



Committee of the Whole Meeting

April 14, 2026

Location: Council Chambers

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

Staff: Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

Regrets: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

1. Call to Order

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. In Camera

Moved Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting move to an "In Camera" session at 5:33 p.m.

Motion carried.

a) Contract Negotiations

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that the meeting revert to "Regular" session at 5:52 p.m., AND FURTHER MOVE that the Committee break for recess for the By-law/Policy Committee meeting from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

Chris Boudreau left the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

3. Recess

Recess for By-Law/Policy Committee meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

4. Opening Acknowledgement

The Warden reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and made the following opening acknowledgment:

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.



5. Recommendations from In Camera (if applicable)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to authorize staff to proceed with execution of a new agreement with the Richmond County Truckers Association for transportation of municipal solid waste and recycling with a 12% increase to the base trucking rates, and further recommended that the base rates be adjusted annually on April 1 to reflect changes in CPI for the prior 12 months. The new base rates, effective April 1, 2026, would be \$411.60 and \$517.44 (at 0% TANS surcharge) for shipments to Guysborough and Edwardsville.

Motion carried.

6. 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.

7. Review of Minutes – March 10, 2026

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that the minutes of the March 10, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted.

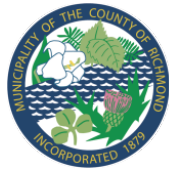
Motion carried.

8. Presentations:

a) Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Municipality of the County of Richmond, Terry Doyle, CAO, Town of Port Hawkesbury, Dave Morgan, Fixed Base Operator (FBO), Celtic Air Services, Re: Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport Management Committee Update

Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Terry Doyle and Dave Morgan presented the Allan J. MacEachen Regional Airport Management Committee Update

b) Derrick Cameron, Chairperson, Strait Richmond Palliative Care Society, Re: Strait Richmond Hospital Palliative Care Program – Verbal
Derrick Cameron, accompanied by Nancy Cameron and Steven Anthony, provided an overview of the Strait Richmond Hospital Palliative Care Program.



9. New Business, Re:

- a) Isle Madame New Horizon Seniors Club grant request for the Tier 1 – Community Grant Funds for \$1,000, submitted as host organization on behalf of the Persons with Impaired Vision Group

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to defer the Persons with Impaired Vision Group grant application until after the approval of the 2026-2027 budget.

Motion carried.

- b) Richmond Rize Volleyball Association sponsorship request for \$1,000
Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to defer the Richmond Rize Volleyball Association sponsorship request until after the approval of the 2026-2027 budget.

Motion carried.

10. Warden, Re:

- a) Review of Warden's Council Report – March 2026
For information only.

11. Members of Council Items:

- a) Councillor Brent Sampson, Re: Property queries

The Committee discussed the discontinued practice of staff providing information from Property Online in response to resident property inquiries. It was noted that, following consultation with the municipal solicitor and as a best practice, staff no longer provide this service. Residents seeking property records are directed to contact the Nova Scotia Land Registration Office.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Amanda Mombourquette, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to direct staff to provide recommendations on an alternative approach to providing information to resident property inquiries.

Motion defeated, with two (2) votes in favour and three (3) opposed. (No: Warden Lois Landry, Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor Shawn Samson)



12. CAO, Re:

a) Administration Operations Report

For information only.

13. Community Acknowledgements

For information only.

14. Correspondence

a) Action Required

- i. Letter from John Bain, Director, Eastern District Planning Commission,
Re: Request to Council to appoint District Planning staff to various
Municipal positions

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to accept the recommendation from Eastern District Planning Commission regarding staff appointments as outlined in their letter to Council.

Motion carried.

- ii. Email from Terry Smith, CEO, Destination Cape Breton, Re: Request to Council to amend the MOCR Marketing Levy By-law for short-term rental platforms

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the Marketing Levy By-law No. 60 to the By-law/Policy Committee.

Motion carried.

- iii. Email from Donna Lugar, Vice-President, Nova Scotia Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Association, Re: Lyme Disease Awareness proclamation request

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to proclaim May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Motion carried.

b) For Information Only

- i. Letter from the Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Re: Minimum lot size standards



- ii. MOCR call for committee members for the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, and Accessible (IDEA) Committee and the Cape Breton Local Immigration Partnership
 - iii. Email from Bonnie Rankin, Executive Director, Employment Support and Income Assistance, Department of Opportunities and Social Development, Re: Policy to establish and implement a guaranteed basic income
 - iv. Cape Breton Partnership Event: Unama'ki-Cape Breton Job Fair Series
 - v. Letter from Doreen Boudreau, President, River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Re: Support for bringing the Navigate Net Zero project to community buildings in Richmond County
 - vi. Department of Justice Policing Service Recipient Update – April 2026
15. Review of Cheques Issued Re:
- a) March 2026
For information only.
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 8:29 p.m.

Chairperson

Municipal Clerk