

Committee of the Whole Meeting

December 2, 2025

Location: Council Chambers

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

Staff: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

1. Call to Order

Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. In Camera Session

Warden Lois Landry attended the In Camera session virtually.

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

Motion carried.

a) Setting a minimum price to be accepted for the property tax sale

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting revert to "Regular" session at 5:52 p.m., and FURTHER MOVE that the Committee break for recess until 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

Warden Lois Landry left the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

Councillor Brian Marchand arrived at the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

3. Recess (for By-Law/Policy meeting 6:00-7:00 p.m.)

Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



4. Opening Acknowledgement

The Deputy Warden read an opening acknowledgment.

5. Recommendation from In Camera Session

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to authorize staff to sell properties AAN 00176303, AAN 00367028, and AAN 01626272 at the February 6, 2026, tax sale for the minimum acceptable bid for each property, as discussed In Camera.

Motion carried.

6. Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

7. Review of Minutes – November 12, 2025

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the minutes of the November 12, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as presented.

Motion carried.

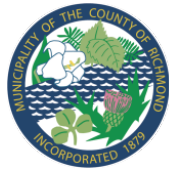
8. Presentation

- a) Josie Robinson, Community Engagement and Public Relations Manager, Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Re: Media Literacy and its compounding effects on Public Health and Safety
Josie Robinson presented the Media Literacy and its compounding effects on Public Health and Safety presentation.

9. New Business

- a) Implementation of a fire protection area rate on property owners in Point Tupper

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to provide formal written notice to all Point Tupper property owners advising that, effective



April 1, 2026, a fire protection area rate of \$0.05 per \$100 of assessment will be applied to their properties, and direct staff to complete all required notification, administrative, and communication steps to implement the fire protection area rate in accordance with the Municipal Government Act. Motion carried with three (3) in favour and one (1) opposed. (No: Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette)

10. Warden, Re:

- a) Review of Warden's Council Report – November 2025

For information only.

- b) Firearm Training

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that staff explore costs associated with hosting the *Firearms Safety Course* locally for Council's consideration during budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

11. CAO, Re:

- a) Administration Operations Report

For information only.

12. Community Acknowledgements

For information only.

13. Correspondence

- a) Action Required

i. n/a

- b) For Information Only

i. Eastern Counties Regional Library 2024-2025 Annual Report

ii. Letter from Dorothy Booher, Richmond County Resident, Re: Request to transition away from Facebook for municipal outreach

iii. Letter from the Honourable John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Re: Review of Community Financial Numbers



iv. Letter from Paul LaFleche, Executive Deputy Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs, Re: Follow-up on Community Financial Numbers

14. Unfinished Business

a) Richmond Arena – Staff Report

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to proceed with all four recommendations outlined by staff in the briefing note, which include the \$15,000 in spending for updated drawings, carrying out the maintenance activities deemed appropriate to reduce the risk of failures, conducting a building condition audit, and proceeding with the floor replacement in the 2026-2027 budget.

Motion carried.

15. Review of Cheques Issued Re:

The November cheques will be reviewed at the January 13, 2026, Committee of the Whole.

16. Review of Action Items

a) Action Items

For information only.

17. Items Added to the Agenda

n/a

18. 15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885

There were no questions.

19. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Chairperson

Municipal Clerk