



## Committee of the Whole Meeting

October 10, 2023

**Location:** Council Chambers

**Present:** Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon, Councillor Melanie Sampson, Deputy Warden Brent Sampson

**Staff:** Jason Martell, Chief Financial Officer, Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Shannon Mury, Recreation & Community Relations Manager, Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

**Other:** Dr. Tanya Packer, Bryah Boutilier, Brianna Wolf and Celeste Gotell of the Acting Collectively Project (Virtual), Marie Burkey of the Adult Drop In Centre

### **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

### **Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)**

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

- Wastewater Management District Funds, Item #12 (a)

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

- Deer Population, Item # 12 (b)

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

Motion carried.

### **Review of Minutes, September 11, 2023, Committee of the Whole**

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

Motion carried.



### **Presentations**

- a) Dr. Tanya Packer, Bryah Boutilier, Brianna Wolf, and Celeste Gotell presented the Acting Collectively Project Progress presentation.

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to Council to provide the Acting Collectively project team direction on what the best options are for presenting the Richmond County project findings.  
Motion carried.

- b) Marie Burkey presented the Adult Drop-In Centre presentation.

Warden Amanda Mombourquette and Deputy Warden Brent Sampson presented Maire Burkey with a funding contribution for the Adult Drop-In Centre.

### **New Business: Zone 3 Curbside Collection Tender**

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Council Shawn Samson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to authorize staff to proceed with award of the Zone 3 curbside tender to the lowest priced bidder.

Motion carried with three (3) in favor and two (2) opposed.

### **Warden, Re:**

- a) Review of Warden's Council Report  
For information only.
- b) St. Peter's Community Culture and Heritage Green Space  
For information only.

### **Deputy Warden, Re:**

- a) New Rules for Off-Highway Vehicles in Effect  
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have staff begin looking into the next steps for the Municipality to develop a plan of action and FURTHER MOVE that staff reach out to the ATV Association of Nova Scotia, and place the New Rules for Off-Highway Vehicles on the agenda for discussion at the next Police Advisory Board.  
Motion carried.
- b) Bell Canada Invitation to Appear before Council  
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have staff invite a Bell Aliant representative to appear before Council at a future date to



discuss the lack of coverage throughout many areas of the county.  
Motion carried.

### **CAO, Re: Administration Operations Report**

For information purposes.

### **Community Acknowledgements**

For information purposes.

### **Correspondence – Action Required: n/a**

### **Correspondence – For Information Only**

- a) 2021-22 DRAFT Financial Condition Indicators (FCIs), Department of Municipal Affairs  
For information purposes.

### **Unfinished Business**

- a) CEPI, Two Eyed Seeing Conference Sponsorship Opportunities  
Information only
- b) Governance Boundary Review, Re: Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board Order  
The Committee of the Whole, by consensus, agreed to recommend to Council that the Warden draft a press release regarding the Nova Scotia Utility Review Board Order, confirming the number of Councillors and polling districts.

### **Review of Cheques Issued, Re: September 2023**

For information purposes.

### **Review of Action Items**

For information purposes.

### **Items Added to the Agenda**

- a) Wastewater Management District Funds  
The Committee of the Whole, by consensus, agreed to recommend to Council to have staff explore the feasibility and sustainability of perusing the Wastewater Management District funding program and report back to council.



b) Deer Population

The Committee of the Whole, by consensus, agreed to recommend to Council that staff contact the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables to inquire about what programs are in place to manage the deer population in Richmond County and report back to council.

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

There were no questions

**“In Camera” Session: Personnel**

Moved Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “In-Camera” session at 8:40 p.m.  
Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 9:22 p.m.  
Motion carried.

**Recommendations from “In Camera” Session**

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to adjust the organizational chart as presented including the position classifications.  
Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

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Municipal Clerk

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Chairperson