

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Deputy Warden V. David, Councillor S. McNamara
Councillor B. Marchand, Councillor G. Boucher
Councillor S. MacNeil, Councillor S. Sampson
Councillor G. Johnson

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

Items Added to the Agenda

Deputy Warden David indicated that there were no items added.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: October 3, 2011

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the minutes of October 3, 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Chief Financial Officer re: Projection to September 30, 2011:

Deputy Warden David welcomed Mr. MacDonald to the meeting.

Mr. MacDonald made a presentation on the budget projection to September 30, 2011 (copy attached).

Mr. MacDonald reviewed the summarized variances for the six month projection.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- Grant in lieu of taxes has a negative balance which is due to NSPI
- Savings in wages and salaries is attributed to the delay in replacing retired staff; not replacing some positions; and the difference in pay scales for a new employee

Solicitors/Eastern District Planning Commission re: Proposed Demolition:

- Property of Mathilda Forgeron and Cornelius Bonin, 1002 Highway 206, West Arichat, Richmond County (PID #75189209; AAN #01541595);
 - (i) Mr. John Bain re: Update on Property
 - (ii) Opportunity for Above Property Owner to Address the Committee

The CAO noted the following:

- Mr. Bain was not present to provide an update
- The property owner was not present to address the Committee
- The demolition process was explained to a family member of the property owner

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Municipality's Administrator for Dangerous and Unsightly Premises and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to the property owner, Mathilda Forgeron and Cornelius Bonin, 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. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Property of Doreen MacKay, 1563 Highway 206, West Arichat (PID #75020743; AAN #03780759)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson 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, Doreen MacKay, 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.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that the property owner has recently passed away

- It was noted that staff should verify that contact has been made with the property owner before going before Council with this item

With the permission of the mover and seconded, this motion was rescinded.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee postpone this item, Property of Doreen MacKay, 1563 Highway 206, West Arichat, until the November 28, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried.

- (a) Premier Darrell Dexter re: Irving Shipbuilding

For information purposes.

- (b) RCMP re: New District Policing Officer for Northeast Nova

For information purposes.

- (c) Village of St. Peter's re: Funding Request/Federal Gas Tax Distribution Program

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that staff be directed to review the funding request made by the Village of St. Peter's regarding the federal gas tax distribution and make a recommendation to Council at the November 28, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried.

- (d) U.N.S.M. Sponsored Plan re: Minor Changes to Municipal Group Insurance Plan, effective April 1, 2012

For information purposes.

- (e) U.N.S.M. re: Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council that the Municipality of Richmond join the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination and to be part of the UNESCO's international coalition. Motion carried.

- (f) Chief Financial Officer re:

(i) Deletion from By-Law #56/Grand River Fire Department

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the of Chief Financial Officer and delete account # 1776754 (Grand River Fire Department) from By-Law #56. Motion carried.

(ii) Request for Loan Guarantee/L'Ardoise Volunteer Fire Department

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and approve a loan guarantee in the amount of \$160,335 for the L'Ardoise Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried.

(g) Mrs. Shannon Diggdon re: Grant Requests:

- Development Isle Madame Waste Management Project, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$500);
- Development Isle Madame Family Fun Day, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #1, 2, 3 & 4 (\$400 - \$100 per district);
- Development Isle Madame Waste Management Project, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #2 & 3 (\$100 - \$50 per district);
- Development Isle Madame Meet & Greet, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #2, 3 & 4 (\$150 - \$50 per district);
- St. Hyacinth Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$200);
- D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$500);
- Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$250);
- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- L'Ardoise Legion Branch #110, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9 (\$500);
- L'Ardoise Men's Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9, (\$500);

- Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$1,424.49 was previously approved for a sound system, however they are requesting to use the approved funding towards the cost of the water treatment system instead).

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

- \$500, Development Isle Madame Waste Management Project, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$400, Development Isle Madame Family Fun Day, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #1, 2, 3 & 4 (\$100 per district);
- \$100, Development Isle Madame Waste Management Project, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #2 & 3 (\$50 per district);
- \$150, Development Isle Madame Meet & Greet, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #2, 3 & 4 (\$50 per district);
- \$200, St. Hyacinth Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$500, D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$250, Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$500, River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$500, L'Ardoise Legion Branch #110, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$500, L'Ardoise Men's Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$1,424.49, Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (was previously approved for a sound system, however they are requesting to use the approved funding towards the cost of the water treatment system instead).

Motion carried.

Approval of Cheques Issued: August, 2011

Deputy Warden David declared a conflict of interest, because cheques were written to his personal business; and removed himself from discussions.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the list of cheques issued for August 2011, in the amount of \$1,182,620.94 be approved as presented.
Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued: September, 2011

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

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 7:31 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER