

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**APRIL 11, 2022**

**Location:** Council Chambers

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

**Absent:** Councillor Michael Diggdon

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Items Added to the Agenda**

Warden Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add correspondence from the Municipality of the District of Chester regarding the proposed non-resident Provincial property tax and non-resident deed transfer tax charges.

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

**Review of Minutes: March 7, 2022**

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**Presentations re:**

**a) Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health (Gina MacDonald) re: Funding Request;**

The Chair welcomed Gina MacDonald to the meeting.

Ms. MacDonald gave a power point presentation.

The Chair thanked Ms. MacDonald for the presentation.

There was a funding request from the Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health in the amount \$30,000 in 2022 with a further 3 year commitment from Council.

**b) Housing Nova Scotia (Shaun Bond & Cecil Smith) re: Home Repair Program;**

The Chair welcomed Shaun Bond and Cecil Smith to the meeting.

Mr. Bond and Mr. Smith gave a power point presentation.

The Chair thanked Mr. Bond and Mr. Smith for the presentation.

**CAO re:**

**a) Richmond County Truckers Association Fuel Price Adjustment Request;**

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Municipality adjust the rates for hauling municipal solid waste and recyclables in accordance with the Truckers Association of Nova Scotia (TANS) monthly diesel fuel price as posted on the Nova Scotia Government website. Motion carried.

**b) Submission 2022-23 Cost Shared Paving Submission List;**

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Municipality forward correspondence to Nova Scotia Public Works with a copy to Jamie Chisholm, District Director, PW Eastern, Paul Colton, Construction manager, PW Eastern and Laura Cunningham, Capital Program Administration Office, Pw Head Office, notifying them of the municipality's acceptance of the list and cost estimate for the cost shared program for the paving of Langley Lane, from Pulp Mill Road to end for a distance of .36 kilometers. Motion carried.

**c) Tax Sale re: Minimum Bid Request.**

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the minimum acceptable bid be as follows on the listed properties, which did not sell at previous tax sales, and will be listed for the June 2022 Tax Sale:

District #1 - Property #01415298; PID 75011015  
Assessed to Mary Gail Rude  
Land - 3661 Highway 206, Petit De Grat  
Minimum Bid: \$10,000

District #2 - Property #03222241; PID 75100677  
Assessed to Household Realty Corporation Limited  
Land, Cove Road, West Arichat  
Minimum Bid: \$2,000

District #1 - Property #09630309; PID 75003947  
Assessed to Gordon Edwin (Jr) Short & Shelley Esther Stewart  
Land - Highland Street, Arichat  
Minimum Bid: Principal Only

District #5 - Property #09055363; PID 75119214  
Assessed to Gary & Kathleen Pretty  
Land - St. Peter's Fourchu Road, Framboise  
Minimum Bid: Principal Only

Motion carried.

**Councillor Brent Sampson re: Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Summer Games Sponsorship**

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that, at a minimum, of \$10,000 Plamu Sponsorship be added to the draft budget for the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Summer Games being hosted by Potlotek First Nation from July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Motion carried.

**Community Acknowledgements**

For Information purposes

**Warden Mombourquette re:**

**a) Accessibility Advisory Committee Update**

The Chair welcomed Intelligent Futures via videoconference/phone and an update on the Municipality of Richmond County Accessibility Plan was provided.

**b) Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointment**

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that Esther MacDonnell be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

**Correspondence – Action Required**

**a) Cape Breton Food Hub re: Funding Request;**

It was the consensus of the Committee that the funding request from the Cape Breton Food Hub, in the amount of \$10,000, be moved to budget deliberations.

**b) Strait Richmond Community Health Board (Annette Kehoe) re: Universal Healthy School Food Program;**

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Municipality of Richmond County sign on as an endorser of the National Coalition for Healthy School Food and that correspondence be forwarded to Coalition for Healthy School Food at Food Secure Canada indicating that the Municipality of Richmond County endorses the Coalition's call for the development of a universal cost-shared healthy school food program. Motion carried.

**c) Chief Financial Officer, Jason Martell re: Grant Request**

**- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds (\$10,000).**

It was the consensus of the Committee that the grant request from the River Bourgeois Community Services Society be tabled to a future Committee of the Whole meeting for consideration.

Warden Mombourquette indicated that she would contact the River Bourgeois Community Services Society to inform them of decision to table the grant application to a later date.

**Review of Cheques Issued: March 2022**

For information purposes.

**Review of Action Items from March 7, 2022 (Committee of the Whole Meeting)**

For information purposes.

**Items Added to the Agenda**

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that a letter be written by Warden Mombourquette to the Honourable Tim Houston, with a copy to the Minister of Finance, Allan MacMaster, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, John Lohr, MLA, Trevor Boudreau and the President of the NSFM, Amanda McDougall regarding the proposed non-resident Provincial property tax and the proposed non-residential deed transfer tax announced as part of the Province's 22/23 budget indicating the Municipality of Richmond County's opposition to this initiative. Motion carried.

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

Tommy Samson approached Council with questions.

Jessica Webb approached Council with questions.

**“In Camera” Session (Personnel)**

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 9:16 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting revert back to “Regular Session” at 9:34 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:

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