

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2017

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden Brian Marchand, Councillor Gilbert Boucher  
Deputy Warden Jason MacLean, Councillor Alvin Martell  
Councillor James Goyetche, CAO Louis Digout

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

Review of Minutes: September 11, 2017

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of September 11, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda (Request)

There were 3 items previously added to the agenda.

Councillor Boucher requested and received unanimous consent to add an item to the agenda to be discussed "In Camera" regarding a personnel issue.

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

Correspondence

Action Required

a) Richmond Arena Canteen re: Canteen;

The CAO noted that correspondence had been received from Bobby Joyce, Canteen Manager at the Richmond Arena, regarding the monthly payment amount being lowered, propane usage amount, hot foods in hospitality suites and having the canteen open during lunch period at Richmond Academy.

It was the consensus of Council that staff has authority to manage and resolve this item.

b) Jason Martell (Chief Financial Officer) re: Grant Requests;

Mr. Martell reviewed the grants previously discussed and included in the current budget, with the exception of the Acadiaville Community Centre grant (\$1,000) which is no longer required.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grants be paid out after a request has been submitted by the organization:

Blue Grass Music Festival (DIMA) \$ 5,000  
Destination Cape Breton \$10,000  
Spedo – Music Camp \$ 5,000  
Spedo – Seaside Lobsterfest \$ 5,000  
Celtic Colours \$ 5,000

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grants, approved as part of the budget, be paid out:

St. Martha's Regional Hospital \$10,000  
Cape Breton Regional Hospital \$10,000  
Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society \$15,000  
St. Anne's Community & Nursing Care Ctr \$ 5,000  
Strait Richmond Hospital \$ 5,000  
Adult Drop in Centre \$ 2,500

Motion carried.

A list of budgeted amounts for grants/exemptions for the 2017-2018 fiscal years was provided (Total \$967,500) and it was the consensus of the Committee members that a framework of a new grant system and process would be brought forward to a future Council meeting.

c) CAO re: Travel Expense Policy;

The CAO indicated that the Warden had submitted an expense claim for April/May. He noted that this was the second similar issue in 2 months and he recommended eliminating the time limit.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that a Notice of Motion be introduced at the next Regular Council meeting to amend the Travel Expense Policy to remove the time limit for the submission of claims, Section 1.3 Disbursements (v). Motion carried. (Nays: Councillor Goyetche, Councillor Martell).

d) Rodney Thibeau re: Waiving of water and sewer hookup;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the request, from Rodney Thibeau, to waive the water and sewer hookup, for the apartment complex in Petit de Grat, be dealt with by Staff. Motion carried.

e) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Property of Julia MacDonald, 3601 Loch Lomond Rd, Loch Lomond NS, Property Identifiers (PID) 75073353, Assessment Account (AAN) 02129299;

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to Julia MacDonald, 3601 Loch Lomond Rd, Loch Lomond NS, Property Identifiers (PID) 75073353, Assessment Account (AAN) 02129299, subject to notice of proposed demolition in accordance with the legislation. The Order should state to the owners that the dwelling be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

f) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Property of Darlene Dorey, Shore Road West Arichat NS, Property Identifiers (PID) 75085985, Assessment Account (AAN) 09249087;

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committee recommend to Council that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to Darlene Dorey, Shore Road West Arichat NS, Property Identifiers (PID) 75085985, Assessment Account (AAN) 09249087, subject to notice of proposed demolition in accordance with the legislation. The Order should state to the owners that the shed and wharf are to be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

g) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Property Elias and Cathie Dorey, 117 Lower Road West Arichat NS, Property Identifiers (PID) 75025767, Assessment Account (AAN) 06091997;

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the Committee recommend to Council that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to Elias and Cathie Dorey, 117 Lower Road West Arichat NS, Property Identifiers (PID) 75025767, Assessment Account (AAN) 06091997, subject to notice of proposed demolition in

accordance with the legislation. The Order should state to the owners that the shed and wharf are to be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

h) Strait Regional School Board re: Richmond Academy – Skilled Trades Project

It was noted that Deputy Warden MacLean currently holds a seat on the Richmond Academy School Steering Team Committee for the Skilled Trades Project.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that the Committee recommend to Council that Warden Marchand be appointed as the municipal representative on the Richmond Academy School Steering Team Committee for the Skilled Trades Project. Motion carried.

i) Grant Requests:

– St. Joseph’s CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1&2 (\$500)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committee recommend to Council that the following grant request be approved:

– \$500 to St. Joseph’s CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1&2  
Motion carried.

#### For Information Purposes

a) Cheques Issued: September 2017

#### Items Added to the Agenda

1. Councillor Martell re: Funding Request from CDENE for \$2,500

Councillor Martell indicated that there were three other francophone municipalities in Nova Scotia and 2 have already approved the \$2,500 grant.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Committee recommend to Council that funding be given to Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDENE), in the amount of \$2,500 towards the development of a heritage and cultural tourism circuit of the Acadian regions of Nova Scotia. Motion carried.

2. Municipal Engineer – Heavy Collection (Previous COW Request)

For information purposes.

3. Municipal Engineer re: Request for Waiver of Water & Sewer Hookups (Item #4 (d) on the agenda).

Item was previously dealt with.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Richie Cotton approached the Committee  
Mr. Robert Fougere approached the Committee

“In Camera” Session (Personnel and Legal)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the meeting move to an “In Camera” session at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 9:30 p.m. 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 9:32 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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CHAIRPERSON