

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

MARCH 13, 2023

- Location:** Council Chambers
- Present:** Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggon, Deputy Warden Brent 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:** Gina MacDonald, Program Director, Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health, Terry Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Destination Cape Breton
- Regrets:** Councillor Melanie Sampson

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

There were no items added to the agenda.

Review of Minutes, February 21, 2023, Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggon that the minutes of February 21, 2023 Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion carried.

Presentations

Gina MacDonald presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health – Outlook 2023.

Terry Smith presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Destination Cape Breton 2023-2024 Strategy.

Warden, Re: Strait Richmond Housing Matters Coalition

For information purposes.

Review of Warden's Council Report

For information purposes.

Community Acknowledgements

For information purposes.

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Eastern District Planning Commission, Re: Appointments of District Planning Staff
Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the committee recommend to Council to approve the following EDPC Commission staff appointments and the positions for 2023-2024, effective April 2023 as follows:

Building Inspectors: Harry Martell, André Samson and Sean Donovan

Alternates: David MacKenzie, Johnathan Martin and Luke Ross

Special Constable: Sean Donovan and Johnathan Martin

Development Officer: Andrew Jones

Alternates: John Bain; Wanda Ryan; Dawn Sutherland; Kristen Knudskov and Mikayla Tait

Fire Inspectors: Harry Martell and André Samson

Alternates: Sean Donovan, David MacKenzie, Jonathan Martin and Luke Ross

Dangerous or Unsightly Premises

Administrators: Jonathan Martin and John Bain

Alternates: Luke Ross, Harry Martell and André Samson

Special Constable: Sean Donovan and Jonathan Martin

Motion carried.

b) Cape Breton Fiddlers Association, Re: Proposal for Richmond County

It was the consensus of the committee to have staff contact the proponent and provide the application for grant funding.

c) Natalie Stevens, Re: Autism Acceptance Month Flag Raising

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council to have staff organize the Autism Acceptance Month flag raising and proclamation ceremony on April 3rd, 2023, and FURTHER MOVE that staff advertise an invitation to residents in local media.

Motion carried.

d) The Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia, Re: Gaelic NS Month

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council to have staff organize the Gaelic Nova Scotia Month flag

raising and proclamation ceremony for a date in May and FURTHER MOVE that staff advertise an invitation to residents in local media.

Motion carried.

e) Jordon Thomey, Re: Purple Day – March 26, 2023

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the proclamation be accepted to proclaim that March 26, 2023 be “Purple Day”, in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in Canada. The proclamation is as follows:

Whereas Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world, and

Whereas epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect over 50 million people worldwide and 42 people in Canada are diagnosed every day, and

Whereas one in ten persons will have at least one seizure during his or her lifetime, and

Whereas the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid, and

Whereas Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally.

Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim March 26, 2023, “Purple Day”, in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in Canada.

Motion carried.

f) Jason Martell, Re: Grant Request-Raising the Villages Cooperative Ltd. for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Raising the Villages Cooperative Ltd. grant request be approved in the amount of \$ 3,000 for the purpose of supporting the costs of communications and network development, and allocated as follows: \$150 from District 1, \$350 from District 2, \$1,000 from District 5 and \$ 1,500 from the Type 4 General Fund.

Motion carried.

Correspondence – For Information Only

a) Glenn Horne, Re: Cellular Connectivity

b) Andrea Donovan, Re: 3rd Annual Nova Scotia Alcohol Forum: Policy Solutions Across the Lifespan.

Review of Cheques Issued re: February 2023

For information purposes.

Review of Action Items

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

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

Delores Callahan and Germaine MacDonald presented questions to Council.

“In Camera” Session ((a) *Contract Negotiations*)

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting move to an “In-Camera” session at 8:38 p.m.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 9:01 p.m.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

CHAIRPERSON