



## Committee of the Whole Meeting January 14, 2025

**Location:** Council Chambers

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

**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

**Regrets:** Councillor Shawn Samson

### **Call to Order**

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” session at 5:33 p.m.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 5:58 p.m. and FURTHER MOVE that the Committee break for recess.

Motion carried.

### **Reconvene Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council Chambers**

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole come out of recess.

Motion carried



The Warden reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

### **Opening Acknowledgement**

The Warden read the following acknowledgment:

We are proud to acknowledge that we are gathered today on Unama'ki , the Land of Fog, a part of Mi'kma'ki, 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 Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

### **Review of Minutes, December 2, 2024, Committee of the Whole**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette that the minutes of December 2, 2024, Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion carried.

### **Presentations**

- a) Phil Nash, Project Engineer, Waterford Energies Services Inc (WESI), Blair MacDougall, WESI, Martin Thomsen, Manager of Energy Sector Development Municipality of the County of Richmond / Town of Port Hawkesbury, Re: Strait of Canso Sustainable Infrastructure Strategy  
Martin Thomsen, and Phil Nash (virtually), presented the Strait of Canso Sustainable Infrastructure Strategy presentation.
- b) Stan Johnson and Ron Newcombe, The Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (CEPI), Re: Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI & Pitu'paq  
Stan Johnson and Ron Newcombe presented the Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI & Pitu'paq presentations.



**Warden, Re:**

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

**CAO, Re:**

- a) Administration Operations Report  
For information only.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct the CAO to speak to the CEO and/or the Board of Destination of Cape Breton Association to allow Richmond County Council to release the financials without the confidentiality component.

Motion carried.

**Community Acknowledgements**

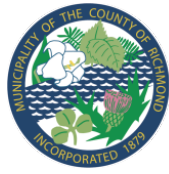
For information purposes.

**Correspondence**

- a) **Action Required**
  - i. Jennifer Enright, Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network (CASN) Volunteer,  
Re: Amyloidosis Awareness Month proclamation request

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the proclamation to proclaim March 2025 as Amyloidosis Awareness Month in Richmond County.

Motion carried.



## **Amyloidosis Awareness Month Proclamation**

**Whereas**, March is Amyloidosis Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness, funding research, and supporting those living with amyloidosis and their loved ones; and

**Whereas**, Amyloidosis is a group of diseases that occurs when an abnormal protein, known as amyloid, builds up in the tissues and organs of the body. Left untreated, the disease can result in organ failure and can be fatal; and

**Whereas**, Amyloidosis can mimic the signs and symptoms of more common medical conditions and the disease can be challenging to diagnose; and

**Whereas**, Amyloidosis often affects people who are older or middle aged; however, younger people have been diagnosed with this disease; and

**Whereas**, Some of the signs and symptoms of amyloidosis can include shortness of breath, weight loss, fatigue, swelling in the ankles and legs, numbness in the hands and feet, foamy urine, carpal tunnel syndrome, bruising around the eyes, and an enlarged tongue; and

**Whereas**, Early diagnosis can lead to better outcomes for both patients and their families; and

**Whereas**, Raising awareness about all the amyloidosis diseases, including hereditary and non- hereditary forms of the disease, can contribute to the building of healthier communities across Canada.

**Therefore**, be it resolved that I, Warden Lois Landry, on behalf of Richmond County Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as "Amyloidosis Awareness Month" in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.



- ii. Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance, Re: Grant application from the Isle Madame New Horizon Senior Citizens Club for the Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the grant request from the Isle Madame New Horizon Senior Citizens Club for the Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5000.00 and be allocated as follows: \$ 750.00 from District One Funds, \$750.00 from District Two Funds, and \$ 3,500.00 from the Infrastructure Grant Funds.

Motion carried.

- iii. Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance, Re: Grant application from the Richmond Boxing Club for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the grant request from the Richmond Boxing Club for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000 and be allocated as follows: \$ 500.00 from District Four Funds, \$2,000.00 from District Five Funds, and \$7,500.00 from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.

b) **For Information Only**

- i. Municipality of the County of Richmond's Multi-Use Facility Feasibility Study – Public open houses
- ii. Honourable John A. Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Re: Congratulatory letter for municipalities for adopting the code of conduct
- iii. Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible (IDEA) Committee, Re: Call for interest for members
- iv. Recreation Advisory Committee, Re: Call for interest for members



**Review of Cheques Issued Re:**

- a) November 2024  
For information only.
- b) December 2024  
For information only.

**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 8:38 p.m.

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Municipal Clerk

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Chairperson