

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**MARCH 7, 2022**

**Location:** Videoconference

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

**Call to Order**

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

**Items Added to the Agenda**

Warden Mombourquette indicated that an item was previously added to the agenda re: Code of Conduct.

Warden Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add an “In Camera” Session regarding personnel.

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

**Review of Minutes: February 14, 2022**

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of the February 14, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Presentations re:**

**a) Arc of the Coast (Tim Menke & Gene Kersey) re: Overview**

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Tim Menke and Gene Kersey to the meeting.

Mr. Menke and Mr. Kersey provided a presentation to the Committee.

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Tim Menke and Gene Kersey for the presentation.

It was noted that the Municipal Clerk reach out to Mr. Menke and schedule a presentation for the June 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

**b) Strait Richmond Housing Matters (Celeste Gotell) re: Support**

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Celeste Gotell to the meeting.

Ms. Gotell provided a power point presentation to the Committee.

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Celeste Gotell for the presentation.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that Municipal Council support (in principle) the formation of a Regional Non-Profit Organization. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Committee that Ms. Gotell provide a dollar amount regarding a cost share agreement to fund a position.

**CAO re:**

**a) 2022 Spring Heavy Collection;**

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the recommendation of the Director of Public Works be accepted and that a tender be issued for 2022 Spring Heavy Collection following the Committee of the Whole meeting in March. Motion carried.

**Acknowledgements**

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff advertise the following:

- Richmond Recreation Outdoor Challenge winners for the month of February 2022
- Volunteer of the Month (Richmond County Recreation) - Andrée Sampson,
- Tyler Mattheis as New President & CEO of Cape Breton Partnership
- International Women's Day 2022

Motion carried.

**Warden Mombourquette re:**

**a) ACTing Collectively;**

For information purposes.

**b) Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Arichat;**

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff move forward with the Clean Foundation RFP for the Richmond Arena location. Motion carried.

**c) Richmond / Port Hawkesbury Joint Park Update**

For information purposes.

**Correspondence – Action Required**

**a) Jason Martell re: Grant Requests:**

- **Friends of St. John’s Arichat Society, Type 1-Infrastructure Grant Funds (\$5,000);**

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the grant request from Friends of St. John’s Arichat Society, Type 1-Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000 be approved with the following allocation amounts:

- District #1 - \$1250
- District #2 - \$500
- Type 4- Regional/Health/General Grant Funds - \$3250

Motion carried.

- **Little Harbour Pasture Cooperative Ltd, Type 4- Regional/Health/General Grant Funds (\$10,000);**

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that that the Committee recommend to Council that the grant request from the Little Harbour Pasture Cooperative Ltd, Type 4- Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000 be approved with the following allocation amounts:

- District #5 - \$4,000
- Type 4- Regional/Health/General Grant Funds - \$6,000

Motion carried.

- **Rocky Bay Irish Club, Type 2-Activity Grant Funds (\$500);**

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the funding request from the Rocky Bay Irish Club, Type 2-Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$500 be approved and allocated from the District #2 fund. Motion carried.

- **Village Fitness Centre Cooperative, Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds (\$10,000);**

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the grant request from the Village Fitness Centre Cooperative, Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000 be approved and allocated as follows:

- District #1 - \$500
- District #2 - \$750
- District #3 - \$2,000
- District #4 - \$1,500
- Type 4- Regional/Health/General Grant Funds - \$5250

Motion carried.

- **River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Grant Funds (\$5,000).**

This item was deferred pending additional information.

#### **Correspondence – For Information Purposes**

- a) **Eastern Counties Regional Library re: Annual Report 2020-2021;**

For information purposes.

#### **Review of Cheques Issued: February 2022**

For information purposes.

#### **Review of Action Items from February 14, 2022 (Committee of the Whole Meeting)**

For information purposes.

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

##### **Code of Conduct Policy**

Warden Mombourquette gave an overview of the Code of Conduct Policy.

#### **15 Minute Question Period (Not Restricted to Items on the Agenda) 1- (647) 374-4685**

Clair Doyle, Clair Rankin and Celeste Gotell approached Council with questions.

**“In Camera” Session (Personnel)**

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting revert back to “Regular Session” at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:

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