

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2023

- Location:** Council Chambers
- Present:** Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon, Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, Councillor Melanie Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette,
- Staff:** Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Shannon Mury, Recreation Manager, Jason Martell, Chief Financial Officer, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk
- Other, Virtual:** ACTing Collectively, Dalhousie Research Team: Dr. Grace Warner, Co-Principal Investigator, Dr. Tanya Packer, Co Principal Investigator, Bryah Boutilier, Research Assistant, Brianna Wolfe, Research Coordinator, Celeste Gotell, Local Project Coordinator

Call to Order

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

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

- Item Added to Agenda Memo, Re: Strait Richmond Community Health Board, Community Wellness Fund Celebration

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

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes, January 9, 2023, Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the minutes of January 9, 2023 Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion carried.

Presentation (Virtual), Re: ACTing Collectively Project

Dr. Grace Warner, Dr. Tanya Packer, Bryah Boutilier, Brianna Wolfe and Celeste Gotell presented a PowerPoint presentation on the ACTing Collectively project.

Councillor Shawn Samson, Re: Provincial Snow Clearing

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that staff request a meeting of Council and Department of Public Works in our region to discuss concerns regarding provincial snow clearing and FURTHER MOVE that the Warden draft a letter listing our concerns to the Minister of Transportation.

Motion carried.

Warden, Re:

- a) Review of Warden's Council Report

For information purposes.

- b) EMO Communications

For Information purposes.

- c) Province's Introduction of Bill 225

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Warden draft a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledging that we are confident Bill 225 was passed with positive intentions to address the housing crisis, but that Council has concerns about the process and requests that the Province consider repealing the Bill which grants Ministerial authority to override lawfully established by-laws of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Motion carried with 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

- d) Upcoming ATV Rallies

For information purposes.

- e) Accessibility Advisory Committee, Re: AccessAbility Week

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the request for funds to support activities in recognition of AccessAbility Week from May 29th – June 4th, 2023 be deferred to budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

CAO, Re: Operational Activities Report

For information purposes.

Community Acknowledgements

For information purposes.

Correspondence – Action Required

- a) Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Administration Portuaire de Petit De Grat for Infrastructure Grant Funds request in the amount of \$15,000.

Councillor Melanie Sampson declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Administration Portuaire de Petit De Grat Grant Request in the amount of \$15,000 to install water and sewer connections be approved as eligible projects and allocated under the drinking water/wastewater categories respectively from the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF), and taken from the \$50,000 tagged under waterfront developments as approved on our 5 year capital investment plan for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Motion carried.

Councillor Melanie Samspon returned to the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

- b) Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Bonnie Brae Seniors Club for Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Grant Funds request in the amount of \$1,689.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Micheal Diggdon that the Bonnie Brae Seniors Club Grant request be in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 to purchase and install an automated external defibrillator (AED) be approved and allocated as follows:

District 1:	\$150.00
District 2:	\$150.00
District 4:	\$337.78
Regional Fund:	\$362.22

Motion carried.

Correspondence – For Information Only

- a) St. Martha’s Regional Hospital Foundation, Re: Donation
For information purposes.
- b) Eastern Counties Regional Library, Re: Announcing Board Chair
For information purposes.
- c) Eastern Counties Regional Library, Re: Cheticamp Public Library Service Update
For information purposes.

Review of Cheques Issued re: January 2023

For information purposes.

Review of Action Items

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

- a) Strait Richmond Community Health Board, Community Wellness Fund Celebration
For information purposes.

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

There were no questions.

“In Camera” Session ((a) *Contract Negotiations*, (b) *Personnel*)

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “In-Camera” Session at 8:37 p.m.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 9:29 p.m.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON:
