

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2009

The Committee has met twice since the last meeting.

The Committee reviewed a request to submit an application to the Province under the Provincial Capital Assistance Program for funding to do a pre-design study for the proposed construction of a new Louisdale water treatment facility.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be authorized to submit an application to the Province under the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) for funding of the Louisdale/Evanston water treatment plant pre-design study.

The Committee reviewed a list of accounts that have been deleted by the assessment services, because these accounts are no longer valid and are uncollectible.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the list of accounts that have been deleted by the assessment services in the amount of \$10,095.06 be written off, because these accounts are no longer valid and are uncollectible.

The Committee reviewed a site lease agreement and confirmatory lease with Seaside Wireless Communications Inc.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality exercise due diligence and enter into a lease agreement with Seaside Wireless Communications Inc., conditional on advice being provided from the

Eastern District Planning Commission and the Solicitor, with a report to be provided to Council.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from the D'Escousse Civic Improvement, the Sacred Heart Parish Ladies Group and the Fourchu Development Association.

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

- \$5,000 to the D'Escousse Civic Improvement, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #3;
- \$1,000 to the Sacred Heart Parish Ladies Group, with funding to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund, District #10;
- \$1,000 to the Fourchu Development Association, with funding to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund, District #10;
- \$5,741.16 to the Fourchu Development Association, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #10.

The Committee reviewed a request to place the District #4 Wastewater Management Project on the Richmond County capital project priority list.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and place the District #4 Wastewater Management Project on the Richmond County capital project priority list.

The Committee reviewed proposed changes to the "Grants to Charitable and not for Profit Organizations" Policy, the "Municipal District Fund - \$17,000" Policy and the "Municipal District Activity Fund - \$3,000" Policy.

I hereby give notice that I will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend the "Grants to Charitable and not for Profit Organizations" Policy (attached as Appendix "A"); the "Municipal District Fund - \$17,000" Policy (attached as

Appendix “B”); and the “Municipal District Activity Fund - \$3,000” Policy (attached as Appendix “C”)

The Committee has considered grant requests from community organizations.

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

\$1,000.00 to the Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society
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 \$3,000.00 to the Isle Madame Historical Society
 \$5,000.00 to the Leaside Transition House
 \$1,000.00 to the MacAskill House Museum Society
 \$1,000.00 to the Oceanview Wildlife Museum
 \$1,000.00 to the Point Tupper Heritage Association
 \$17,000.00 to the Regional Occupational Centre Society
 \$20,000.00 to the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association
 \$20,000.00 to the Richmond County Literacy Network
 \$2,400.00 to the Société Petit De Grat Beautification Society
 \$7,150.00 to the St. Louis Parish Council
\$4,639.98 to the Strait Richmond Health Care Foundation
\$84,189.98

The Committee reviewed requests from the Isle Madame ATV Riders Association and Development Isle Madame.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the request from the Isle Madame ATV Riders Association, in the amount of \$5,000 and Development Isle Madame, in the amount of \$2,000 be sent to the Department of Tourism, Culture & Recreation to be funded via the Trails budget.

The Committee reviewed the appointment of a representative to serve as an alternate on the Board of the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Fire Chief Johannes Sturm be appointed as an alternate to serve on the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia.

The Committee reviewed a draft of the nomination document prepared for UNESCO, from the Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that WHEREAS the Municipality of Richmond County is in general agreement with the principles advanced by the Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association but could not support the listing as a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve should it fetter the jurisdictional discretion of the Province of Nova Scotia or the Municipality of Richmond County;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application for inclusion of the Bras D'Or Lake watershed as a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve be withheld for a period of no less than six (6) months after which it will be reconsidered by Council.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Town of Port Hawkesbury regarding fire protection for the Point Tupper area.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that correspondence be sent to Mr. Billy Joe MacLean, the Mayor of Port Hawkesbury, indicating that Warden Boudreau, Councillor McNamara, the CAO, and the CFO will meet with the Town of Port Hawkesbury to discuss the shared fire services, and the request put forth.

The Committee reviewed the matter of a temporary borrowing resolution for the St. Peter's, Samsonville and Area Water Utility Project.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that WHEREAS the St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility was established under the Public Utilities Act, R.S.N.S 1989, c.380;

AND WHEREAS the said St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility has resolved to borrow by the issue and sale of debentures the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purpose of water systems;

AND WHEREAS the said St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility has requested the Municipality of the County of Richmond to guarantee the principal and interest of the said debentures when sold, pursuant to Section 89 of the Municipal Government Act;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, the Municipality do guarantee the principal and interest of debentures of the St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility, in the amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) when issued and sold;

AND FURTHER that the Warden and the Clerk be authorized to do all things and execute all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Municipal Council had previously met "In-Camera" to discuss the sale of a municipal property.

I move that Council authorize staff to proceed with the requirements necessary in order to sell a municipal property in L'Ardoise, as long as the group covers the migration and legal fees, and further moved that a sale price be decided upon the outcome of the public hearing.

The Committee reviewed the matter of erecting "Drive Carefully We Love Our Children" signage on highway right-of-ways, where they do not present a hazard, and the

Committee is requesting that the following resolution be presented to the Union of Nova Scotia Fall Conference.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, and that WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia no longer permits the location of signage such as the “Drive Carefully We Love Our Children” signs on its’ highway right-of-way;

AND WHEREAS it is of utmost importance to promote prudent operation of motor vehicles;

AND WHEREAS it is of increased importance to do so in areas where children may be present;

AND WHEREAS reasonable people will act responsibly when reminded of the risk of improper behavior;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that municipal government be permitted to cause to be erected signage that promotes prudent and responsible operation of motorized vehicles on streets, roads and highways;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such signage be permitted to be erected on highway right-of-ways where they do not present a hazard.

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