



Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 9th, 2024

Location: Council Chambers

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

Staff: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Shannon Mury, Director of Community Development and Recreation, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk,

Regrets: Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

“In Camera” Session, Richmond Room: Land/Legal

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the meeting move to an “In-Camera” session at 5:31 p.m.
Motion carried.

Warden Amanda Mombourquette declared a conflict of interest and removed herself from the in camera session at 5:45 p.m.

Deputy Warden Shawn Samson resumed the meeting and assumed the role of Chair.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 5:56 p.m. and FURTHER MOVE that the Committee will break for recess from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
Motion carried.

Reconvene Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council Chambers

The Warden reconvened the regular session at 7:02 p.m.



Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the agenda be approved.
Motion carried.

Review of Minutes, June 10th, 2024, Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the minutes of June 10th, 2024, Committee of the Whole be approved.
Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) Rachelle Samson, Economic Development Officer, Re: Information and Activity Report, Cape Breton Regional Enterprise Network (CBREN), Richmond County and Port Hawkesbury

Rachelle Samson presented the Information and Activity Report, CBREN - Richmond County and Port Hawkesbury first quarter report (April – June 2024)

- b) Joshua Dubois, Investigator, Public Safety & Security, Nova Scotia Department of Justice, Re: Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods

Joshua Dubois presented the Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods presentation.

Warden, Re:

- a) Review of Warden's Council Report
For information only.

CAO, Re:

- a) Administration Operations Report
For information only.

Community Acknowledgements

For information purposes.



Correspondence

a) Action Required

- i. Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance, Re: Grant Request from Lisa Dewolf for the Type 3 – Recreation/Sponsorship Grant Funds for Instructor/Facilitator Development in the amount of \$447.50

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council approve the grant request from Lisa Dewolf for the Type 3 – Recreation/Sponsorship Grant Funds for Instructor/Facilitator Development in the amount of \$447.50, to be allocated from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.

- ii. Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance, Re: Grant Request from the Paroisse Saint Joesph Parish for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000

The Committee of the Whole unanimously agreed to defer the grant request from the Paroisse Saint Joesph Parish for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000 to the next meeting of Council.

- iii. Julie Young, Investigator, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia, Re: Right to Know Week Proclamation Request

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to proclaim September 23-29th 2024 as Right to Know Week in the County of Richmond.

Motion carried.

- iv. Senior Take Action Coalition, Re: Seniors Climate Day Proclamation Request

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to proclaim October 1, 2024, as Seniors for Climate Day in the County of Richmond.

Motion carried.



Councillor Diggdon declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the meeting at 8:04 pm.

- v. Amy Wagg, Re: Request for English-Gaelic Boundary Signage and Installation

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that staff collaborate with the Minister of Gaelic Affairs and the Minister of Public Works to install the new signs as requested when the Provincial budget permits.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Michael Diggdon returned to the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

- vi. Clint Samson, Revenue Manager, Re: Property Damaged by Fire - AAN 02913135 – Donald Frost

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to write off the taxes for property AAN 02913135 owned by Donald Frost, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$205.87, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from December 16, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

Motion carried.

- vii. Clint Samson, Revenue Manager, Re: Property Damaged by Fire - AAN 04126068 – James White

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to write off the taxes for property AAN 04126068 owned by James White, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$61.85, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from December 24, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

Motion carried.

- viii. Clint Samson, Revenue Manager, Re: Property Damaged by Fire - AAN 06373917 – Colton Gillis & Keisha Morrison

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to write off the taxes for property AAN 06373917 owned by Colton Gillis & Keisha Morrison, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$463.04, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from October 31, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

Motion carried



b) For Information Only

- i. Eastern District Planning Commission, 2023-24 Annual Report and Financial Statements
- ii. Dennis Daley, Assistant Commissioner, Commanding Officer, Nova Scotia RCMP, Re: 2023 Annual Review
- iii. Dennis Daley, Assistant Commissioner, Commanding Officer, Nova Scotia RCMP, Re: Apology to African Nova Scotians
- iv. Honourable John A. Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Re: Coordination on Emergency Alert System
- v. Honourable John A. Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Re: Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)
- vi. Municipality of the County of Richmond, Re: Letter of Appreciation to Maire de Saint-Georges-des-Grosseillers
- vii. Joseph Feeney, PVSC Board Chair, Property Valuations Services Corporation, Re: Board Appointment of New CEO
- viii. Municipality of the County of Richmond, Re: Statement of Congratulations - Isle Madame Community Spirit Award
 - i. Municipality of the County of Richmond, Re: Letter of support for Strait Area Chamber of Commerce application to Nova Scotia's Community Housing Growth Fund
 - ii. Municipality of the County of Richmond, Re: Letter of support for the St. Peter's Community Hub.

Unfinished Business

- a) Seniors Take Action Coalition grant request for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$9,400

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Seniors Take Action Coalition grant request for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 6,400.00, to be allocated as follows: \$480.00 from each District Fund and \$4000.00 from the Regional Fund, and FURTHERMOVE that staff explore options for in-kind contributions, such as photocopying and others as deemed appropriate and within MOCR policy.

Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued Re:

- a) June 2024 (Information only)
- b) July 2024 (Information only)
- c) August 2024 (Information only)



Review of Action Items

a) Action Items (Information only)

Action item 192 – Joint Council Meeting with the Town of Port Hawkesbury to discuss shared municipal files.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously agreed to rescind the motion made on May 27, 2024, regarding the joint meeting to discuss shared municipal files with the Town of Port Hawkesbury, with the rescinding motion to be presented at the next meeting of the Council.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885

Janine Lacroix approached Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Recorder

Chairperson