

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**JANUARY 9, 2017**

**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 7:04 p.m.

### **Items Added to the Agenda**

Deputy Warden MacLean requested and received unanimous consent to add an item to the agenda regarding a road name change request.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell, that the agenda be approved with the item added. Motion carried.

### **Review of Minutes: December 14, 2016**

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

### **Presentations:**

Warden Marchand noted that the order of presentations would be changed.

a) Cape Breton Partnership/CBREN (Keith MacDonald/Jeff Stanley) re: Update

Warden Marchand welcomed Mr. Keith MacDonald and Mr. Jeff Stanley to the meeting.

Mr. MacDonald gave a power point presentation and provided an overview of the following:

- The Cape Breton Regional Network;
- Understanding of Richmond County's investment into the REN;
- The Business per Capita;
- Reviewed Business Climate;
- REN Core Activities;
- The Liaison and Oversight Committee;
- REN Board;
- Staff of the Cape Breton Regional Enterprise Network;
- Identified Themes of Priority;
- Value added services of the Cape Breton REN;
- REN services to Richmond County;
- Land Asset Database online tool which has been launched;
- Community Profiles;
- Website - [investincapebreton.com](http://investincapebreton.com);
- Business Directory;
- Lead Handling Protocol – New Businesses to the Area;

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Marchand thanked Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Stanley for the presentation.

b) David Hart (NuStar Energy), Richie Mann (Melford Terminals), Marc Dubé (Port Hawkesbury Paper) & Paul MacLean (LNGL) re: Industry Update

Warden Marchand welcomed Mr. David Hart (NuStar Energy), Mr. Richie Mann (Melford Terminals), Mr. Marc Dubé (Port Hawkesbury Paper) and Ms. Amanda Mombourquette (Strait Area Chamber of Commerce) to the meeting.

Mr. Hart, Mr. Mann and Mr. Dubé gave a presentation and reviewed the following points:

- Port Development;
- Demographics;
- Port Governance/Port Development;
- Land Ownership;

- Not having governance gives an advantage over other ports;
- Harbour dues;
- Interest in remaining at the status quo with no governance;
- Two biggest benefits are no public port authority and no legacy labour agreement;
- PH paper received a large percentage of business because of their advantage with the port;
- Biggest advantages of the port are the rail line and the depth of the water;
- Mayors and Wardens have shown support to remain with the status quo;

Warden Marchand thanked Mr. Hart, Mr. Mann and Mr. Dubé for the presentation.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be sent to Transport Canada with a copy to the Minister stating that the Strait of Canso remain status quo, no governance Port Authority. Motion carried.

c) Public Health Services (Celeste Gotell) re: Positive Health Outcomes

Warden Marchand welcomed Ms. Celeste Gotell to the meeting.

Ms. Gotell gave a power point presentation and the following points were brought forth:

- Strategic partnerships are needed;
- Social Determinants of Health;
- Equality versus Equity;
- Creating healthier communities will result in a healthier population;
- Challenges in Rural Communities;
- Engaging the Community;
- Age Friendly Community;
- Eight Domains to an Age Friendly Community;
- Affordable and Safe Housing;
- Ways Municipalities can contribute to healthier communities;

Warden Marchand thanked Ms. Gotell for the presentation.

**Correspondence:**

**For Information Purposes:**

- a) Review of Cheques Issued: December 2016

### **Items Added to the Agenda**

Deputy Warden MacLean indicated that he had received a “Road Name Change” form and petition from residents of Soldier’s Cove Road requesting that the road name be changed to Lewis Cove Road.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that approval be given to the road name change request from “Soldier’s Cove Road” to “Lewis Cove Road” in District #5, if it meets policy approval and receives approval of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and the Eastern District Planning Commission; AND FURTHER MOVED that this change be recognized for 911 purposes only and without responsibility on the Municipality’s part to provide or maintain services. Motion carried.

Warden Marchand noted that a meeting would be held in the near future with the members of Strait Area Transit and the public would be informed of the outcome.

### **Fifteen Minute Question Period**

Mrs. Lisa Boudreau approached the Committee.

### **“In Camera” Session**

- a) Memorandum of Understanding – REN 6
- b) Committee Appointment

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the meeting move to an “In Camera” session at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Goyetche)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 9:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council to move forward with the signing of the new REN 6 Inter-municipal Agreement as amended, with the addition of the following sentence to section 16(d) iii:

“and the corporation or body has a financial interest in a matter which is the subject of consideration by any of the Committees or the Board of Directors mentioned in subparagraph (a). (REN 6 Inter-municipal Agreement attached).

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Committee recommend to Council that Mr. Richie Cotton be appointed to the Audit Committee for the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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