



## Committee of the Whole Meeting

March 10, 2026

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), Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

1. Call to Order

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Opening Acknowledgement

The Warden made the following opening 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 Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

4. Review of Minutes – February 10, 2026

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the minutes of the February 10, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted with the addition of the word “Virtual” after the words In Camera Session-Legal.

Motion carried.



5. New Business, Re:

Warden Lois Landry declared a conflict of interest regarding the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request and left the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette assumed the Chair.

- a) D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for the Tier 1 – Community Grant funding for \$500

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for the Tier 1 – Community Grant funding for \$500 and be allocated as follows: \$250 from the District 1 Fund and \$250 from the District 2 Fund.

Motion carried.

Warden Lois Landry returned to the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and resumed the Chair.

- b) Grand River Volunteer Fire Department grant request for the Tier 2 – Community Grant funding for \$7,500

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to defer the Grand River Volunteer Fire Department grant application until after the approval of the 2026-2027 budget.

Motion carried.

Councillor Brent Sampson declared a conflict of interest regarding the St. Peter's Community Club grant request and left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

- c) St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum, grant request for the Tier – 2 Community Grant funding for \$7,500

Moved by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to table the St. Peter's Community Club on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum grant application to the next Regular Council meeting at the end of March, and be considered first.

Motion carried.



Councillor Brent Sampson returned to the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

6. Warden, Re:

a) Review of Warden's Council Report – February 2026

For information only.

b) Epilepsy Awareness Month

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to raise an Epilepsy Awareness Flag during Epilepsy Week.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the Flag Policy to the By-law/Policy Committee for the purpose of amending the policy to include the Epilepsy Awareness Flag for Epilepsy Week in the list of approved flags.

Motion carried.

7. CAO, Re:

a) Administration Operations Report

For information only.

8. Community Acknowledgements

For information only.

9. Correspondence

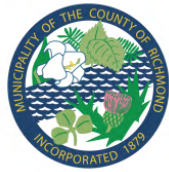
a) Action Required

- i. Letter from Meghan Hayter, Clerk, Village of St. Peter's, Re: Request for the Village of St. Peter's to access the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF)

Troy MacCulloch, CAO, provided an update. No action is required at this time.

b) For Information Only

- i. Municipality of the County of Richmond (MOCR) letter to the Honourable John A. MacDonald, Re: Request for amendments to the Municipal Government Act to permit municipal tax incentives that support affordable housing



- ii. MOCR letter to the Honourable Timothy Halman, Minister of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Re: Minimum lot size standards
  - iii. MOCR letter to the Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia, Re: Closure of visitor information centres at points of entry
  - iv. MOCR letter to the Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia, Re: Support for the position outlined in the Municipality of the County of Antigonish correspondence regarding Nova Scotia Power
  - v. Letter from the Honourable John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Re: Response to MOCR letter regarding the role municipalities play in supporting affordable housing development
  - vi. Letter from Paul LaFleche, Deputy Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs, Re: Nova Scotia 2026-27 Budget
  - vii. Email from Heather Neish, Road Listing Coordinator, Nova Scotia Department of Public Works, Re: Road name change
  - viii. Letter from the Honourable Scott Armstrong, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Re: RCMP retroactive pay liability, provincial position on cost recovery
  - ix. Letter from Chris Morrissey, Deputy Minister, Department of Growth and Development, RE: Nova Scotia 2026-27 Budget
  - x. Email from Tyler Mattheis, President and CEO, Cape Breton Partnership, Re: Correspondence from the Department of Growth and Development concerning 2026-27 funding
  - xi. Email from Karen MacLean, Executive Director, ROC Society, Re: Funding cuts to disability organizations
10. Unfinished Business:
- a) Servicing for multiple dwelling units on a single lot  
Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to authorize staff to submit a request to the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board (NSRAB) to amend the Richmond Water Utility's Schedule of Rules and



Regulations to allow an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) to be served from the same water service connection on any dwelling lot.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the Sewer By-law No. 29 to the By-law/Policy Committee for discussion.

Motion carried.

11. Review of Cheques Issued Re:

a) February 2026

12. Review of Action Items

a) Action Items

For information only.

13. Items Added to the Agenda

n/a

14. 15 Minute Question Period - (902) 226-9885

Linus Mury approached Council.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Municipal Clerk