

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher to approve the agenda with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: September 4, 2012

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of September 4, 2012 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Referred from last Committee of the Whole Meeting:

- (a) Update/Progress Report/Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations re: Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)
Tabled from September 4, 2012 meeting

The CAO indicated that in 2010 the Municipality was required to develop an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) report which came with certain actions and strategies. He also indicated that the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) can be found on the Richmond County website and is a public document.

The CAO noted that the ICSP report is required to be filed with Government and prior to this be filed with Council for approval pending review at the October 10, 2012 Regular Council Meeting. He also noted that a lot of progress has been made on several initiatives and that 3 of the 11 are now complete with work started on others.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan report be tabled to the next Regular Council meeting for approval pending review of Council. Motion carried.

CAO RE:

- (a) Term of Office of Warden Policy
- (b) Term of Office of Deputy Warden Policy

The CAO indicated that a new Council would be in place on October 20, 2012. He also indicated that there would be four elections for Municipal Council and one for School Board Member.

The CAO noted that the Term of Office of Warden is currently a two year term and is elected by the Councillors following the Election. The Term of Office of Deputy Warden is currently a one year term. He also noted that as a result of previous discussions by Council the following amendments to these policies are as follows:

- Term of Office of Warden Policy – Change of term from 2 years to 4 years;
- Term of Office of Deputy Warden Policy – Change of term from 1 year to 2 years;

The CAO noted that Council could decide whether changes to the policies regarding Term of Office of Warden and Term of Office of Deputy Warden be completed now or that the changes be postponed until after the October 20, 2012 Municipal Election.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the Committee recommend to Council that the review of the policies regarding Term of Office of Warden and the Term of Office of Deputy Warden be postponed until after the October 20, 2012 Municipal Election. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Premier Darrell Dexter re: New Page Mill

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from the honorable Premier Darrell Dexter indicating the government's support to help re-start the former New Page mill. He also indicated that this will protect \$11 million in annual revenue that can be reinvested in health care and education in addition to sending 330 people back to work at the mill.

The CAO noted that at the end of this multi-year agreement, the province will have made a net investment of between \$25.5 and \$34.5 million dollars, depending on profit sharing

returns. He also noted that Pacific West has said it expects to spend \$160 million in the local economy in its first year of operation.

Following the correspondence from Premier Darrel Dexter it was noted that it would be great if an opportunity presented itself for the executive of Council to meet with the premier regarding the role the Municipality of Richmond has played in the survival of this industry in the Strait area.

(b) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests:

- Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Grant Fund, District #4 (\$258.75);
- Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Grant Fund, District #4 (\$250);
- Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$600);
- Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$600);
- Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$600);
- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$5,000);

It was the consensus of the Committee to include the grant that had been added via items added.

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

- \$258.75 to Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Grant Fund, District #4;
- \$250 to Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Grant Fund, District #4;
- \$600 to Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$600 to Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$600 to Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;

- \$5,000 to River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;

Motion carried.

Approval of Cheques Issued: June and July, 2012

Deputy Warden David declared a conflict of interest due to cheques being written to his personal business and removed himself from the discussion

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the cheques issued for June 2012 (\$1,046,524.37) and July 2012 (\$1,072,506.86) be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

- (1) Previously dealt with under correspondence
- (2) CAO re: Russell Forgeron/Mr. John Bain re: Private Way/Road

The CAO noted that there was a petition for a private way/road that is located at 24 Port Royal Road, Property Lot # 75026336 on Grand Lake. He also noted that Mr. Russell Forgeron is requesting a private roadway to his property because the property is land locked and has no access to it.

The CAO indicated that there is legislation that applies to Council re: The Private Ways Act. He also indicated if property owners cannot come to an agreement for access to a property, Council is authorized to appoint a Commissioner to resolve the issue by mediating a settlement so that a property owner is not denied access to their property.

It was the recommendation of the CAO that Mr. John Bain be appointed as Commissioner in order to mediate a settlement regarding access to the property of Mr. Russell Forgeron, 24 Port Royal Road, Property Lot # 75026336 on Grand Lake, bounded to the south by Lot #75204693 and Lot #75204701.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that Mr. John Bain be appointed as Commissioner in order to mediate a settlement regarding access to the property of Mr. Russell Forgeron, 24 Port Royal Road, Property Lot # 75026336 on Grand Lake, bounded to the south by Lot # 75204693 and Lot # 75204701. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Marie Louise Samson approached Council with a question.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER