

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

APRIL 12, 2021

Location: Council Chambers

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

Call to Order

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

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Shawn Samson requested and received unanimous consent to add two items to the agenda re: Recognition of a local Owner/Operator and the West Arichat Cell Tower.

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: March 8, 2021

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor S. Samson that the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Presentations re:

- a) Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (Stan Johnson, CEPI Coordinator, Ron Newcombe) - Shirley McNamara for Pitupaq

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Stan Johnson and Ron Newcombe to the meeting.

Ron Newcombe presented two power point presentations.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Mombourquette thanked them for the presentations.

- b) Terry Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Destination Cape Breton re: Strategy

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Terry Smith to the meeting.

Terry Smith presented a power point presentation.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Mr. Smith for the presentations.

Notice be Given – To adopt the Richmond County Asset Management Policy in order to formalize the municipality’s commitment to the long term sustainability of our infrastructure. This policy provides guidance to Council and staff on identifying priorities, managing risk and meeting its service delivery goals.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Notice be Given to adopt the Richmond County Asset Management Policy in order to formalize the municipality’s commitment to the long term sustainability of our infrastructure. This policy provides guidance to Council and staff on identifying priorities, managing risk and meeting its service delivery goals. Motion carried.

Warden Mombourquette re:

- a) Municipal Councillors Code of Conduct re: Requirements Outlined by the Province;

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials in Richmond County be reviewed by Staff and in consultation with the Solicitor to ensure that it aligns with the new legislative changes. Motion carried.

- b) Accessibility Committee – Councillor Appointment;

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that Warden Mombourquette and Deputy Warden Diggdon be appointed as members of the Richmond County Accessibility Committee. Motion carried.

- c) Autism Month Recognition;

For information purposes.

- d) Close to Home Community Clean Up Day - April 18;

For information purposes.

- e) Strategic Planning

It was the consensus of the Committee that Staff investigate costs associated with the creation of the Strategic Plan and associated Community Sessions and that the information be forwarded to Budget Deliberations.

Correspondence – Action Required

- a) Richmond River Roots Community Garden Society re: Compost Request;

It was the consensus of the Committee that Staff and Council refer the request to a By-Law/Policy Committee meeting in order investigate the creation of Policy regarding Compost requests/donations.

- b) Mawita'nej Multicultural Festival East of the Causeway

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the request from Mawita'nej Multiculturalism Festival to use the Richmond Arena on June 27th from 9 AM to 9 PM to host an event for up to 200 attendees be forwarded to Staff for further investigation. Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued: March 2021

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Shawn Samson congratulated the owner of the Clairestone Inn, Shauna Austin, on being nominated for the RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards.

Councillor Shawn Samson re: West Arichat Cell Tower

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that further discussion take place with the Cape Breton Partnership regarding issues with the West Arichat Cell Tower. Motion carried.

15 Minute Question Period (Not Restricted to Items on the Agenda) **PHONE IN #902-226-9885**

Lisa Boudreau approached the Committee

One question was received by phone from a Richmond County Resident.

“In Camera” Session (Legal)

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:35 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that the meeting revert to “Regular Session” at 9:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:
