

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 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

Deputy Warden indicated that there were items added prior to the meeting by himself, Councillor MacNeil and Councillor Martell.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil to approve the agenda with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: June 18, 2012

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the minutes of June 18, 2012 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Referred from last Council Meeting:

- (a) Property of Peter Berrett, Anthony Berrett, John Breyon, Justin Breyon, Peter Breyon, Stephen Breyon, 1364 Salmon River Road (Grant 13378; PID #75105304)

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- This land has no clear title which makes it difficult to approach
- Some of the land has been cleaned up, with much more work to be completed
- Should the County assume responsibility for the cleanup of this property, the costs associated with this task would be high with minimal opportunity to recover such costs
- Seeking direction from the Committee

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that this issue has gone on for too long and the property still needs attention
- It was noted that the property needs to be visited once again in order to make an informed decision on the resolve to the issue
- It was noted if nothing is done, it will reflect negatively on the decisions that have been made on past properties
- It was noted that the C.A.O. or solicitor should visit the property and provide Council with an update
- It was noted that the C.A.O. should correspond with the owner(s) of the property indicating that Council wishes to enforce action on the property
- The C.A.O. will contact the Solicitor to determine the available remedy options regarding such a property that has no clear title
- It was noted that the Eastern District Planning Commission should be asked to take more photos of said property

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the C.A.O. be authorized to perform the following tasks in order to obtain a resolve for the property of Peter Berrett, Anthony Berrett, John Breyon, Justin Breyon, Peter Breyon, Stephen Breyon, 1364 Salmon River Road (Grant 13378; PID #75105304):

- 1) correspond with the owner(s) of the property indicating that Council wishes to enforce action on the property
- 2) contact the Solicitor to determine the available remedy options regarding such a property that has no clear title
- 3) visit the property and provide Council with an update

Motion carried.

CAO re:

- (i) Update/Progress Report/Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations re: Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) (Report to be tabled to the September 24, 2012 Meeting

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- An extension has been granted, by the Province, for the submission of the Update/Progress Report to Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations
- The County has been given until the end of October to complete the update
- A report will be made available to Council at the September 24, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting

- (ii) Property of Thomas Richard, 124 Boudreauville Road (AAN 03944204; PID# 75008466) (Rescind the previous motions made at the June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 meetings (copies of motions attached) and provide a new motion, as per the recommendation from the Eastern District Planning Commission)

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- the motions made at the June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 meetings did not include the recommendation from the Eastern District Planning Commission
- seeking permission from the Committee to rescind the motions and provide a new motion to include the Eastern District Planning Commission recommendation

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to rescind the motions made at the June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 meetings with regards to the property of Thomas Richard, 124 Boudreauville Road (AAN 03944204; PID# 75008466). Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that the Municipality issue an “Order to Remedy Condition” to Thomas Richard, 124 Boudreauville Road (AAN #03944204; PID # 75008466) and that the Order be a thirty (30) day Order. Once the thirty (30) day Order for Mr. Richard to comply has elapsed and assuming he does not in fact comply; that the Municipality complete the work and recover the costs in accordance with the appropriate legislation. Motion carried.

- (iii) Property of Robbie Richard, 2660 Highway 4, MacIntyre Lake (AAN # 04801296; PID # 75033357) (Rescind the previous motions made at the June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 meetings (copies of motions attached) and provide a new motion, as per the recommendation from the Eastern District Planning Commission)

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Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to rescind the motions made at the June 18, 2012 and June 25, 2012 meetings with regards to the property of Robbie Richard, 2660 Highway 4, MacIntyre Lake (AAN # 04801296; PID # 75033357). Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that the Municipality issue two Orders to Remedy Conditions to Robbie Richard, 2660 Highway 4, MacIntyre Lake (AAN # 04801296; PID # 75033357) and that one Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the house and mobile home be demolished and the second an Order to Remove all the derelict vehicles and debris from the property, all to be completed within thirty (30) days or the Municipality complete the work and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

(iv) La Picasse Request

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- A notice was received from La Picasse indicating that the roof needs replacement
- The County owns the library, which is approximately 20 percent of the building
- The organization is seeking assistance with the cost, of approximately \$20,000

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that since the County owns the Library they should provide a contribution towards the repair of the roof of the Picasse

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the Committee recommend to Council that a contribution of approximately 20 percent, of the overall cost of repairing the roof, be made to La Picasse to assist in the repair of the roof, subject to the receipt of all other funding requests. Motion carried.

Lennox Passage Yacht Club

Councillor Beaton indicated the following:

- The Lennox Passage Yacht Club approached Councillor Beaton for assistance with the repairs to the Lennox Passage Yacht Club Wharf
- The wharf is in critical shape and requires attention and is included in the Lennox Passage Yacht Club development project
- Funding has been secured from other partners, however there is a shortfall of approximately \$15,000; the Club is requesting this amount from the County

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- The Club provides a great service to the North side and surrounding area
- This project would fit under the Bluewave project fund which is available via the Department of Tourism and Economic Development
- It was noted that this is a worthwhile project that should be supported
- It was noted that funding through the Bluewave project fund is approximately \$100,000, which is available to all of Richmond County
- It was noted that guidelines are being developed to ensure the proper and fair distribution of such funding

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the funding request submitted by the Lennox Passage Yacht Club be awarded in the amount of \$15,000, via the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, as it relates to the Bluewaves strategy, subject to all other funding partner commitments. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) Barbara van Lierop re: Donation of Parcel of Land

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- Mrs. Barbara van Lierop and her husband would like to donate a parcel of land next to the Dundee Beach
- It is the request of the owner that the land be used for a memorial park in memory of her father, Dr. W. Guzdiol

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that this would be advantageous for the Richmond County Tourism industry
- It was noted that this is an excellent gesture and is well supported

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to accept the donation from Mr. and Mrs. van Lierop and acquire the parcel of land in the Dundee area, subject to staff undertaking due diligence, and that following that, correspondence to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. van Lierop accepting their generous donation. Motion carried.

(b) U.N.S.M. re: Towns Task Force Interim Report

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- The report provides recommendations which, if implemented, lay a strong foundation for communities in Nova Scotia to enhance their economic viability.
- The Task Force will address comments received and a final report will be released at the UNSM Annual Conference in September
- It is important that all Councillors attending the UNSM Annual Conference in September attend the session on this topic and voice their comments and/or concerns
- This is an avenue that is going to be implemented in the future and Council needs to maintain a strong voice in the process

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- It was noted that while present at the Spring UNSM Annual Conference the discussions that took place were not favourable
- It was noted that shared services is more and more at the forefront
- It was noted that it is important to have proper accountability, data and input in all processes and decisions with regards to shared services of the future

(c) Nova Scotia Power re: Information

For information purposes.

(d) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Grand Lake Properties

The C.A.O. reported the following:

- Contact has been made with the owners of those cottages that have not complied with the building codes
- All other structures are in compliance with such codes

(e) Property Valuation Services Corporation re: Annual Report and Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2012

For information purposes.

It was noted that a presentation from Property Valuation Services Corporation would be beneficial and the C.A.O. will make such requests to the group.

(f) Yvonne Fox re: SAERC Pool

For information purposes.

It is the consensus of the Committee that the C.A.O. respond to Ms. Fox, and copy Municipal Councillors, to inform her of the involvement that the County has had with cost shared services projects and the lack of inclusion that staff has had in the decision making processes.

(g) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests:

- Isle Madame Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$500);
- Isle Madame Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 & #2 (\$500 each);
- Village on the Canal Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$500);
- St. Peter's Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8 (\$15,000);
- L'Ardoise Jolly Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9 (\$900).

It was the consensus of the Committee to include the grants that have been added via items added.

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

- \$500, Isle Madame Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$1,100, Isle Madame Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 & #2 (\$500 each);
- \$500, Village on the Canal Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$15,000, St. Peter's Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8;
- \$900, L'Ardoise Jolly Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$500, Notre Dame de L'Assumption Cathedral Association, Municipal District Activity Grant Fund, District # 1;
- \$300, Paroisse Saint Joseph, Petit de Grat, Municipal District Activity Grant Fund, District # 2;
- \$500, Lakeside Community Association, Municipal District Activity Grant Fund, District # 8;
- \$700, West Arichat & District Village Circle Society, Municipal District Activity Grant Fund, District # 4;
- \$15,000, West Arichat & District Village Circle Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Grant Fund, District # 4.

Motion carried.

7. Review of Cheques Issued: June and July, 2012

For information purposes.

8. Items Added to the Agenda

Previously dealt with under correspondence.

9. Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

In-Camera

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

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

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the CAO be authorized to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement for the former St. Peter’s High School with the successful proponent that is subject to Council approval. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER