

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MARCH 8, 2021

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Shawn Samson, Deputy Warden Michael Diggdon
Councillor Melanie Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette
Councillor Brent Sampson, Don Marchand, CAO

Call to Order

Warden Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Brent Sampson requested and received unanimous consent to add an item to the agenda regarding International Women's Day.

Warden Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add a Community Spirit Plaque received from the Hon. Arthur J. Leblanc, Lieutenant Governor.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: February 9, 2021

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor S. Samson that the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Presentations re:

a) La Picasse, Centre Communautaire Culturel (Yvon Samson) re: proposed Tourism/ Green Space project in Petit de Grat;

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Mr. Yvon Samson to the meeting.

Mr. Samson gave a power point presentation (attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Mr. Samson for the presentation.

Moved by Councillor S. Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the request from La Picasse, Centre Communautaire Culturel be moved to budget deliberations.
Motion carried.

b) SRD International Limited (Rachelle Samson): Low Income Housing Project on Grandique Road

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Ms. Rachelle Samson to the meeting.

Ms. Samson gave a presentation.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Rachelle Samson for the presentation.

Notice to be Given – To amend By-Law #29, Capital Cost of Sewer Construction in order to clarify the responsibilities of the Municipality and private property owner as it relates to sewer back-ups and maintenance of building sewer service connections

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor S. Samson that notice be given to amend By-Law #29, Capital Cost of Sewer Construction in order to clarify the responsibilities of the Municipality and private property owner as it relates to sewer back-ups and maintenance of building sewer service connections. Motion carried.

CAO re: Accessibility Committee Applications

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the following applicants be appointed to the new Accessibility Committee for the Municipality of Richmond County, Natalie Groom, Kelly Hibbert, Marcilyn Cianfarani and Maxine David. Motion carried.

Warden Mombourquette re:

a) West Richmond Education Centre

The CAO gave an update on the status of the property migration process and indicated that the migration should be complete by the end of March.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson that Staff gather additional information regarding the condition of the West Richmond Education Centre building. Motion carried.

b) Communications Plan

Warden Mombourquette indicated that the Cape Breton Partnership had a new Communications Officer and an offer has been made to work with municipal staff to refresh the Municipal Communications Plan.

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that Staff coordinate with the Cape Breton Partnership to begin work on the communications plan. Motion carried.

c) Committee Structure

For information purposes.

Warden Mombourquette relinquished the chair to the Deputy Warden.

d) St. Peter's-River Tillard Trail

Warden Mombourquette reviewed information regarding the River Tillard to St. Peter's 3 km Trail and indicated that Richmond County has an opportunity to reaffirm Council's support for the Province to designate the trail as multi-use, to issue the East Richmond ATV Riders a Letter of Authority to assume management and for the municipality to advocate on their behalf.

Moved by Warden Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that Richmond County reaffirm Council's support for the Province to designate the River Tillard to St. Peter's 3 km of trail as multi-use, to issue the East Richmond ATV Riders a Letter of Authority to assume management of the trail and for the municipality to advocate on their behalf. Motion carried.

The Deputy Warden relinquished the chair.

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Clean Ocean Action Committee re: Letter of Support;

It was the consensus of the Committee that Warden Mombourquette reach out to John Davis, Director of Clean Ocean Action Committee, in order to gather additional information regarding the Committee's request for support in renewing the moratorium on oil and gas exploration on Georges Bank.

b) Arichat Community Development Association re: Letter of Support;

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter of support be provided to the Arichat Community Development Association indicating that the addition of the park project to

Richmond County aligns with the Department of Recreation strategies to increase opportunities and enhance support for physical activity. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the request for contributions to the Arichat Community Development Association Park Project be moved to budget deliberations.

c) Pan Cape Breton Food Hub Co-op re: Funding Request;

It was the consensus of the Committee that the request from the Cape Breton Food Hub in the amount of \$15,000 in order to expand operations with a new processing facility be moved to budget deliberations.

d) Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre re: Emergency Funding Request

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the request from the Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre for emergency funding in the amount of \$3,000, to cover any deficits, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson that information be provided by the CFO with regards to budget capacity for the Kingston Clinic's emergency fund request and that Staff connect with the staff at the Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre to assess and report back to Council. Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued: February 2021

For information purposes.

Item Added to the Agenda

Councillor Brent Sampson wished a Happy International Women's Day to all of the Women in Richmond County.

Warden Mombourquette indicated that a plaque had been received from the Honourable Arthur J. Leblanc, Lieutenant Governor, in recognition of those who contributed and aided their fellow citizens during the 2020 pandemic. She also indicated that the plaque would be displayed in the foyer.

Question Period

Mr. Robbie Fougere approached the Committee

“In Camera” Session (Legal)

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:46 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting revert to “Regular Session” at 9:06 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:
