

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**JANUARY 11, 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 7:09 p.m.

### **Items Added to the Agenda**

Warden Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add an item to the agenda regarding the Fire Services Steering Committee.

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

### **Review of Minutes: December 7, 2020**

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of the December 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved. Motion carried.

### **Presentations re:**

- a) Maggie MacDonald, Trevor Boudreau, Cape Breton South Recruitment for Health;

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Ms. Maggie MacDonald and Mr. Trevor Boudreau to the meeting.

Ms. MacDonald and Mr. Boudreau gave a power point presentation (attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Mombourquette thanked them for the presentation.

b) Allan Eddy, Port Hawkesbury Paper re: Update

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Mr. Allan Eddy to the meeting.

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

Warden Mombourquette thanked Mr. Eddy for the presentation.

**CAO re:**

a) Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Road Closure;

The CAO indicated that a response was received by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to the request for a Remembrance Day Ceremony road closure and the response noted that permission was unable to be granted for the purpose of reducing road noise during Remembrance Day events as this does not meet their policy on road closures.

b) Virtual versus In Person Committee of the Whole and Council Meetings

It was the consensus of the Committee that the COVID situation continue to be assessed on a go forward basis and that Staff reach out to Telile regarding the details of Live Streaming meetings in the event that meetings move to a virtual setting.

**Warden re:**

a) St. Peter's Village Commission Quarterly Meetings

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the CAO obtain a legal opinion from the Municipal Solicitor regarding quarterly meetings between Richmond Municipal Council and the St. Peter's Village Commission. Motion carried.

**Correspondence re:**

**Action Required**

a) Dr. Kingston Memorial Health Centre re: Vibrant Communities Fund Food Security Project re: Letter of Support;

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter of support be provided to the Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Board regarding the Richmond River Roots Market Garden Proposal and that the letter indicate that Council would support in the following ways:

- taking a leadership role in the establishment of a Food Security Coalition and Food Bank Alliance,
- collaboration with the County's Recreation Department on education sessions (offerings to include low/no cost options and both in-person and digital delivery), and
- designating a Councillor as a lead contact person for the proposal/project to ensure strong communications on an ongoing basis.

Motion carried.

**Review of Cheques Issued: December 2020**

For information purposes.

**Item Added to the Agenda**

Fire Services Steering Committee

It was the consensus of the Committee that Staff schedule a meeting of the Fire Services Steering Committee in order to determine how the Committee wishes to move forward.

**Question Period**

There were no questions from the gallery.

**“In Camera” Session (Contract Negotiations)**

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor S. Samson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:07 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting revert to “Regular Session” at 8:46 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK: