

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

APRIL 11, 2016

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: 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

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

Items Added to the Agenda

Deputy Warden Beaton indicated that there was previously 2 items previously added to the agenda re: Grant Requests

Councillor Marchand requested and received unanimous consent to add the forensic audit, to be discussed “In Camera”.

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

The CAO indicated that the dates of expenses that were included in the letter from Grant Thornton would be provided to Councillor Marchand.

Review of Minutes: January 11, 2016

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the minutes of January 11, 2016 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations re: Pan Cape Breton Food HUB (Jim Mustard) re: Update

Deputy Warden Beaton welcomed Mr. Jim Mustard and Ms. Alicia Lake to the meeting.

Mr. Mustard and Ms. Lake provided a power point presentation (Copy Attached) and the following points were brought forth:

- Incorporated as a Co-op;
- In the first season, 50 households and 10 restaurants used the co-op;
- There were a total of 26 food producers with a wide variety of foods;
- The total sales in the first season were \$43,770;
- The total spent over 15 weeks by consumers was \$33,570 with the average weekly spend being \$59.21;
- 90% of the people reported an increase in local food spending;
- The total spend for 8 restaurants was \$10,200;
- Total invoices paid to producers was \$35,963;
- Festivals, farm and food show, workshops, chef competition and newsletters were all other outcomes;
- This hub has strengthened connections, increased profits and grown relationships by building community;
- Added consumers, depots, producers and number of weeks is planned for 2016;
- The Hub needs funding, staff, planning and software;
- Funding for the Coordinator is from Department of Agriculture for pilot from November 2014 until November 2016;
- The results of the pilot are being used to develop a 5 year Business plan starting January 2017;
- The plan is to engage funding partners for support of the business plan by April 1, 2017;
- Partnership funding is required to bridge Coordinator position from November 2016 to April 1, 2017;
- Goal is to increase markets and increase from 50 customers to 100-150;

Deputy Warden Beaton thanked Mr. Mustard and Ms. Lake for their presentation.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the funding request in the amount of \$4,900 from the Pan Cape Breton Food Hub Co-op be moved to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

Tourism

Mr. Jeff Stanley gave a power point presentation highlighting the Richmond County Tourism Project 2015-2017 (Copy Attached).

The following information was brought forth during the presentation:

- An overview of dates and milestones for the project from February 1, 2012 to March 31, 2016;

- Reviewed mapping and highlighted points from projects in areas such as St. Peter’s (Where the Ocean Meets the Inland Sea), Cape Breton Blueways and Isle Madame, Isle of 100 Coves;
- Breakdown and summary of the total project cost;
- Breakdown of cost for each of the Blueway Sites.

A question and answer period followed.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Richmond has signed a contract with ACOA for \$2.2 million on the \$4.4 million Phase 1 portion of a \$6.6 million tourism project, that staff be directed to proceed with hiring the Glenn Group as Construction Administrators to initiate Phase 1 of the Richmond County Tourism Construction project; AND FURTHER MOVED that Phase 1 priorities be St. Peter’s Canal, Isle of 100 Coves and Cape Breton Blueways. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Marchand)

Notice to be Given (Motion Required) – To amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the Municipality to move beyond the Pilot Project stage. (Attached as Appendix “A”).

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that notice be given to amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the Municipality to move beyond the Pilot Project stage. Motion carried.

Councillor Gail Johnson re: Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 - Amended Grant Request

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the original grant request in the amount of \$668.35 submitted by the Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, District #10 Municipal District Infrastructure fund, approved at the December 14, 2015 Council meeting be increased to \$1,500 due to additional expenditures of the project. Motion carried.

Councillor Marchand re:

a) Landry Lane – Louisdale Lift Station

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that staff investigate, in further detail, the estimated costs and potential benefits associated with extending sewer services along Landry Lane, Louisdale; AND FURTHER MOVED that gas tax funding be used to cover the estimated engineering expenses of up to \$5,000. Motion carried.

b) Louisdale/Evanston Whiteside Water Treatment Plant

The CAO indicated that a draft resolution would be drawn up so that the Louisdale/Evanston Whiteside Water Treatment Plant application would be complete, in the event that a call for applications came out from the Building Canada Fund. He also indicated that the resolution would be placed on the agenda for the April 25, 2016 Regular Council meeting.

Correspondence:

Action Required:

a) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests

- Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$500);
- St. Francis de Sales Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5 (\$17,094.75);
- Sacred Heart Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$1,943.14);
- Dr. W.B. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$1,000);
- Société Vitalité Isle Madame, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts (\$12,500);
- Whiteside Church Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5 (\$9,000);
- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$5,700);
- Royal Canadian Legion Isle Madame Branch 150, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$2,000);
- River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$500);
- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$3,000);
- St. Louis Parish Roman Catholic Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6 (\$15,000);
- Royal Canadian Legion Isle Madame Branch 150, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$500);
- Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5 (\$2,500);
- St. Peter's & Area Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8 (\$15,640.53).

It was noted that the grant request for the St. Peter's & Area Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8 (\$15,640.53) be amended to read Multiple Districts. Motion carried.

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

- \$500 to Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$17,094.75 to St. Francis de Sales Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$1,943.14 to Sacred Heart Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$1,000 to Dr. W.B. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$12,500 to Société Vitalité Isle Madame, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$9,000 to Whiteside Church Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$5,700 to River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;
- \$2,000 to Royal Canadian Legion Isle Madame Branch 150, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$500 to River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$3,000 to River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;
- \$15,000 to St. Louis Parish Roman Catholic Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6;
- \$500 to Royal Canadian Legion Isle Madame Branch 150, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$2,500 to Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$15,640.53 to St. Peter's & Area Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts.

Motion carried.

Review of Cheques: January 2016/February 2016/March 2016

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Grant requests previously dealt with.

Forensic audit to be dealt with in camera.

15 Minute Question Period:

Mr. Gary Gibson approached the Committee regarding an item on the agenda.

Mr. Doug Begg approached the Committee regarding an item on the agenda.

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached the Committee regarding an item on the agenda.

“In Camera” Session, If Required

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 9:02 p.m.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting reconvene to Regular Session at 9:20 p.m.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON