



Committee of the Whole Meeting

June 10, 2025

Location: Council Chambers

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

Staff: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

Regrets: Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor Shawn Samson, Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Kathleen Jeffrey, Director of Finance, Shannon Mury, Director of Community Development and Recreation

1. Call to Order

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Review of Minutes – May 13, 2025

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the minutes of the May 13, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried.



5. Presentations

- a) Rachael LeBlanc, Seniors' Safety & Social Inclusion Coordinator,
Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre – Re: Senior Safety & Social Inclusion Program

Rachael Leblanc presented the Senior Safety & Social Inclusion Program presentation.

- b) Hugh MacKay, Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia – Re: Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia – Dave Gunning Zero Hunger Fund
Hug MacKay presented the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia- Dave Gunning Zero Hunger Fund presentation.

6. New Business

- a) Temporary Borrowing Resolution – Re: Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve that the Municipality enter into a loan agreement with our lending institution in the amount of \$73,564.00 for the purpose of purchasing a 2021 Ford Super Duty F-350 SRW XLT.

Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GUARANTEE RESOLUTION

WHERE AS the Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department is a registered fire department with the Municipality of the County of Richmond;

WHERE AS the Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of seventy-three thousand five hundred and sixty-four Dollars (\$73,564.00) for the purpose of purchasing a 2021 Ford Super Duty F-350 SRW XLT by special resolution on the 8th day of April 2025, as per Section 10(d) of the Societies Act;

WHERE AS the Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department has requested the Municipality of the County of Richmond; to guarantee the said borrowing;



WHERE AS Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provided that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes; and

WHERE AS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of borrowing by the municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Council of the Municipality of the County of Richmond does hereby approve the borrowing by the Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department of seventy-three thousand five hundred and sixty-four Dollars (\$73,564.00) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of the Municipal Affairs of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

b) Community Climate Capacity Cohort Grant Application 2025-2026

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve that staff apply to the program.

Motion carried.

c) Grant Applications

- i. River Bourgeois Mariner Society – Re: Grant application for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000
- ii. Kitchen Rackets Organization/Celtic Colours Workshops – Re: Grant application for the Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$800
- iii. Janvrin’s Island Community Centre – Re: Grant application for the Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$7,500



- iv. Kitchen Rackets Organization/Summer Jam Sessions – Re: Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$800
- v. St. Peter's–Grand River–Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge – Re: Grant application for the Tier 2 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,980
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to defer the grant applications from the River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Kitchen Rackets Organization/Celtic Colours Workshops, Janvrin's Island Community Centre, Kitchen Rackets Organization/Summer Jam Sessions, and the St. Peter's–Grand River–Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge, until after the 2025-2026 budget is approved.
Motion carried.

7. Warden, Re:

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

8. Members of Council Items:

- a) Councillor Amanda Mombourquette – Re: Adding the new housing association to the list of nonprofits in By-law 56
Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer By-law 56 to staff for investigation into the current status of the organizations listed, look at best practises, and potentially some incentives to help with the appeal or review of assessments.
Motion carried.

- b) Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, Re:

- i. Involuntary Destruction Advocacy
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that a letter be sent to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Board, similar to the one previously sent to the Province, with the



addition of a request that involuntary destruction be considered as an advocacy issue.

Motion carried.

ii. Credit Freeze

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to write a letter to the Province, asking that they seriously consider a credit freeze, similar to the model currently in place in Quebec.

Motion carried.

9. CAO, Re:

a) Administration Operations Report

For information only.

10. Community Acknowledgements

For information only.

11. Correspondence

a) Action Required

i. Amber Madden, Sponsorship Chair, Harbour Wars – Re: Tom MacNeil Cancer Patient Care Fund sponsorship request

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to receive the request.

Motion carried.

ii. Clair Rankin, MOCR Citizen Appointee/Board Chair, Eastern Counties Regional Library – Re: Advocacy for sustainable public library funding

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the issue of adequate and sustainable funding for public libraries in Nova Scotia be brought forth to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Board for consideration as an advocacy priority.

Motion carried.



- iii. Heather Brennan, Before and After Program Manager, Strait Regional Centre for Education – Re: Request for Council support in identifying potential service providers for the Nova Scotia Before and After Program in Richmond County
For information only.

12. Review of Cheques Issued Re:
 - a) May 2025
For information only.

13. Review of Action Items
 - a) Action Items
For information only.

14. Items Added to the Agenda
n/a

15. 15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885
There were no questions.

16. Adjournment
There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson