

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon,
Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette,
Councillor Brent Sampson, Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative
Officer, Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Shannon Mury,
Recreation Manager, Jason Martell, Chief Financial Officer

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Warden Amanda Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add the following items:

- Offshore Winds, re: Update
- The Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment (OHPR), re: Community Fund

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

Motion carried.

Review of Minute: October 11, 2022, Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Presentations:

- a) Carol Jamieson and Max Chauvin of Upland presented the Richmond Active Living Strategy and Recreation Plan, virtually.

Notice be Given:

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Notice be Given to adopt the Travel and Expense Policy as amended in order to maintain an orderly system for the administration and control of Council and employee travel and expense. This policy provides uniform standards and procedures respecting Council and employee travel and expense claims.

Motion carried.

Notice be Given:

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Notice be Given to adopt the Awards of Recognition Policy as amended in order to provide recognition of employee loyalty and dependability over a period of years, and also to recognize excellence in service delivery and high-quality work performed by our employees. This policy ensures that loyalty, dedication, achievement, and high-quality work of employees are appropriately recognized.

Motion carried.

Warden Mombourquette re:

a) Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointment

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the following applicant to be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee for the Municipality of the County of Richmond, Chantal Boudreau.

Motion carried.

b) Oban Road Washouts

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council have Warden Mombourquette draft a letter of concern to the Minister of Public Works regarding the Oban road washouts and FURTHER MOVE that a request be made for a time line on the scheduled repairs.

Motion carried.

Director of Public Works re:

a) Briefing Note: Babins Hill Lookoff

The Committee agreed to have staff explore pricing for the volume of fill and related expenses that may be required for the potential expansion of the Babins Hill Lookoff and report back to Council at a future meeting.

Community Acknowledgements

For information purposes.

Correspondence - Action Required

a) Jason Martell, CFO re:

- i. Grant Request, Administration Portuaire de Petit de Grat, Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds (\$10,000)

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council defer the Administration Portuaire de Petit de Grat, Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Fund request in the amount of \$10,000.00 to the next Regular Council meeting and FURTHER MOVE that Staff explore funding opportunities related to the project with the Canada Community Building Fund and report back to Council.

Motion carried.

- ii. Grant Request, Village on the Canal Association, Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds (\$1,000)

Warden Mombourquette declared a conflict of interest regarding the Village on the Canal Association, Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant request and left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

At 7:45 p.m. Deputy Warden Brent Sampson resumed the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council approve the Village on the Canal Association, Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant request in the amount of \$1,000.00 and allocate as follows: \$200.00 from each District Fund.

Motion carried.

Warden Mombourquette returned at 7:49 p.m. and resumed the meeting.

b) Murdock MacPherson, Rodney Chaisson, Highland Village Museum, re: Request for Financial Support

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council refer the request for financial support from Murdock MacPherson and Rodney Chaisson of Highland Village Museum to budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

- c) Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC), re: Virtual Assessment 101 Sessions

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council have staff contact the Property Valuation Services Corporation to inquire if the Virtual Assessment 101 Session can be made available for an evening session, as a group, and report back to Council at a future meeting.

Motion carried.

- d) Amanda Fernandez, Inclusify re: Workshop on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

The Committee unanimously agreed to table this agenda item.

Correspondence - For Information Purposes

- a) Eastern District Planning Commission, re: Letter to Minister Halman regarding the Coastal Protection Act

For information purposes.

- b) Environment and Climate Change, re: Letter from EDPC regarding the Coastal Protection Act

For information purposes.

Unfinished Business:

- a) Terry Smith, Destination Cape Breton re: Request for Support – Provincial Amendments to Marketing Levies

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council have Warden Mombourquette draft a letter to the Province in support of the following amendments to the Marketing Levy legislation proposed by Destination Cape Breton: a) That the new legislation state that the levy will apply to ALL fixed-roof accommodations, as defined in the Tourism Accommodation Registration Act (which includes Airbnb and VRBO), regardless of the number of rooms, b) That the language for usage of the funds be changed to "Funds collected will be used exclusively on activities and programs that directly support the development of the tourism industry and the marketing of destinations from which they were generated, c) That there is a seamless process to replace the current Cape Breton Island Marketing Levy Act with the new legislation, and FURTHER MOVE that the letter encourage all Cape Breton Municipal units to participate.

Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued re:

a) October 2022

For information purposes.

Review of Action Items

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

a) Offshore Winds, re: Update

For information purposes.

b) The Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment (OHPR), re: Community Fund

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council have staff reach out to the Program Director at Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health to offer support in the application process.
Motion carried.

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

There were no questions.

“In Camera” Session

There was no “In Camera” session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON:
