

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008

The Committee met twice since the last Council meeting.

The Committee discussed the manner of recruiting a new CAO, in order to assist with finding a replacement.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that expressions of interest be sought from human resource/recruitment firms, in order to assist with finding a replacement for the CAO after retirement, with the main criteria being experience in recruitment and cost of services.

The Committee received a report from the Director of Recreation, who advised that the agreement with the Richmond Arena Board cannot be completed until provisions of a Fire Marshall's report are implemented, to provide for renewal of important permits. The Committee has requested that the agreement be returned to Council for review, prior to being signed. The Committee also provided direction with respect to a Sport Fishing Strategy, and the Committee also reviewed a Physical Activity Policy, that had been requested by Council.

The Committee is recommending that the Physical Activity Policy be adopted.

I hereby give notice that I will make a motion at the next Regular Council Meeting, to adopt the Physical Activity Policy, which is attached as Appendix "A".

A grant request from Telile was tabled at the June Council meeting, in order to provide Telile with additional time to provide relevant information. Telile has requested

an amendment to their grant request, to provide for a total grant of 50 per cent of their eligible expenditures, to a maximum grant of \$10,400.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Telile be given a grant for 50 per cent of their eligible expenditures, to a maximum grant of \$10,400.

Motions were also adopted at the June Council meeting to the effect that any funds remaining in our Grants to Charitable Organizations program, would be allotted equally to each district for their District \$3,000 Fund, conditional on each District agreeing to granting these additional funds to the Leaside Society, the Richmond County Literacy Network, and the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, in amounts to be determined by Council.

The committee determined that \$43,600 was remaining in the fund for Grants to Charitable Organizations, resulting in additional allotments to the District \$3,000 Fund in the amount of \$4,360 for each District, and the Committee is recommending that each of these additional district allotments be granted to the Leaside Society (\$500 per District), the Richmond County Literacy Network (\$1,930 per District), and the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association (\$1,930 per District).

I move that Council accept the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and that the funding remaining in the “Grants to Charitable Organizations” program be allocated equally to each of the Districts, for their District \$3,000 funds, in accordance with the June 16, 2008 motion;

AND FURTHER MOVED that grants from each of the 10 District \$3,000 Funds be allocated as follows:

- - \$500 per district, for a total of \$5,000, granted to the Leaside Society;

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- - Grants of \$1,930 per district, to a total of \$19,300, to be granted to Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association;
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- - \$1,930 per district, to a total of \$19,300 grant, to be allocated to the Richmond County Literacy Network

The Committee was advised that the St. Peter's Lions Club required a Quit Claim Deed for the private streets on their property, in order to clarify ownership.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and that a Quit Claim Deed be provided to the St. Peter's Lions Club, for the streets on their property that are not public roads, conditional on the Lions Club providing a suitable indemnity agreement to the Municipality.

The Municipality has been approached by the St. Peter's Lions Club, for relief from property taxes on a water lot property that they are leasing from the Province, and which the assessment department has determined to be taxable.

I hereby give notice that I will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, by adding the property of the St. Peter's Lions Club, which was contained in tax account 9081488.

The Committee reviewed a request from the St. Peter's Village Commission, for a guarantee of a loan in the amount of \$55,000, which would be utilized to refinance outstanding capital financing for a sidewalk project.

I move that Council accepts the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality of Richmond guarantee a debenture in the amount of \$55,000, to be issued by the Village of St. Peter's for sidewalk purposes.

The Committee received a number of grant requests.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of Committee of the Whole and that the following grant requests be approved:

- Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #1 (Arichat Community Development Association), \$450
- Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #1 (Arichat Community Development Association), \$750
- Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #2 (Centre La Picasse), \$1,200
- Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #2 (Red Caps Baseball Club), \$450
- Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #2 (Université Sainte Anne, Petit de Grat Campus), \$312.80
- Municipal District \$17,000 Fund – District #2 (Petit de Grat Beautification Society), \$2,000
- Municipal District \$17,000 Fund – District #3 (Rocky Bay Irish Club), \$5,000
- Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #3 (Lennox Passage Yacht Club), \$300
- Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 – District #3 (Rocky Bay Irish Club), \$300

This concludes the report of the Committee of the Whole and I now move its adoption.