

Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 9, 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, Director of Finance, Shannon Mury, Director of Community Development and Recreation, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

1. Call to Order

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

2. In Camera Session

Moved Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting move to an "In Camera" session at 5:30 p.m.

Motion carried.

a) Contract Negotiation

b) Personnel

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

Motion carried.

3. Recess (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)

The Warden reconvened the meeting at 7:00 pm

4. 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.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the taxi license application for Willie's Taxi as discussed in camera.

Motion carried.

5. 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.

6. Review of Minutes – June 10, 2025

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the minutes of the June 10, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

7. Presentations

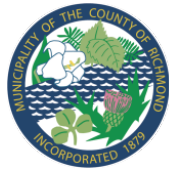
- a) Terry Smith, CEO, Destination Cape Breton, Re: The CBRM Marketing Levy Decision: Impacts on Destination Cape Breton and Regional Tourism
Terry Smith presented the he CBRM Marketing Levy Decision: Impacts on Destination Cape Breton and Regional Tourism presentation.

8. New Business

- a) Recreation Nova Scotia Conference Sponsorship

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to accept the staff recommendation to sponsor the Recreation Nova Scotia Conference at the Silver Sponsor level of \$1,000.00, and be allocated from the Sponsorship Budget.

Motion carried with 4 in favour and one opposed. (Nay – Councillor Brian Marchand)



- b) Cost-Shared Road Paving, J-Class Roads 2026-27 – Staff Briefing Note
Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Cost-Shared Road Paving agenda item be tabled to the next meeting of Council.

Motion carried.

9. Warden, Re:

- a) Review of Warden's Council Report

- i. June
- ii. July
- iii. August

For information only.

10. CAO, Re:

- a) Administration Operations Report

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 all possible funding opportunities for the repairs to the Richmond Arena.

Motion carried.

11. Community Acknowledgements

For information only.

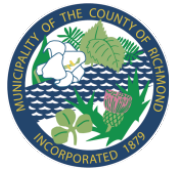
12. Correspondence

- a) Action Required

- i. Letter from Josie Robinson, Community Engagement Manager, Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Re: Request for Proclamation: Global Media and Information Literacy Week

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to proclaim October 24-31, 2025, as Global Media and Information Literacy Week.

Motion carried.



- ii. Letter from Jacqueline Gerrior, Economic Development Officer, CDÉNÉ,
Re: Request for a letter of support for the Celebration Isle Madame
Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian
Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to
authorize the Warden to provide a letter of support regarding the
Celebration Isle Madame.

Move by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor
Shawn Samson, to amend the main motion by removing the period after
“Celebration Isle Madame” and inserting:

“, following a conversation with CDÉNÉ to explore any opportunities to
expand or include other Acadian communities in the broader Richmond
County area”.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian
Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to
authorize the Warden to provide a letter of support regarding the
Celebration Isle Madame, following a conversation with CDÉNÉ to explore
any opportunities to expand or include other Acadian communities in the
broader Richmond County area.

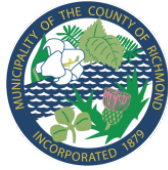
Motion carried.

b) For Information Only

- i. Unama’ki/Cape Breton Island Sustainability Plan
- ii. Letter from Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Re:
Value-for-money audit of the Nova Scotia Firefighters School
- iii. Eastern Counties Regional Library, Richmond County Community
Impact Report April – June 2025
- iv. Letter from Clair Rankin, Eastern Counties Regional Library Board
Chair, to the Honourable Dave Ritcey, Re: Library funding
- v. 2022-23 MOCR Municipal Profile and Financial Condition Indicators
Results



- vi. MOCR letter to Cam Samson, Dundee Hills RV Development, Re: Letter of support for phases 1 and 3
- vii. MOCR letter to Cam Samson, Dundee Hills RV Development, Re: Letter of support for phases 4 to 7
- viii. Letter from Paul LaFleche, Deputy Minister, Re: Code of Conduct for Elected Municipal Officials Training
- ix. Letter from Matt Parker, Executive Director, Forestry and Wildlife, Re: MOCR's request for adjustments to the 2025 fall hunt in response to overpopulation of deer in Richmond County
- x. Letter from Becky Druhan, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Re: Future of policing in Nova Scotia
- xi. MOCR letter to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) Board, Re: Request for advocacy for sustainable funding for public libraries
- xii. MOCR letter to Honourable Lohn Lohr, Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, Re: Request for consideration of a credit freeze mechanism in Nova Scotia
- xiii. MOCR letter to the NSFM Board, Re: Request for advocacy for a policy change that would extend the property assessment cap to all Nova Scotians who lose their homes to disaster, including in cases of involuntary destruction such as fire or severe weather
- xiv. Letter from Linda Gregory, Warden, Municipality of Digby, to Pam Mood, President of NSFM, Re: Road safety and insufficient funding concerns
- xv. Letter from Dennis Daley, Assistant Commissioner, Commanding Officer, Nova Scotia RCMP, Re: Your Nova Scotia RCMP: 2024 Annual Review
- xvi. Eastern District Planning Commission – 2024-2025 Annual Report and Financial Statements
- xvii. Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation, 2024 Report to Donors



xviii. Letter from David C. Dingwall, President & Vice-Chancellor, Cape Breton University, Re: Donation for the Cape Breton Medical Campus

13. Review of Cheques Issued Re:

- a) June 2025
- b) July 2025
- c) August 2025

For information only.

14. Review of Action Items

- a) Action Items

For information only.

15. Items Added to the Agenda

n/a

16. 15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885

There were no questions.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Chairperson

Municipal Clerk