



Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 13, 2025

- 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 5:35 p.m.

It was the consensus of the Committee to add the agenda item “Personnel” to the in camera session.

In Camera Session

Moved Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting move to an in camera session at 5:39 p.m.

Motion carried.

a) Land/Legal

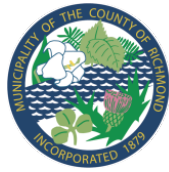
Councillor Shawn Samson declared a conflict of interest regarding the agenda item “personnel” and left the in-camera session at 5:49 p.m.

Councillor Amanda Mombourquette arrived at the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

b) Personnel

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the meeting revert to regular session at 6:10 p.m., and FURTHER MOVE that the Committee break for recess from 6:10 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried.



Opening Acknowledgement

The Warden reconvened the “Regular” session at 7:00 p.m. and 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.

Recommendation from In Camera Session

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to authorize the Revenue Manager to sell property AAN 07963912 at the June 6, 2025, tax sale as discussed in camera.

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

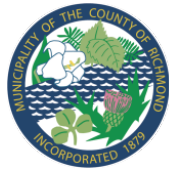
Review of Minutes – April 8, 2025

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the minutes of the April 8, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) President David Dingwall and Vice-President of Development Sara Burke, Cape Breton University – *Re: Forever CBU*
President David Dingwall presented the *Forever CBU* presentation.
- b) Rachelle Samson, Economic Development Officer, MOCR and the Town of Port Hawkesbury – *Re: Cape Breton Regional Enterprise Network (CBREN) – Richmond County and Port Hawkesbury Q3 – Information and Activity Report*



Rachelle Samon presented the *CBREN – Richmond County and Port Hawkesbury Q3 – Information and Activity Report*.

New Business

a) Quit Claim Deed – Re: PID 75228973

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the quit claim deed as presented.

Motion carried.

b) Property AAN 02920891 – Re: Tax Reduction Due to Fire

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to write off the taxes for property AAN 02920891 owned by Joyce MacMullen, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$2,584.19, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from April 6, 2025, to March 31, 2026.

Motion carried.

c) Whiteside Church Preservation Society – Re: Grant application for the Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$3,000

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to defer the grant application from the Whiteside Church Preservation Society until after the budget is passed.

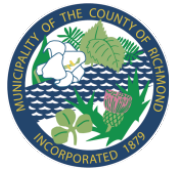
Motion carried.

Warden, Re:

a) Review of Warden's Council Report

For information only.

Warden Lois Landry relinquished the Chair at 7:52 p.m. to Deputy Warden Brent Sampson in order to speak on the agenda items concerning the Deer Population in District Two, Cell Service, and the Pondville Beach Update.



b) Deer Population in District 2

Moved by Warden Lois Landry, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to send a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources urging the Department to make changes to the 2025 fall hunt that recognizes the impact to residents of the exploding population of deer, particularly does, in Richmond County.

Motion carried.

Moved by Warden Lois Landry, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to send letters to the Department of Public Works and Nova Scotia Power to request that roadside clearing be scheduled early in areas of Richmond County where wildlife strikes have increased in frequency.

Motion carried.

c) Cell Service

Moved by Warden Lois Landry, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to send a letter to our new Member of Parliament, Jaime Battiste, outlining residents' concerns about limited and deteriorating cell service across Richmond County.

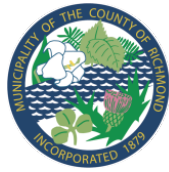
Motion carried.

d) Pondville Beach Update

Moved by Warden Lois Landry, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct staff to explore the Municipality's options for a Letter of Authority between the Municipality and the Province for Pondville Beach and report their findings back to Council, upon completion of the work in the Pondville Beach Provincial Park Management Statement.

Motion carried.

Warden Lois Landry resumed the Chair at 8:08 p.m.



Members of Council Items:

- a) Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, Re: Extended Producer Responsibility
Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct staff to look into the change and what impact it might have on the municipality.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the main motion be amended to include “and to communicate that to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM)”.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct staff to look into the change and what impact it might have on the municipality, and to communicate that to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM).

Motion carried.

- b) Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, Re: Request to refer the Purchasing and Tendering Policy to the By-Law/Policy Committee in Light of the Current Fiscal Climate

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the Purchasing and Tendering Policy to the By-Law/Policy Committee.

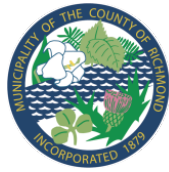
Motion carried.

CAO, Re:

- a) Administration Operations Report
For information only.

Community Acknowledgements

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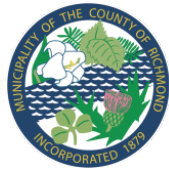
Correspondence

a) Action Required

- i. Letter from Robert Theriault regarding concerns of the high deer population.
This letter was acknowledged in the Deer Population District 2 memo.

b) For Information Only

- i. Letter from Honourable Michelle Thompson, Minister of Health and Wellness –
Re: CT Scanner at the Strait Richmond Hospital
- ii. Letter from Honourable Kim Masland, Minister of Emergency Management –
Re: Fire Services Review
- iii. Letter from Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs – *Re:*
Reprofiling of the Beautification and Streetscaping Program (BSP) and the Community Works Program (CWP)
- iv. Letter from Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs – *Re: Fire Records Management System*
- v. Letter of support from MOCR to the Senior Take Action Coalition (STAC) – *Re: The Dr. Strang Community Health Champion Award nomination*
- vi. Letter of support from MOCR to the Strait Richmond Health Care Foundation –
Re: CT scanner fundraising initiative
- vii. Letter from MOCR to Honourable Colton Leblanc, Minister of Growth and Development – *Re: Joint management of Point Tupper Industrial Park and inclusion in Atlantic Port Assessment*
- viii. Letter from MOCR to Honourable Trevor Boudreau, Minister of the Department of Energy – *Re: Support for the proposed solar energy projects within our region*
- ix. *Letter from MOCR to Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia – Re: Concern regarding the increased Non-Resident Deed Transfer Tax*
- x. Email from Lisa Pavelak, Compliance and Enforcement Coordinator, NS Accessibility Directorate, Department of Justice – *Re: Confirmation of Compliance under the Accessibility Act*



Unfinished Business

- a) Action item 260 – *Re: Scan of Municipal and Village-Led Housing Developments Across Nova Scotia*

For information only.

- b) Action item 519 – *Re: The Spike Fund Program*

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the Spike Fund Program to the By-Law/Policy Committee.

Motion carried.

Review of Cheques Issued Re:

- a) April 2025

For information only.

Review of Action Items

- a) Action Items

For information only.

15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885

There were no questions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson