

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2021

Location: Council Chambers

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

Call to Order

Warden Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Shawn Samson requested and received unanimous consent to add Remembrance Day to the agenda.

Warden Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add Honorary Degree Recipients and a letter of support to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes: October 12, 2021

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Samson that the minutes of the October 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Presentations re:

- a) Eastern Counties Regional Library, Laura Emery re: Library Services

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Laura Emery and Clair Rankin to the meeting.

Ms. Emery and Mr. Rankin gave a power point presentation followed by a question and answer period.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Ms. Emery and Mr. Rankin for the presentation.

b) Cape Breton Partnership, Carla Arsenault/Omar Tag El-Din/Megan Watt re: Update

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Carla Arsenault, Omar Tag El-Din and Megan Watt to the meeting.

The group gave a power point presentation followed by a question and answer period.

Warden Mombourquette thanked the group for the presentation.

Motion to Amend the following policies:

a) **Hours of Operation** in order to include National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in the list of holidays which the Municipal Office will be closed on

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that notice be given to amend the Hours of Operation Policy in order to include National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in the list of holidays which the Municipal Office will be closed on. Motion carried.

b) **Grants Policy** as per amendments made at the November 3, 2021 By-Law/Policy Committee Meeting.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that notice be given to amend the Grants Policy as per amendments made at the November 3, 2021 By-Law/Policy Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt the Flag Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that notice be given to adopt the Flag Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Warden Mombourquette re:

a) Accessibility Advisory Committee Update

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Accessibility Advisory Committee Report be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

b) NSFAM Update

For information purposes.

CAO re: Recommendation #39 – Fire Services Report prepared by Goudreault Associates;

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff gather information from surrounding municipalities concerning fire rates in regards to the administration of a single rate model. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Grant Requests re:

- L’Ardoise Men’s Club, Type 3-C3 – Sponsorships Grant Funds (\$500);

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the grant request from L’Ardoise Men’s Club, Type 3-C3 – Sponsorships Grant Funds in the amount of \$500 be approved from the District #5 Fund. Motion carried.

- Pitu’paq Partnership Society, Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds (\$2,000);

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the grant request from Pitu’paq Partnership Society, Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$2,000 be approved. Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued: October 2021

For information purposes.

Review of Action Items from October 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

Remembrance Day

For information purposes.

Honorary Degree Recipients

Warden Mombourquette extended congratulations to Edgar Samson and Chief Leroy Denny on their receipt of Honorary Degrees received from Cape Breton University.

Strait of Canso Offshore Wind Energy Project

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter of support be provided to The Strait of Canso Working Group regarding Council's support for the Strait of Canso Offshore Wind Energy Project. Motion carried.

15 Minute Question Period (Not Restricted to Items on the Agenda)

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There were no questions.

"In Camera" Session (If Required)

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:
