

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

**FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2009**

The Committee has met twice since the last meeting.

The Committee reviewed the Milestone 3 Final Report from the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept and adopt the Strait-Highlands Green Action Milestone 3 Report (Local Action Plan) as written.

The Committee reviewed the funding for the St. Peter's-Samsonville and Area Water Utility.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that \$475,000 be taken from the gas tax funding; and that \$500,000 be taken from the infrastructure reserve fund, to provide funding for the St. Peter's-Samsonville and Area Water Utility Project.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Eastern Counties Regional Library regarding the report of the Library Funding Task Force.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond Municipal Council endorse and support the Report of the Library Funding Task Force.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from St. Joseph's Parish Council; Development Isle Madame Association, St. John the Baptist Church and the Framboise Community Centre Association.

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

- \$3,000 to St. Joseph's Parish Council, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #2;
- \$200 to Development Isle Madame Association, with funding to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund, District #3;
- \$7,000 to St. John the Baptist Church, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #7;
- \$2,500 to the Framboise Community Centre Association, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #10.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Chief Financial Officer regarding the Computer Purchase Program for Councillors and staff.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Computer Purchase Program for Councillors and Staff be extended indefinitely, as deemed necessary.

The Committee reviewed the contract for the Solid Waste Education/Solid Waste Support Person.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the contract for the Solid Waste Education/Solid Waste Support Person be renewed for a one year period.

The Committee reviewed requests for property tax exemptions from Nova Scotia Nature Trust, and also from the Arichat Boat Club.

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 River Bourgeois, formally owned by the Nova Scotia Nature Trust (Account # 01459724) and to change the name on the account numbers 9026754 and 3317951 to Nova Scotia Nature Trust from the Mowatt Environmental Institute; and also to include the parcels of land in Arichat owned by the Arichat Boat Club (Accounts #3386325; #7935854 and #1644688).

The Committee reviewed a grant request from the Rocky Bay Irish Club.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve a grant to the Rocky Bay Irish Club in the amount of \$500, with funds to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund for District #3.

The Committee reviewed a grant request from La Picasse Centre Communautaire Culturel.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request submitted by La Picasse Centre Communautaire Culturel, in the amount of \$34,258.24, from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #2, be rejected at this time.

The Committee reviewed the existing grant policies for the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund and Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund.

I hereby give notice that I will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund and Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund applications, to ensure that the respective Councillor is notified of all requests.

The Committee reviewed the matter of "in-kind" contributions, with regards to the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, the Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund and the Grants to Charitable Organizations Fund.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that "in-kind" contributions not be accepted for the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, the Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund and the Grants to Charitable Organizations Fund.

The Committee reviewed a request to have T-4 slips prepared at least one week prior to the February 28<sup>th</sup> deadline, in order to allow individuals sufficient time to purchase investments, to offset their taxes.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Chief Financial Officer be directed to ensure that all Councillors and staff have their T-4 slips in their hands one week prior to the February 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.

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