

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2009

The Committee has met once since the last meeting.

The Committee reviewed a staff report on the St. Peter's, Samsonville and Area Water Utility, and the funding required for the project.

The Committee is pleased to advise that the municipal responsibilities regarding the project are essentially complete, with commissioning, and training of staff scheduled for later this week. Essentially, the only remaining item is to transfer the assets that the Municipality has constructed (to the new "water utility"), and provide the grant which Council committed.

The Committee also wishes to advise that the new water utility has entered into a contract with the St. Peter's Village Commission, in which the Village Commission will provide administration services, and operate the new utility; therefore utility customers should be advised to communicate with the appropriate utility/VSA staff.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the municipal grant commitment of \$975,000 to the St. Peter's, Samsonville and Area Water Project be funded by utilizing the remaining infrastructure reserve of \$831,000, with the remainder to be obtained from the gas tax funds.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be directed to submit a request to Service Nova Scotia & Municipal

Relations and to the Board that deals with gas tax funds, requesting that the Municipality utilize \$144,000 from these funds for the St. Peter's-Samsonville Water Project.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from the Arichat Community Development Association; the Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Club, the West Arichat & District Village Circle Society and the L'Ardoise Jolly Club.

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

- \$350 to the Arichat Community Development Association, with funding to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund for District #1;
- \$200 to the Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Centre, with funding to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund for District #2;
- \$325 to the West Arichat & District Village Circle Society, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #4;
- \$15,000 to the L'Ardoise Jolly Club, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #9.

The Committee reviewed the matter of solid waste curbside collection on private roads at Cape George Estates.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the private roads situated at Cape George Estates shall be added to the municipal curbside collection in Zone 2, pursuant to the request to Council received from Torus Country Lands Inc., the owner of the road, and based on assessment of fitness conducted on December 12, 2008, and received by Council/COW;

AND FURTHER MOVED that the road owner shall be subject to the curbside collection requirements in the Municipality's Solid Waste Management By-Law, with provision of curbside collection services to these roads being conditional on compliance with regulatory and permit requirements; reasonable seasonal and regular maintenance by the road owner(s), as required by the Municipality, and as determined in the opinion

of the Municipality, with curbside collection services to these roads being subject always to indemnification by the road owner, Torus Country Lands Inc., for the Municipality, its agents, employees, and assigns, against losses, claims or actions related to or arising from the provision of solid waste management services on or at the road, and to execution by the road owner of a Waiver drafted by the Municipality, and to such other terms and conditions as the Municipality may impose from time to time;

AND FURTHER MOVED that the provision of curbside collection services to the said road, may be revoked by decision of Council for cause as determined by Council and/or at the written request of the road owner.

The Committee reviewed a request from Mr. Blair Babin, Babin's Service Centre requesting to purchase a lot in the Louisdale Industrial Park, for purposes of expanding his present location.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that in accordance with our policy on the sale of municipal property, that Lot 6A be offered to Mr. Blair Babin, Babin's Service Centre, conditional on him paying the appraised value of the lot, and also the legal fees associated with the sale.

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