

Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 8, 2023

- Location:** Council Chambers
- Present:** Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon, Councillor Melanie Sampson, Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette,
- Staff:** Jason Martell, Chief Financial Officer, Shannon Mury, Recreation Manager, Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk
- Other:** Max Chauvin, Upland Consultant, Karen MacTavish Upland Consultant, Juanita Mombourquette, Board Chair, Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Sherry Sampson, Managing Director, Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre
- Regrets:** Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works

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:

- **Items Added Memo - Correspondence A/R # 9 (e)**
Jason Martell, Chief Financial Officer, Re: Grant request from the Richmond Wildlife Association for the Type 3 – C1 Physical Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$172.50.
- **Items Added Memo - Correspondence A/R # 9 (f)**
Jason Martell, Chief Financial Officer, Re: Grant request from the Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors & Pensioners Club for the Type 3 – C3 Sponsorship Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.

Councillor Shawn Samson requested and received unanimous consent to add the following item:

- Sidewalk Project - **Item Added to Agenda #12 (a)**

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the agenda be approved with the added items.

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes, April 11, 2023, Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the minutes of April 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion carried.

Presentations

Max Chauvin and Karen MacTavish presented a power point presentation on the Richmond Active Living Strategy and Recreation Plan.

Juanita Mombourquette presented a power point presentation on the Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre Funding Support.

New Business

a) Mawio'mi Friendship Gala Sponsorship Opportunities

The committee unanimously agreed to participate at the \$600.00 Friends of Mawio'mi sponsorship level.

b) Motion required to raise Accessibility Flag for National Accessibility Week, May 28-June 3rd.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council to have staff raise the Accessibility Flag for National Accessibility Awareness week, from May 29th – June 3rd.

Motion carried

Warden , Re:

a) Wind Europe Update

For information purposes.

b) Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Conference Update

For information purposes.

Review of Warden's Council Report

For information purposes.



Community Acknowledgements

For information purposes.

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Clint Samson, Revenue Manager, Re: Tax Sale Properties, July 14, 2023, Minimum Bids

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Revenue Manager and CFO and that Council authorize the Revenue Manager and CFO to sell property numbers 00366722, 10534461, and 10534471 for a minimum acceptable bid of principal only and if these properties do not sell for the minimum acceptable bid, to sell these properties for half the principal only amount, and if these properties do not sell for half the principal only amount, to proceed and sell these properties for any bid.

Motion carried with four in favor and one opposed.

b) Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Grant Request from the River Bourgeois Mariner Society for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the Amount of \$1,500.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council to defer the grant request from the River Bourgeois Mariner Society for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the Amount of \$1500 to the June Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried.

c) Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Grant Request from the Cape Breton Fiddlers Association for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$2,000.

The Committee unanimously agreed to defer the Cape Breton Fiddlers Association grant request to the June Committee of the Whole meeting and to have staff reach out to the proponent to gather information regarding what events are taking place in Richmond County.

d) Glenda Kipp, Victorian Order of Nurses – Richmond, Re: VON Week

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council to support the request from VON to celebrate VON Week by using blue lights on the Municipal Office building, proclaim VON week from May 21-27, 2023 and further make every effort to recognize VON week on the Municipal Website and local media.

Motion carried.

- e) **Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Grant request from the Richmond Wildlife Association for the Type 3 – C1 Physical Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$172.50.**

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council to approve the grant request from the Richmond Wildlife Association for the Type 3 – C1 Physical Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$172.50 and be allocated at follows: \$ 172.50 from the District 2 funds.

Motion carried.

- f) **Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Grant request from the Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors & Pensioners Club for the Type 3 – C3 Sponsorship Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.**

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council to approve the grant request from the Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors & Pensioners Club for the Type 3 – C3 Sponsorship Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.00 and be allocated at follows: \$500.00 from the Regional General funds.

Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued re: March 2023

For information purposes.

Review of Action Items

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

a) Sidewalk Project

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to Council to defer the Arichat Pedestrian Sidewalk Project to budget deliberations.

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

Lisa Boudreau and Germaine MacDonald presented questions to Council.

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to Council to draft a letter with input from the Save Pondville Beach Provincial Park Group to the MLA and the Minister to address the infrastructure needs of the Pondville Beach Provincial Park.



“In Camera” Session (*Only if required and items for discussion will be listed.*)

n/a.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson