

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

### **FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2009**

The Committee has met three times since the last Council Meeting.

The Committee reviewed a request for municipal support for Parliament to recognize Tartan Day and the Maple Leaf Tartan.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality of the County of Richmond go on record as supporting the initiative of the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia to have the federal government declare April 6<sup>th</sup> annually as “Tartan Day” and the Maple Leaf Tartan recognized as Canada’s “National Tartan”.

The Committee reviewed the terms of office for the Richmond County Board Members on the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency Board.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Glenn Bennett (community representative) and Mr. Robert Wambolt (business representative) be re-appointed to serve another three year term; and further moved that Councillor Victor David (Council representative) be appointed for a three year term, to replace Warden John Boudreau on the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency Board.

The Committee reviewed the re-appointment of the municipal representative on the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Board of Directors.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Fred Hussey be re-appointed for a further three year term as the municipal representative on the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Board of Directors.

The Committee reviewed the expiration of the Richmond Representative on the Board of the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Rudolph Boudreau be re-appointed as the Richmond representative on the Board of the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from the Sacred Heart Parish, the Potlotek Education Office, the Village on the Canal Association, La Picasse/Centre Communautaire Culturel, St. Hyacinth's CWL, St. Anne Community & Nursing Care Centre, D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Janvrin's Island Community Centre Association, Strait Health Care Foundation and the Royal Canadian Legion.

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

- \$2,775 to the Sacred Heart Parish, Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, District #10;
- \$1,000 to Potlotek Education Office, Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund - District #10;
- \$200 to the Village on the Canal Association, Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund - District #8
- \$8,000 to La Picasse, Centre Communautaire Culturel, Municipal District \$17,000 Fund – District #2;
- \$1,000 to St. Hyacinth's CWL, Councillors' District Activity - \$3,000 Fund, District #3;
- \$15,000 to St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre – Municipal District \$17,000 Fund, (Multiple Districts);
- \$5,000 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society – Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #3;

- \$2,915.25 to Janvrin's Island Community Centre Association – Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #4;
- \$800 to Strait Health Care Foundation – Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #5;
- \$2,500 to Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #47 – Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #7.

The Committee reviewed the creation of a full time Administrative Assistant position.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a full time Administrative Assistant position be created.

The Committee reviewed the Tourism Partnership Coordinator position.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Tourism Partnership Coordinator position become a permanent position.

The Committee reviewed a request from Development Isle Madame Association regarding the Isle Madame Composting and Recycling Education Project.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be instructed to move forward with the funding in the amount of \$3,000 to Development Isle Madame for the hiring of two summer students for the Isle Madame Composting and Recycling Education Project, as a county wide project.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the Port Hastings Rotary.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written to the Strait Area Mutual Aid Association, with a copy to the

Minister of Transportation, expressing Municipal Council's support in their initiative regarding their correspondence to the Minister of Transportation requesting improvements to the Port Hastings Rotary.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Feed Nova Scotia regarding "Hunger Awareness Day 2009".

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and THAT WHEREAS addressing the food security needs of children, youth and families today is fundamental to the future of Richmond County;

WHEREAS the need for comprehensive, coordinated emergency food programs place upon our community a critical responsibility;

WHEREAS it is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts towards the health and well-being of hungry Canadians;

WHEREAS FEED NOVA SCOTIA, through its unique approach to providing emergency food supplies, is effectively caring for the needs of hungry children, youth and families in our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Richmond Municipal Council do hereby proclaim June 2, 2009 as "National Hunger Awareness Day" in Richmond County, and urge our citizens and all agencies and organizations interested in meeting the needs of hungry people to unite on that day in the observance of such exercises as will acquaint the people of Richmond County, with the fundamental necessity to support the work of food banks in meeting the food security needs of hungry children and youth and families.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding funding for the Louisdale/Evanston/Whiteside water treatment plant pre-design.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the municipal portion for the Louisdale/Evanston/Whiteside water treatment plant pre-design be funded out of the general revenue and charged against the project should the project go to construction.

The Committee reviewed a report from the CAO regarding a Personnel Committee of Council/Consultation Committee.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a Council/CAO Consultation Group on Personnel Matters be formed and that Councillors that are interested in serving on this Committee notify the Warden by e-mail.

The Committee reviewed area rates for 2009/10 for the Municipality.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and that the following area rates be approved for the 2009/10 fiscal year:

▪ St. Peter's Volunteer Fire Department	.10¢
▪ West Bay Road and District Volunteer Fire Department	.10¢
▪ L'Ardoise Volunteer Fire Department	.16¢
▪ Grand River Volunteer Fire Department	.15¢
▪ Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department	.12¢
▪ Louisdale & District Volunteer Fire Department	.10¢
▪ Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department	.15¢
▪ Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department	.11¢
▪ District #10 Volunteer Fire Department	.15¢

- Louisdale Sidewalks .10¢
- District #2 .04¢
- District #4 .05¢
- St. Peter's Village Commission – collect whatever rate they establish, conditional on them providing their rate to the Municipality by July 31, 2009.

The Committee wishes to extend congratulations to the new NDP Government under the leadership of Mr. Darrell Dexter, and to the four local candidates congratulating them on their campaign efforts, and in particular MLA Michel Samson, on his election win.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and send a letter to the new NDP Government under the leadership of Mr. Darrell Dexter, congratulating them on their victory and also send letters to all of the four local candidates congratulating them on their campaign efforts, and in particular MLA Michel Samson, on his election win.

The Committee reviewed the terms of settlement negotiated on May 20, 2009, concluding the subdivision development contract between the Municipality and HJS Consultants.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve and accept the terms of settlement negotiated on May 20, 2009, concluding the subdivision development contract between the Municipality and HJS Consultants and further moved that Municipal staff be instructed to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to conclude the matter on the terms so approved.

The Committee reviewed the matter of the fireworks display for Canada Day.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Council fund \$5,000 for fireworks to add to the \$500 per Councillor that will be committed and that Council review this matter prior to next year's budget approval.

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