee that the Chair of the Water/Wastewater Management Committee will bring a recommendation to Council regarding visiting Chelsea Quebec

(iii) Solid Waste Curbside Collection

The CAO reported the following:

- A hard copy and electronic copy of the tenders were presented to the Committee (Copy attached).
- There are two options to consider:
  - o Proceed with a one year contract and research the possibility of the County providing curbside collection and green bin pick up internally or;
  - o Proceed with another three year contract for curbside collection
- The contract is up for renewal

- Victoria County have been doing the curbside collection internally with organic waste collection
- Is seeking Council's direction

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that organic collection would be a great service to provide to the residents of Richmond County
- It was noted that the possibility of providing curbside collection internally should be considered
- It was noted that this is a large commitment for a one year term
- It was noted that volumes were not provided with the tendered figures
- It was noted that heavy garbage collection is taking place during Celtic Colours again this year when it was noted last year
- It was noted that the CAO would inquire about green bin collection and report back to Council

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Deputy Warden Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to proceed with a one year contract for curbside collection and determine if it is feasible to provide this service internally.  
(1 Nay: Councillor David)

Motion defeated.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee recommend to Council that staff be authorized to proceed with a three year contract for curbside collection and monitor the statics in order to make an informed decision on the possibility of doing green waste collection. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau re:

- (i) Procedure/Election of Deputy Warden

Warden Boudreau indicated that the selection of a new Deputy Warden will take place Tuesday, October 11, 2011 via secret ballot, which will be counted by staff; a seconder is not required for the nomination of the Deputy Warden.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the ballots, for the selection of Deputy Warden, be destroyed as soon as it is determined that a candidate has been selected by majority vote. Motion carried.

(ii) Review and Make-up of Council Committees

Warden Boudreau presented a recommendation for the review and make-up of Council Committees (Copy attached) and noted the following:

- Membership at large will remain the same until the 2012 Municipal Council Election
- The Planning Advisory Committee will only meet when there are planning issues brought forth by the Eastern District Planning Commission and/or Council

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that the Planning Advisory Committee was created by policy
- It was noted that five Councillors have been selected to sit on the PAC since 1991
- It was noted that since the Area Advisory Committee was no longer required, the members at large was increased on the Planning Advisory Committee
- It was noted that five committees are no longer required by Council

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Committee recommend to Council to accept Warden Boudreau's report on the review and make-up of Council Committees. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Road Name Change/Mannan Road to South Grand Lake Road

For information purposes.

- (b) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Road Name Change/Mannan Road to South Grand Lake Road

The CAO reported the following:

- This is not a J-Class road
- The request was put forth for 911 and mailing purposes
- The residents of this road do not want any services by the County and/or Province

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Staff be directed to erect a sign and that the Eastern District Planning Commission be directed to complete the mapping for South Grand Lake Road. Motion carried.

#### Review of Cheques Issued: August, 2011

For information purposes. All questions can be directed to the CAO.

#### Items Added to the Agenda

1. CAO re: New Page Status Update

For information purposes.

2. CAO re: Memo from Chief Financial Officer re: Deletion from By-Law #56

It came to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer during the review of tax adjustments for the fiscal year under by-law #56 that the account number 1776754 is no longer assessed to the Grand River Fire Department and is now assessed to a private individual.

The CFO is recommending that the account number 1776754 be removed from by-law #56.

It was noted that further information should be gathered on this account to determine when the land ownership changed.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the deletion of account number 1776754 from by-law #56 be postponed until the Grand River Fire Department and other stakeholders have been contacted. Motion carried.

3. Councillor Sampson re: Grant Request

Councillor Sampson indicated that the Holy Guardian Angels Parish Council has made application for a grant request in the amount of \$2,572.86 and would like approval of the Committee to have it processed.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to approve a grant request in the amount of \$2,572.86 submitted by the Holy Guardian Angels Parish Council. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

In-Camera

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

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

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Committee recommend to Council that the CAO be authorized to sell municipal property in the Richmond County Industrial Park to the proponent at the appraised value, with conditions that specify a twelve month building period; and further moved that the interested proponent be free of any outstanding municipal arrears, if any exists.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

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