



Committee of the Whole Meeting

November 12, 2024

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Warden Lois Landry, Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Shawn Samson

Staff: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance, Shannon Mury, Director of Community Development and Recreation, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

Call to Order

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Acknowledgement

The Warden started the meeting with the following acknowledgment:
We are proud to acknowledge that we are gathered today on Unama'ki (OOH-NAH-MAH-GEE), the Land of Fog, a part of Mi'kma'ki (MIG-MAH-GEE), the unceded traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people since time immemorial. We honour and thank the Mi'kmaq for sharing their land and home with us.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Councillor Brian Marchand requested and received unanimous consent to add the following to the agenda:

- Contact Information

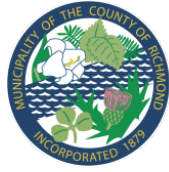
Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Brian Marchand, that the agenda be approved with the addition.

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes, September 9, 2024, Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of September 9, 2024, Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion carried.



Presentations

- a) Clair Rankin, Returning Officer, Re: Returning Officers Election Report
Clair Rankin presented the Returning Officers Election Report.

Moved by Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the Strategic Communications Plan to the By-law/Policy Committee for the purpose of incorporating communications related to the Municipal Election.
Motion carried.

- b) Barry Braun, Happy Community Project, Re: Good Neighbour Project
Barry Bruan presented the Good Neighbour Project presentation.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the Good Neighbour Project proposal to staff for further investigation.
Motion carried.

Warden, Re:

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

- b) Members of Council ABCC Appointments

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Committee Matrix as presented with the following changes:

- Add Deputy Warden Brent Sampson to the Allan J. MacEachern Regional Airport Management Committee as the Alternate
- Remove Councillor Brian Marchand from the Municipal Emergency Management Advisory Committee and add Warden Lois Landry
- Remove Councillor Brian Marchand from the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee and add Warden Lois Landry
- Remove Councillor Brian Marchand from the Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Park Commission and add Deputy Warden Brent Sampson
- Remove Councillor Brian Marchand from the Strait Area Transit and add Councillor Shawn Samson.
- Remove Councillor Brian Marchand from the Strait Richmond Housing Matters Coalition and add Councillor Amanda Mombourquette



- Remove Other Staff from the Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI Steering Committee and add the CAO
- Remove Director of Public Works from the Strait Richmond Housing Matters Coalition and add the CAO

Motion carried.

c) Low Income Tax Exemption Program Policy

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to extend the deadline for applications to the Low Income Tax Exemption Program Policy to February 28, 2025, for this year only.

Motion carried.

CAO, Re:

- a) Administration Operations Report
For information only.

Community Acknowledgements

For information purposes.

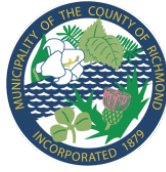
Correspondence

a) **Action Required**

- i. Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance, Re: Royal Canadian Legion Br. 150 grant request for the Type 1, Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the grant request from the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 150 for the Type 1 Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000, pending the submission of their balance sheet; and FURTHER MOVE that the funds be allocated as follows: \$1,000 from District 1 Funds, \$1,000 from District 2 Funds, and \$3,000 from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.



- ii. Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance, Re: Acadiaville Community Centre Society grant request for the Type 2 Start-up Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the grant request from the Acadiaville Community Centre Society for the Type 2 Start-up Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$500 and be allocated from the District 2 Funds.

Motion carried.

- i. Judy Giovannetti, Isle Royale ATV Club, Re: Request for a Letter of Support

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have the Warden prepare a non-monetary letter of support for the Isle Royale ATV Club regarding the Capelin Cove Wilderness Area as outlined in the request.

Motion carried.

- ii. Dorothy Barnard, Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Re: Request for letters of Support.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have the Warden prepare letters of support for the Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre for their application to the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia Visions Fund Grant and the Age-Friendly Communities Grant Program as outlined in the request.

Motion carried.

b) For Information Only

- i. Richmond County Municipal Council, Re: Letter of Support for Containerized H2 Demonstration Project
- ii. Richmond County Municipal Council, Re: Statement of Acknowledgement, CCA Week
- iii. Eastern Counties Regional Library, Media Release: Community
- iv. Engagement for ECRL Strategic Planning
- v. Cape Breton Partnership, Re: Offshore Wind Community Information Sessions Dates



- vi. Municipality of the County of Richmond Advertisement for Memberships to ABCCs
- vii. Nova Scotia Public Works Highway Program, Re: Gaelic Boundary Signs in Richmond County
- viii. 2024 NSFM Nominations Committee Report

Review of Cheques Issued Re:

- a) September 2024 (Information only)
- b) October 2024 (Information only)

Review of Action Items

- a) Action Items (Information only)

Items Added to the Agenda

- a) Contact Information

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have staff investigate the use of generic email addresses and landline phone numbers for members of Council.

Motion carried.

15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885

Robbie Fougere addressed Council via telephone.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Recorder

Chairperson