

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

JANUARY 7, 2013

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Warden Sampson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes: December 3, 2012

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of December 3, 2012 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

CAO re: Proposals – Municipal Climate Action Plan

The CAO indicated that the Municipality has until December 31, 2013 to file the Municipal Climate Action Plan in order to receive the Federal Gas Tax Funding. He also indicated that the advertisement for proposals to complete the plan closed on Friday, January 4, 2013 at 4 pm with one proposal received from Université St. Anne's in the amount of \$13,000 plus HST.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee recommend to Council that the proposal from Université St. Anne in the amount of \$13,000 plus HST be accepted in order to move forward and complete the Municipal Climate Action Plan. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Premier Darrell Dexter re: Congratulations

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from Premier Darrell Dexter congratulating all Councillors on being chosen by their constituents to serve on council for the next four years.

For information purposes

(b) Eastern District Planning Commission re: 2012-2013 Operating Estimates and 2013-2014 Draft Operating Estimates

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from the Eastern District Planning Commission regarding their budget for 2013-2014. He also indicated that he would be attending a CAO's meeting on Monday, January 14, 2013 to review the budget.

It was the recommendation of the CAO that review of the Eastern District Planning Commission budget for 2013-2014 be moved to budget deliberations.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the review of the Eastern District Planning Commission 2012-2013 Operating Estimates and 2013-2014 Draft Operating Estimates be moved to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

(c) Atlantic Woodworks re: Request to Adopt a "Wood First" Resolution

The CAO noted that correspondence had been received from Atlantic WoodWORKS regarding the "Wood First" resolution adopted by Nova Scotia Municipalities. He also noted that a template of a suggested WoodFIRST resolution was attached in order to be used where possible.

It was a consensus of the Committee that Atlantic WoodWORKS be invited to a Council meeting to do a presentation to Council regarding the requirements and adoption of a "Wood First" resolution.

(d) Lennox Passage Yacht Club re: Request to Waive Dumping Fees

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from Lennox Passage Yacht Club requesting that dumping fees associated with the removal of debris from the Lennox Passage Yacht Club wharf site, soon to be under re-construction, be waived.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- The debris would need to be buried because it is not recyclable;
- There is a need to have a policy in place regarding tipping fees for non-profit organizations;
- Lennox Passage Yacht Club is an integral part of the tourism opportunity in the area;
- A precedent has been set by waiving tipping fees for other community groups;
- The first time tipping fees were waived was for Municipally owned property;
- There will be a discussion at the Quarterly Council Session regarding tipping fees for non-profit organizations;

- The tipping fee policy is located on the Richmond County website and in the Reflections of Richmond newsletter;
- Only Council has the authority to waive tipping fees;

Moved by Deputy Warden Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the request to waive dumping fees associated with the removal of debris from the Lennox Passage Yacht Club wharf site be tabled to the Quarterly Council Session on January 28, 2013 for discussion. Motion carried.

The CAO noted that he would contact Marcel Boudreau, Project Committee Chairperson, to inform him that their request will be discussed at the Quarterly Council Session on January 28, 2013.

(e) Village of St. Peter's re: Request for Funding under the Federal Gas Tax Distribution Program

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from the Village of St. Peter's requesting funding under the Federal Gas Tax Distribution Program to cover the cost of repairs for the Strachan Cove lift station. He also indicated that the work had been completed and the eligible cost of funding was \$36,527.29.

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- Previous discussions have taken place regarding gas tax funding for the Village of St. Peter's that were never been brought to Council for approval of an annual allocation;
- A percentage of our gas tax goes to the Village to be allocated to capital projects;
- Gas tax funding for the Village of St. Peter's should be determined on a project by project basis;
- If they have no projects in the queue, the Village should not receive funding;
- There is a criteria set by the government for qualification of gas tax funding;
- The relationship needs to be improved between the Village of St. Peter's, Staff and Council;
- A high level of expertise "in house" at the Municipality could be beneficial to the Village of St. Peter's;
- Funding should be requested before the project work begins;
- A strong message needs to be sent to the Village of St. Peter's indicating the importance of working with their Councillor and involving him in the request process.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Committee recommend to Council that the funding request by the Village of St. Peter's, under the Federal Gas Tax Distribution Program, for work completed to rebuild the Strachan Cove lift station in the amount of \$36,527.29 be approved. Motion carried.

(f) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests

- Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1, #2, #3, #4 (\$600);
- United Church of Canada, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$500);
- West Bay Pastoral Charge, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$500);
- West Bay Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5 (\$4,000);
- St. John the Baptist Church CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 47, Municipal District Activity Fund, District#7 (\$550);
- St. Peter`s Economic Development Organization (SPEDO), Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District#8 (\$15,000);

Councillor McNamara requested and received unanimous consent to change the grant amount for the West Bay Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5 from \$4,000 to \$2,500.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grants be approved:

- \$600 to Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1, #2, #3, #4;
- \$500 to United Church of Canada, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$500 to West Bay Pastoral Charge, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$2,500 to West Bay Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$500 to St. John the Baptist Church CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- \$550 to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 47, Municipal District Activity Fund, District#7;
- \$15,000 to St. Peter`s Economic Development Organization (SPEDO) Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8;

Motion carried.

Approval of Cheques Issued: October 2012

Councillor David declared a conflict of interest because there were cheques written to his business, and removed himself from discussion.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the list of cheques for the month of October 2012 in the amount of \$1,236,002.12 be approved. Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued: November and December 2012

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda:

There were no items added to the agenda

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery

“In Camera” Session:

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting proceed to “In-Camera” session at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor David, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:07 pm. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor David that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER