

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

JUNE 13, 2022

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Shawn Samson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette,
Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, Councillor Brent Sampson
Councillor Michael Diggdon, Interim CAO, Karen Malcolm

Call to Order

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

Items Added to the Agenda

There were 2 items previously added to the agenda

- 1) Canada Day Funding 2022
- 2) Grant Request

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: May 9, 2022

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Appeal of Clean Up Order issued for Property PID 75105304

- a) Presentation Hillary Taylor

Mr. Taylor approached Council and requested an amendment to the 30 day Clean-up Order from 30 days to 90 days.

- b) Staff Presentation (Eastern District Planning Commission)

Mr. John Bain, Director of the Eastern District Planning Commission, provided a power point presentation. The recommendation of the EDPC was that the Cleanup Order issued on May 26, 2022 be upheld.

c) Discussion and Decision

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the 30 day Clean-up Order issued by the Eastern District Planning Commission regarding PID (75105304) and AAN (10494923) be amended from a 30 day to a 90 day Clean-up Order and that day one of the Order begin on the day the Order is posted. Motion carried.

Presentations re:

a) Arc of the Coast

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

Mr. Menk and Mr. Kersey provided a verbal presentation to the Committee.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Mr. Menk and Mr. Kersey for the presentation.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the CAO be requested to contact the Cape Breton Partnership to obtain links to the Ocean Farming Webinar Series for distribution to Council.

b) Destination Cape Breton re: Strategy 2022-2023

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Terry Smith and Cindy Walker to the meeting.

Mr. Smith provided a power point presentation to the Committee regarding the Destination Cape Breton Strategy 2022-23.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Mr. Smith and Ms. Walker for the presentation.

c) Arichat Community Development Association re: Update

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Rachelle Samson to the meeting.

Ms. Samson provided a verbal presentation to the Committee.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Mombourquette thanked Ms. Samson for the presentation.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the CAO be requested to discuss with Staff the possibility of Staff support for the ACDA project.

Warden Mombourquette re:

- a) Develop Nova Scotia re: Broadband Update;

For information purposes.

- b) NSFM Service Exchange Renegotiation and MGA Review (SERMGAR) Committee survey;

There was consensus that the Committee recommend to Council that the NSFM Service Exchange Renegotiation and MGA Review Committee survey be completed by Warden Mombourquette and Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson in collaboration with the remaining Councillors and Municipal Staff.

- c) Special Events By-Law;

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Special Events By-Law be referred to the By-Law/Policy Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff reach out to other municipal units regarding a Special Events By-Law and complete an analysis/comparison of data to be provided to Committee Members at a future By-Law/Policy Committee meeting. Motion carried.

- d) Provincial Housing Engagement Opportunity;

It was the consensus of the Committee that Warden Mombourquette request information from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Nova Scotia Needs Assessment and if there will be Richmond County specific data available at the conclusion of the assessment and inquire about potential engagement sessions dates for September.

There was consensus that the Committee recommend to Council that the Nova Scotia Needs Assessment public survey and other promotional content related to the Nova Scotia Needs Assessment be promoted/shared via the Richmond County Website and Richmond County Facebook page from early summer to early fall.

- e) Strategic Plan Open Houses

For information purposes

Community Acknowledgements

For information purposes.

Councillor Mike Diggdon: Look off - Babin's Hill

There was consensus that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff be requested to do an assessment/investigation regarding the potential of expanding the Babin's Hill Look-off.

Councillor Shawn Samson: Noise Control By-Law #65

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Noise By-Law be referred to the By-Law/Policy Meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Action Required

Councillor Brent Sampson declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussion at 8:34 p.m.

a) John Bain, Director EDPC re: Building Permit Fees;

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that Municipal Council in accordance with Section 49(1)(c)(ii) of the Municipal Government Act which states: “49 (1) The Council may make policies...(c) setting and amending the fees to be paid for...(ii) an inspection required or conducted pursuant to a by-law of the municipality or an enactment,” adopted the fee structure effective July 1, 2022 as attached. Motion carried.

Councillor Brent Sampson returned to the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

b) Clint Samson, Revenue Manager re: Plumb Island – Barbara Malcolm;

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Municipality proceed as in 2005 and that PID (75034520), owned by the Municipality of the County of Richmond (1/3) and Barbara Malcolm (2/3), consisting of half of the total island, be listed for sale as one lot with Barbara Malcolm and ensure all the details of the sale, including a purchase and sale agreement, are acceptable to the Municipality. Motion carried.

c) Margaret Herdman re: Request for funding for panels (Main Street Project);

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the request from Marg Herdman for funding for four lighthouses and one governance panel at a cost of approximately \$3,000 each be investigated by Staff in collaboration with MLA Trevor Boudreau regarding funding opportunities which could potentially be available to aid with the project. Motion carried.

d) Potlotek First Nation re: Request to Access Richmond County Services;

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff investigate the request from Potlotek First Nation to access Richmond County's garbage and recycling services. Motion carried.

e) Clint Samson, Revenue Manager re: Property Damaged by Fire (AAN 01720872);

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that taxes be written off in the amount of \$356.94 on property AAN 01720872, located at 47 South Side, Petit de Grat, NS, owned by Lillian Gionet, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from May 6, 2022 to March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

f) Richmond County Trucking Association re: Request for Retroactive Hauling Rates;

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the fuel price adjustments based on the Truckers Association of Nova Scotia's monthly diesel fuel price be retroactive to April 1, 2022. Motion carried.

g) Jason Martell, CFO re: Grant Requests

- **Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors Club, Type 1- Infrastructure Grant Funds (\$5,000);**

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the request from the Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors Club, Type 1-Infrastructure Grant fund in the amount of \$5,000 be approved and allocated as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson declared a conflict of interest and removed herself from discussion at 9:05 p.m.

- **St. Joseph Parish, Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds (\$10,000);**

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the request from St. Joseph Parish for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 be allocated and approved from District #1- \$1,500 and District #2 - \$1,500 for a total of \$3,000. Motion carried.

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

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

Items Added to the Agenda

Development Isle Madame Association, Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds – (\$3,500)

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the request from Development Isle Madame Association for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$3,500 be approved for a total of \$1,500 and allocated as follows: District #1 \$750 and District #2 \$750. Motion carried.

Canada Day 2022 Funding Application (received late) – Johnston’s Harbour Wharf Association (\$450)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Canada Day 2022 Funding request received from Johnston’s Harbour Wharf Association in the amount of \$450 be approved. Motion carried.

Correspondence – For Information Purposes

- a) Nova Scotia Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: Information Bulletin re: Statement of Provincial Interest Regarding Housing and Small Option Homes;

For information purposes.

Review of Cheques Issued: April 2022

For information purposes

Review of Action Items from April 11, 2022 (Committee of the Whole Meeting)

For information purposes.

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

Germaine MacDonald approached the Committee.

Buddy MacDonald approached the Committee.

“In Camera” Session (Personnel)

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 9:51 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the meeting revert back to “Regular Session” at 10:06 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m. Motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON:

CLERK:
