

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MARCH 26, 2012

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Deputy Warden V. David, Councillor M. Beaton
Councillor A. Martell, 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

There were no items added to the agenda.

Review of Minutes:

Councillor Marchand indicated that there was an error in the voting, regarding the removal of items from the Richmond County Transfer Station, on the top of page six. The count was four ayes and four nays.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the minutes of March 5, 2012 be adopted with the correction. Motion carried.

Presentations:

- (a) Riverside Archery Club (Dion Martell) re: Request for Financial Support

Deputy Warden David welcomed Mr. Rob Reynolds.

Mrs. Reynolds provided an update on the Riverside Archery Club and made a request for financial support (Copy attached).

The following points were brought forward during discussion:

- There was no mention of cross bow hunting. Such bows are permitted under supervision;
- It was noted that this sport is one that provides recreation for persons of all ages;

- It was noted that the financial request made to Inverness County was for the same amount as requested from Richmond;
- It was noted that a two year commitment cannot be provided with the upcoming municipal election;
- It was noted that the current recreation budget will be reviewed and the funding request will be considered through the outdoor/trail development funds

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that staff research funding opportunities for the Riverside Archery Club within the current budget and further moved that if there are no monies available in the current budget that the funding request be tabled to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

CAO re: W.B. Kingston Memorial Clinic E.C.B.C. Funding

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- The federal government refused the Clinic the amount of \$500,000;
- E.C.B.C. can provide funding in the amount of \$500,000 if the Municipality becomes the proponent;
- The C.A.O. has already agreed and signed the application for the monies because the community would not be able to fundraise this amount at this time;
- A Memorandum of Understanding will be drafted and signed by the Board of Directors of the W.B. Kingston Memorial Clinic;
- Municipal staff will simply administer the cash flow for the clinic.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that it is very important that the County supports this project;
- It was noted that the Board of Directors of the clinic are aware of the role that the Municipality will play during this project.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the Municipality of Richmond become the proponent for the W.B. Kingston Memorial Clinic construction project, in order to obtain funding in the amount of \$500,000 from Enterprise Cape Breton. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Richmond County Literacy Network re: 14th Annual Drive Fore Literacy Golf Tournament

The C.A.O. noted that the Richmond County Literacy Network will be hosting their 14th Annual Drive Fore Literacy Golf Tournament and the Municipality has put in a team in the past.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council that the Municipality register a team for the 14th Annual Drive Fore Literacy Golf Tournament. Motion carried.

- (b) Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation re: Cape Breton Cares Campaign Final Installment

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- Correspondence was received from the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation seeking the second payment of funding in the amount of \$25,000;
- A one-time funding commitment was provided to the Foundation;
- There are no monies available in the budget to allow for another contribution in the amount of \$25,000.

It was the consensus of the Committee that staff write a letter to the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation indicating that the committed funding, in the amount of \$25,000, from Richmond County was already provided.

- (c) Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency re: Municipal Core Funding – Fiscal Year 2012-2013

The C.A.O. indicated that the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency has submitted a request for municipal core funding for the fiscal year 2012-2013.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the request for municipal core funding for the fiscal year 2012-2013, submitted by the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency, be tabled to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

(d) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for 2012-2013

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- Notice has been served to the Eastern District Planning Commission that a review of required services is being conducted
- A Committee has been struck to review two issues

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the request for funding put forth by the Eastern District Planning Commission for the fiscal year 2012-2013 be tabled to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

(e) Mr. Jim Power re: Hunting Bans

For information purposes.

(f) Ms. Shannon Diggdon re: Grant Request – West Bay Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5 (\$14,837.50)

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council that a grant request be approved for the West Bay Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5 (\$14,837.50). Motion carried.

Approval of Cheques Issued: January, 2012 and February, 2012

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the list of cheques issued for the month of January 2012, in the amount of \$1,508,855.92, and the list of cheques issued for the month of February 2012, in the amount of \$975,149.21, be approved. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER