

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden Brian Marchand, Councillor Gilbert Boucher
Councillor Jason MacLean, Deputy Warden James Goyetche,
Councillor Alvin Martell, CAO, Kent MacIntyre
Also present were Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Jason Martell
Director of Public Works, Mr. Chris Boudreau

Warden Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were 2 (In Camera) items previously added to the agenda by Warden Marchand.

Councillor Boucher requested and received unanimous consent to add correspondence received from the East Richmond ATV Riders Society regarding a request for a letter of support.

Councillor MacLean requested and received unanimous consent to add an activity grant application from Lochside Cemetery in the amount of \$300.

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

Review of Minutes: January 8, 2018

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the minutes of January 8, 2018 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Proposed Budget Timelines 2018-19

The CAO reviewed the proposed budget timelines 2018-19 (Attached) and requested input from Councillors regarding priorities within their respective districts. He noted that the Director of Public Works, Chris Boudreau and the Chief Financial Officer, Jason Martell were in attendance to address any questions regarding Capital projects.

The Warden indicated that audit services (currently provided by Grant Thornton) for the Municipality of Richmond County should be tendered to compare pricing.

Councillor Martell declared a conflict due to his wife's employment with Grant Thornton and removed himself from the discussion.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the Committee recommend to Council that Grant Thornton continue to be retained to provide audit services for the Municipality of Richmond County for the current fiscal year. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that Staff prepare documents for the tendering of audit services for the Municipality of Richmond County, effective Fall 2018. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Action Required:

- a) Municipality of the District of Guysborough re: The Nova Scotia Onshore Petroleum Atlas

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the following motion be supported:

Council of the Municipality of Richmond write the Premier of Nova Scotia, with copies to all members of the Legislature, indicating that, in light of the recent release of the Nova Scotia Onshore petroleum Atlas project confirming the economic potential for onshore hydrocarbon development, that we strongly urge the Province to create regulations and legislation that remove the ban on fracking in NS and design a program that provides strict guidelines and parameters under which a pilot project can be initiated to determine whether this resource can be safely developed for the benefit of all Nova Scotians.

Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued: January 2018

For information purposes

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Councillor Boucher re: East Richmond ATV Riders Society regarding a request for a letter of support.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that a letter be sent to the East Richmond ATV Riders Society and copied to the Department of Natural Resources indicating the municipality's support for the continuation on the multipurpose trail from River Tillard new bridge into the town of St. Peters, a distance of three kilometers. Motion carried.

2. Warden Marchand noted that Defined Benefit Pension Plan required review.

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that staff research and compile data on the Defined Benefit Pension Plan and report back to Council on the progress at the February 26th Regular Council Meeting; AND FURTHER MOVED that Desjardins be invited to Richmond County to provide information to Council regarding the Defined Benefit Pension Plan, if required. Motion carried.

3. Councillor MacLean re: Grant Request from Lochside Cemetery in the amount of \$300

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

—\$300 to Lochside Cemetery, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5.
Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council.

"In Camera" Session (Personnel/Municipal Property/Legal/Personnel)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the meeting move to an "In Camera" session at 7:45 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:38 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee recommend to Council that the Former St. Peter's Fire Department Building, AAN 04404998, be declared as surplus property and be tendered for sale. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the Committee recommend to Council that the Arichat Courthouse be tendered for sale. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boucher that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:
