

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2016

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Councillor J. Goyetche, Councillor A. Martell
Warden B. Marchand, Councillor G. Boucher
Deputy Warden J. MacLean

Warden Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Marchand indicated that there were 6 items previously added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean, that the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: November 14, 2016

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden Maclean that the minutes of November 14, 2016 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations:

a) Isle Madame Tourism & Trade Association (IMTTA) re: Façade Program;

Warden Marchand welcomed Mrs. Lisa Boudreau and Mr. Terrance Tyrrell to the meeting.

Mrs. Boudreau and Mr. Tyrrell gave a power point presentation.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Marchand thanked Mrs. Boudreau and Mr. Tyrrell for their presentation.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the presentation by the Isle Madame Tourism & Trade Association be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

b) Rev. Fr. Douglas MacDonald re: Tax Exemption for Pastoral Center;

Warden Marchand welcomed Fr. Douglas MacDonald to the meeting.

Fr. MacDonald gave a presentation.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Marchand thanked Fr. MacDonald for his presentation.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the presentation by the Fr. Douglas MacDonald be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

c) Richmond County Literacy Network (Millie Hatt) re: Community Outreach Worker.

Warden Marchand welcomed Mrs. Millie Hatt to the meeting.

Mrs. Hatt gave a power point presentation.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Marchand thanked Mrs. Hatt for her presentation.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the presentation by Mrs. Millie Hatt be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the Committee recommend to Council that Richmond Municipal Council give the requested financial support to the Community Outreach and Support Worker Project, until March 31, 2017, in the maximum amount of \$11,333, pending discussions with the Town of Port Hawkesbury. Motion carried.

Notice of Motion Required - To adopt the Richmond County Expense Claims Publication Policy to enable all expenses of Chief Administrative Officer, Warden, Councillors and all Staff be posted online. (Attached as Appendix "A")

Councillor Goyetche gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next Regular Council Meeting to adopt the Richmond County Expense Claims Publication Policy to enable all expenses of Chief Administrative Officer, Warden, Councillors and all Staff be posted online.

Warden Marchand re:

a) Food Bank – Chapel Island

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that the Potlotek Food Bank Society be added to list of Food Banks receiving a \$2,000 donation at the December 22, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Boucher)

b) Eastern Counties Regional Library Board

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that a “Member at Large” representative be appointed to the Eastern Counties Regional Library Board and that the representative be Mr. Clair Rankin AND FURTHER MOVED that the following changes regarding Committee structures and composition take place:

- Recreation Advisory Committee be reinstated and consist of 3 Staff and 8 Members at Large;
- The Richmond Villa Board remain at 7 members consisting of 4 Councillors, with the extra Councillor being Councillor Martell and 3 Members at Large with the extra member being Mr. Wayne Doucette.

Motion carried.

c) Telile Quote

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committee recommend to Council that Telile be hired to record and televise the Committee of the Whole and Council meetings at a cost of \$1,000/month for a one year period. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes:

a) Richmond County Literacy Network re: Strait Area Transit

Action Required:

a) House of Commons, Guy Caron, Deputy/Member of Parliament re: Support for Private Members Bill to end unfair taxation on family business transfers;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter of support ending unfair taxation on family business

transfers (Bill C-274) be sent to Guy Caron, MP on behalf of the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

b) Barachois Trail Association re: Letter of Support

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter of support be sent to the Barachois Trail Association for their application to the OHV Fund.
Motion carried.

c) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests:

- St. John the Baptist Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$500);
- Sacred Hearts Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$400);
- St. Louis Parish Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$500).

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grant requests be approved:

- \$500 to St. John the Baptist Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$500);
- \$400 to Sacred Hearts Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$500 to St. Louis Parish Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3

Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued: November 2016

For information purposes

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grant request be approved:
 - Village on the Canal, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$500).

Motion carried.

2. Warden Marchand re: Tenders

a) Tender MOCR20161110 – Arena Dressing Room Renovations

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that Tender (MOCR20161110) regarding the Arena dressing room renovations be approved. Motion carried.

b) Tender Awards Recommendation re: Engineering, Construction Administration and Construction Supervision for the new Louisdale/Evanston/Whiteside Water Treatment Plant

There was unanimous consent of the Committee that the tender for the Engineering, Construction Administration and Construction Supervision for the new Louisdale/Evanston/Whiteside Water Treatment Plant, be approved.

c) Committee Structures

Item was previously dealt with.

d) Cape Breton Food Hub re: Funding

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the Committee recommend to Council that the previously budgeted funding amount of \$4920, be approved for the Cape Breton Food Hub. Motion carried.

e) ROC Society re: Letter of Support

There was unanimous consent of the Committee that a letter of support, regarding expansion/improvement of the ROC Centre facility, be sent to the Executive Director, Diana Poirier.

f) Cell Service for Framboise/Fourchu

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that the recommendation of the Director of Public Works be approved and that staff proceed with submission of funding applications to the Province of Nova Scotia's Municipal and Community Rural High Speed Internet Funding program for the Framboise / Fourchu and West Bay areas. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Richie Cotton approached the Committee.

Mrs. Lisa boudreau approached the Committee.

“In Camera” Session (Legal/Personnel)

Moved by Councillor Boucher that the meeting move to an “In Camera” session at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 10:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the Warden and Deputy Warden be authorized to proceed with the hiring of an interim Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that Executive Assistant, Yvonne Boudreau, be appointed as the FOIPOP Administrator for the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

Warden Marchand indicated that moving forward there would no longer be a second question period included in the agenda for both Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Joey MacNamara approached the Committee.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER

CHAIRPERSON