



## **Committee of the Whole Meeting**

**December 2, 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, Shannon Mury, Director of Community Development and Recreation, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

**Regrets:** Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance

### **Call to Order**

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **“In Camera” Session, Richmond Room: Personnel**

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand that the meeting move to an “In Camera” session at 5:03 p.m.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 5:25 p.m. and FURTHER MOVE that the Committee 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 7:01 p.m.



### **Opening Acknowledgement**

The Warden read 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)**

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

### **Recommendation from In Camera**

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to appoint Dorothy Booher to the IDEA Committee for a 5-year term, Robbin Cotton and Robert Wambolt to the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee, both for 5-year terms, Stacey Morrison to the RCMP Advisory Board for a 5-year term, and Cindy Walker to the Destination Cape Breton Association Board for a 3-year term; and FURTHERMOVE that Council direct staff to advertise any remaining vacancies to ABCCs.

Motion carried.

### **Review of Minutes, November 12, 2024, Committee of the Whole**

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of November 12, 2024, Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion carried.

### **Presentations**

- a) Rachele Samson, Re: Cape Breton Regional Enterprise Network (CBREN) Information and Activity Report, Q2 July – September



Rachelle Samson, Economic Development Officer for Richmond County and the Town of Port Hawkesbury, presented the Cape Breton Regional Enterprise Network (CBREN) Information and Activity Report for Q2 (July – September).

**Warden, Re:**

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

**Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, Re:**

- b) Housing Coalition Update  
For information only.

**CAO, Re:**

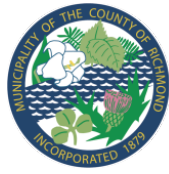
- a) Administration Operations Report  
For information only.
- b) Designation of Destination Cape Breton to Administer the Cape Breton Island Marketing Levy

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to designate Destination Cape Breton as the administrator of the Marketing Levy for Richmond County.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that Council direct staff to request the financials for the past four years from the Destination Cape Breton Association

Motion carried.



Warden Lois Landry removed herself as presiding officer at 8:06 p.m. to participate in the debate on the agenda item, 'Deer Population,' and requested that Deputy Warden Brent Sampson assume the role of presiding officer.

Deputy Warden Brent Sampson assumed the role of chair at 8:07 p.m.

c) Deer Population, Re: Update

Moved by Warden Lois Landry, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have staff proceed with a request for quotes for the above-noted work.

Motion carried.

The Warden resumed chair at 8:26 p.m.

d) Approved Fire Equipment Reallocation – 2024/25 Budget

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to accept the Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) Equipment Funding Memo.

Motion carried.

### **Community Acknowledgements**

For information purposes.

### **Correspondence**

a) **Action Required**

- i. Clint Samson, Revenue Manager, Re: Property Damaged by Fire – AAN 04127455 – Rodney Samson

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to write off the taxes for property AAN 04127455 owned by Rodney Samson, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$400.69, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from August 7, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

Motion carried.



- ii. Nicole Latimer, Solid Waste Educator/Coordinator, Municipality of the County of Inverness, Re: Invitation to Join the Rural Region 1 Solid Waste Committee

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have the Director of Public Works and one member of Council, pending selection, attend the Rural Region 1 Solid Waste Committee meetings.  
Motion carried.

b) **For Information Only**

- i. 2023-24 Nova Scotia Community College Community Report
- ii. Huguette Labelle, Chair, Independent Advisory Board for Senate Appointments, Re: Senate Appointments Cycle

**Review of Cheques Issued Re:**

Due to the change in meeting dates, November cheques will be reviewed at the next Committee of the Whole.

**Review of Action Items**

- a) Action Items  
For information only.

**15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885**

No questions were presented to the Committee of the Whole.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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Municipal Clerk

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Chairperson