

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DECEMBER 7, 2015

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

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

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden David indicated that there was one item previously added to the agenda by Ms. Shannon Mury regarding a grant request from Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors Club.

There was unanimous consent that Agenda Item #7 (Management Letter) be moved to an “In Camera” Session.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: November 9, 2015

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the minutes of November 7, 2015 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation re: Dundee Hills Vacation Village (Cameron Samson, Dr. Hossam Elokda & Jeff Pinhey)

Warden David welcomed Mr. Cameron Samson, Dr. Hossam Elokda & Jeff Pinhey to the meeting.

Mr. Samson, Dr. Elokda and Mr. Pinhey provided a power point presentation to the Committee (copy attached).

The following points were brought forth during the presentation:

- Waste Water Management District for Dundee Hills Vacation Village is Critical to its success. It gives much needed flexibility to develop in synergy with market demands. It will also allow the development of various amenities and attractions required to ensure long-term success for the development, its partners & the community;
- Waterfront lot on the lake was acquired to serve as a docking facility;
- This will not only function as a home for various cruise experiences but will also provide docking for the local community and new homeowners at Dundee Hills;
- Land was acquired for a NEW ENTRANCE into Dundee Hills directly across from the New Docking Facility. This would add a needed level of safety required to manage increased traffic near the Resort;
- The new housing and new attractions would be accessed by this new entrance;
- 6 acres of river frontage was acquired along the Sissiboo river that was land locked, and will be the location for the Yurt Village camping park, complete with connection to hiking, ATV trails & a waterway connection to the Bras D'or lake & the Trans Canada Trail;
- Businesses will all share in making a significant contribution to the community's tax base;
- Integral to all this is the optimization of our prime real-estate for housing;
- Having the flexibility to adjust housing needs to suit the market is CRITICAL to success;
- Creating a waste water management district will allow the creation of affordable solutions as family vacation homes, investment properties, retirement villas & condo's;
- Mother Nature Developments is the developer of Dundee Hills Vacation Village and is a Self -Financed Corporation;
- 100% debt free to date;
- 1 ½ kms of roads has been cleared thus far;
- This is an attraction which is rich in culture and is aimed to attract dozens of local entrepreneurs to service a growing Tourism Market;
- This development is expected to attract various adventure cruises, including Sea-Doo rentals, Parasailing & various cruises packages including a Bras d'Or Lake Golf & Cruise Package between Dundee, Bell-Bay & Ben-Eoin;
- No funding is being requested. The Cluster Septic Systems will be 100% Self-Financed;
- This would enable the municipality to charge rates to the residents and businesses and they would also take on the responsibility for the maintenance of the systems;

A question and answer period followed.

CAO re:

- a) Food Banks – Annual Donations;

The CAO requested Council support to move forward with the annual \$2,000 donation to each of the 5 surrounding food banks, Isle Madame, Louisdale, St. Peter's, L'Ardoise and Port Hawkesbury.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council that annual donations in the amount of \$2,000 each be made to the Isle Madame, Louisdale, St. Peter's, L'Ardoise and Port Hawkesbury food banks. Motion carried.

- b) Fire Protection Request and Town of Port Hawkesbury

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council that the request by Maris Freimanis, CAO, Town of Port Hawkesbury to partner with Richmond County in delivering fire services for Point Tupper be sent to the Fire Protection Services Committee for review and recommendation to Council. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Beaton re: Code of Conduct

Deputy Warden Beaton indicated that the intent in 2013 was that a Committee be formed consisting of the Warden, Deputy Warden and two Councillors to review issues dealing with the Code of Conduct and the document itself. He also indicated that this Committee was never formed and that it would be a good time now to form the Code of Conduct Committee.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council that a Code of Conduct Committee be formed consisting of the Warden, Deputy Warden and two Councillors. Motion carried.

Management Letter

This item was dealt with "In Camera".

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes:

- a) Property Valuation Services Corporation re: Budget Approval;

- b) Nova Scotia Community Services re: Community Outreach and Support Position;
- c) Seniors Take Action Planning Committee re: Thank You;
- d) Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Kate's Brook No. 1 Bridge, Stirling Road;

For information purposes.

Action Required

- a) Isle Madame Small Options Society re: Crosswalk;

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that staff write a letter to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal inquiring on the process in obtaining a crosswalk on the corner of Highway 206 and crossing over to Highland Street in Arichat, as per a request from Mitch David, Supervisor/Manager of the Isle Madame Small Options Society. Motion carried.

- b) Memo from Director of Public Works re: Toulouse Street Sewer Extension – St. Peter's;

The CAO noted that a request had been received from the Village of St. Peter's regarding sewer availability on Toulouse Street in St. Peter's.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that staff contact the Village of St. Peter's and move forward with the engineering work for pre-design of the extension and provision of sewer on Toulouse Street in St. Peter's. Motion carried.

- c) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests
 - Isle Madame Trade & Tourism Association (IMTTA), Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$700);
 - St. John the Baptist Women's League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
 - Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$668.35);
 - Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Women's League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$300);
 - D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$400);
 - Whiteside Church Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5 (\$4064.10);

- West Bay Pastoral Charge, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$800);
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch #47, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts (\$1,283.32);
- CITU Radio Richmond, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$300);
- Richmond Figure Skating Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$500);
- St. Louis Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$500).

It was the consensus of the Committee that the Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors Club grant request be added to the existing grant requests for approval.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grant requests be approved:

- \$700 to Isle Madame Trade & Tourism Association (IMTTA), Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$500 to St. John the Baptist Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$668.35 to Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$300 to Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$400 to D’Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$4064.10 to Whiteside Church Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$800 to West Bay Pastoral Charge, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$1,283.32 to Royal Canadian Legion Branch #47, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$300 to CITU Radio Richmond, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$500 to Richmond Figure Skating Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$500 to St. Louis Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 ;
- \$1,000 to Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6.

Motion carried.

Review of Cheques: November 2015:

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Items were previously dealt with

15 Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery

“In Camera” Session:

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the meeting revert back to regular session at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the Committee recommend to Council that a professional forensic audit be completed of the municipal credit cards and travel expenses associated with the credit cards from January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2015. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON