



## Committee of the Whole Meeting February 11, 2025

**Location:** Council Chambers

**Present:** Warden Lois Landry, Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, Councillor Brian Marchand, 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; Danielle Martell, Community Development and Special Projects Officer

**Regrets:** Councillor Amanda Mombourquette

### **Call to Order**

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.



## **Review of Minutes, January 11, 2025, Committee of the Whole**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the minutes of January 11, 2025, Committee of the Whole be approved.

Motion carried.

### **Presentations**

- a) Christopher Bouey, Architecture 49, Re: Multi-Use Facility Feasibility Study

Christopher Bouey presented the Multi-Use Facility Feasibility Study presentation.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to accept the Multi-Use Facility Feasibility Study as presented.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct staff to apply for any necessary applications for repairs to the Richmond Arena's under-ice service refrigeration system.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the main motion be amended by replacing the word "apply for" with "investigate" and adding "report back to Council" after the word "system".

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct staff to investigate any necessary applications for repairs to the Richmond Arena's under-ice service refrigeration system and report back to Council.

Motion carried.

- b) Danielle Martell, Community Development and Special Projects (CDSP) Officer, Re: The Role of the CDSP Officer

Danielle Martell presented the Role of the CDSP Officer presentation.



### **New Business**

- a) Planning Variance Notification Procedure

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct EDPC staff to prepare the amending pages for the Land Use By-Laws for West Richmond, Central Richmond, Isle Madame, St. Peter's, and Richmond County, decreasing the variance appeal period from 21 days to 14 days.

Motion carried.

### **Warden, Re:**

- a) Review of Warden's Council Report

For information only.

### **Members of Council Items:**

- a) Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, Re: Atlantic Hydrogen Alliance membership

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Municipal Council to authorize staff to make an application for the Municipality of the County of Richmond to become a Catalyst Member of the Atlantic Hydrogen Alliance.

Motion carried.

- b) Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, Re: Property assessment caps and homes destroyed by fire or other disaster

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have the Warden draft a letter to the provincial Department of Municipal Affairs asking for this change and as well include our local NSFM representatives Amanda Mombourquette and John Dunbar to be made aware and advocate on our behalf.

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: Grant application from the Acadiaville Community Centre Society for Start-up Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to defer the grant application from the Acadiaville Community Centre Society for Start-up Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$500 to the next Council meeting.  
Motion carried.

- ii. Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance, Re: Grant application from the Coastal Riders ATV Club for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$3,050.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Coastal Riders ATV Club for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$3,050 and be allocated as follows: \$500.00 from the District 5 Funds, \$500 from the District 4 Funds and \$2050 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.



- iii. Kathleen Jeffrey, Interim Director of Finance, Re: Grant application from the Isle Madame Boat Club for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$20,000.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Isle Madame Boat Club for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$20,000, contingent on CCBF eligibility, allocated as follows: \$10,000 from the Waterfront Development Fund for 2024/fiscal year and the remaining \$10,000 to be allocated from 2025/26 fiscal year.

Motion carried.

- iv. Canadian Union of Postal Workers, Re: Request for the Municipality to provide a written submission to the Industrial Inquiry Commission.

There was no action taken by Council.

**b) For Information Only**

- i. MOCR Letter of Support, Re: Isle Madame Historical Society's application to the Facility Improvement Grant
- ii. Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), Re: Press Release - NSFM Emphasizes Collaboration with Province on U.S. Tariff Concerns
- iii. MOCR Letter in support of East Richmond ATV Riders and Letter of Authority from the Department of Natural Resources
- iv. MOCR Letter, Re: Caregivers of those with disabilities being included as First Voice for our IDEA committee
- v. MOCR Letter of Support, Re: Richmond Warriors Boxing Club's application to the Recreation Facility Development Grant
- vi. MOCR Letter of Support, Re: Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health's application to the Office of Healthcare Professional Recruitment's Community Fund



### **Unfinished Business**

- a) Whiteside Church Preservation Society grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000

It was noted that Council received the updated grant request from the Whiteside Church Preservation Society for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Whiteside Church Preservation Society grant request for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000 and be allocated as follows: \$2000 from the District 3 Funds and \$3000 from the Regional Funds.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Samson, that the main motion be amended to reduce the amount to be funded to \$2000 and to remove the allocation from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Whiteside Church Preservation Society grant request for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$2,000 and be allocated from the District 3 Funds.

Motion carried.

### **Review of Cheques Issued Re:**

- a) January 2025  
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.

### **In Camera Session**

Moved Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting move to an “In-Camera” session at 9:10 p.m.

- a) Contract Negotiations

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 9:16 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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Chairperson