

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2008

The Committee has met twice since the last Council Meeting.

The Committee reviewed the process that resulted in the Anadarko agreement for the LNG Site in Point Tupper.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that meetings be arranged with provincial department representatives and Anadarko, to determine the status of efforts to return the site to industrial use and job creation, and with this information also being available to assist with evaluating related municipal agreements.

The Committee reviewed correspondence received from Destination Cape Breton Association regarding the proposed tax levy that will be used for marketing the tourism industry.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Province of Nova Scotia make the amendments to Bill No. 267, The Cape Breton Island Marketing Levy Act.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Province of Nova Scotia, following the amendments to Bill No. 267, proclaim the enabling legislation that would provide the Municipality with the authority to levy a room tax.

The Committee reviewed the membership on the St. Peter's-Samsonville and Area Water Utility, noting that the Board is now preparing to renew its Officers.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Councillor MacNeil be appointed as the municipal representative on the St. Peter's-Samsonville and Area Water Utility Board, to replace Mr. Darrin McLean.

The Committee reviewed the tenders received for the solid waste curbside collection contracts, for a three year contract, effective January 1, 2009. The following bids were received:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Annual Price for Regular Collection</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Price for Heavy Collection</u>	<u>Total Estimated Annual Price</u>
1 (Isle Madame)	Rene Levandier	\$66,400	\$30,000	\$96,400
	Michael C. Landry	\$81,360	\$26,000	\$107,360
2 (West of Canal)	Garry Burke	\$75,823	\$27,000	\$102,823
3 (East of Canal)	Tommy Bona	\$86,900	\$56,500	\$143,400

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Committee of the Whole and that the solid waste curbside collection contracts be awarded as follows:

<u>Zone</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Annual Price for Regular Collection</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Price for Heavy Collection</u>	<u>Total Estimated Annual Price</u>
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The Committee reviewed the rates negotiated with the Richmond County Truckers Association, with respect to their rates for hauling municipal solid waste trailers to Guysborough and Sydport.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Committee of the Whole and that the new rates proposed by the Richmond County Truckers Association be accepted; that being \$440 plus taxes per round trip to haul to Green Island Recycling, Sydport; and \$350.00 plus taxes per round trip to haul to 2nd Generation Landfill, Guysborough; with the rates being effective April 1, 2008.

The Committee received reports from staff regarding two hearings held by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board in late October. The hearings were presided over by the Chairman of the Utility and Review Board, John Morash, with the first hearing being held in response to the municipal application for amendments to our water utility rates and regulations. The second hearing was in response to a complaint received by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, regarding a meter size.

Both hearings were adjourned, with the Chairman indicating that a decision will be made in the future.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Grand River Volunteer Fire Department for a loan of \$18,000 to purchase equipment, in order to bring their equipment up to standard.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Committee of the Whole and that a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$18,000 be approved for the Grand River Volunteer Fire Department.

The Committee reviewed the list of capital priorities for the year ending March 31, 2009.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and establish the list of capital priorities, for the year ending March 31, 2009, as follows:

Priority #1	-	Evanston Sewage Treat Plant Upgrade	-	\$2,225,000
Priority #2	-	Arichat Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades	-	\$750,000

The Committee reviewed a request for a general right-of-way from the heirs of Allison and Irene Lewis, for which Municipal Council provided a conditional right-of-way in 1991 for forestry purposes.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a general right-of-way be conveyed to the heirs of Allison and Irene Lewis, for fair market value, and further moved that the conveyance be conditional on the grantees paying the costs associated with preparing the legal documents, including obtaining a description for the right-of-way (if necessary).

The Committee reviewed a request from the Knights of Columbus, Lawrence Kavanaugh Council 4607 to have the parcel of land in St. Peter's owned by the Knights of Columbus, on which a monument was erected in memory of Lawrence Kavanaugh (Account #9630147) exempted from property taxes.

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, to include the parcel of land in St. Peter's owned by the Knights of Columbus, on which a monument was erected in memory of Lawrence Kavanaugh (Account #9630147).

The Committee reviewed a grant request from the River Bourgeois Community Services Society, for funding from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, to assist with their Cenotaph Restoration Project.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant application from the River Bourgeois Community Services Society, for their Cenotaph Restoration Project, be approved in the amount of \$6,727.32, with funds to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #7.

The Committee reviewed the unsightly condition of the vacated premises of the former Petit De Grat Post Office/Canada Post property.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the vacated premises of the former Petit De Grat Post Office/Canada Post property be placed on the list of unsightly premises; and further moved that correspondence be sent to Canada Post advising them of Council's decision.

The Committee reviewed correspondence received from the Fourchu Development Association, indicating that they are not interested in acquiring the surplus lands on Fourchu Highway.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that correspondence be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal advising them that Council is not interested because the Fourchu Development Association have indicated that they are not interested in acquiring the surplus lands on Fourchu Highway.

The Committee reviewed a request to have the property of the Louisdale Lions Club (Account #2168286) exempted from property taxes.

I hereby give notice to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the Louisdale Lions Club (account #2168286).

The Committee dealt with a substantial number of items referred from Council, including:

- The Committee had been authorized to make the appointments to the Planning Advisory Committee, of “Members at Large”, and we are pleased to advise that the following three Members have been appointed:
 - Doug Begg
 - Barry Landry
 - Wayne Boudreau

- The Committee was authorized to make appointments of “Members at Large” to the Richmond Villa Board of Directors, and we are pleased to advise that the following individuals have been appointed:
 - Alice Mombourquette
 - Therese Digout
 - Blair Campbell

- The Committee had been authorized to appoint members to the CAO Recruitment Selection Committee, and the Committee delegated that authority to Warden Boudreau

- The U.N.S.M. correspondence regarding a “Code of Conduct” had been referred to the Committee, and the Committee decided that the Code of Conduct should not be adopted in its present form, but should be revised to include both Council and staff.

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