

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

### FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2010

The Committee has met once since the last Council Meeting.

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:

\$2,000 to the Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society  
\$5,000 to the Coopérative Radio Richmond Ltée  
\$500 to the East Novability Society for Persons with Disabilities  
\$1,000 to the Isle Madame Historical Society  
\$5,000 to the Leaside Transition House  
\$1,000 to the MacAskill House Museum  
\$1,000 to the Oceanview Wildlife Museum  
\$1,000 to the Point Tupper Heritage Association  
\$20,000 to the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association  
\$15,000 to the Richmond County Literacy Network  
\$4,300 to the River Bourgeois Community Services Society  
\$17,000 to the Regional Occupational Centre Society  
\$5,000 to Telile  
\$3,920 to DIMA (Eco Action Environment Proposal)  
**\$81,720**

The Committee reviewed a recorded presentation from the Arichat Recreation Commission regarding a Wellness Centre.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter of support be issued to the Arichat Recreation Commission for the Wellness Centre Project, and further moved that the organization be informed that they must approach Council

with a sound business case before any further financial commitment can be considered by Council to this project.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Chief Financial Officer to have an expenditure of \$100,000 for physician recruitment to be recorded in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve an expenditure of \$100,000 for physician recruitment to be recorded in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

The Committee reviewed the municipal estimates for the year ending March 31, 2011.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval of the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2011 in the amount of \$13,109,567 (copy of budget attached as Appendix "A");

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$6,925,273 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2011, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of .75¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$2.01; which rates said

Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18 percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010 as the day on which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid.

The Committee reviewed area rates for the 2010/11 fiscal year.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and that the following area rates, per \$100 of assessment, be approved for the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

St. Peter's Fire Dept.	.09¢
West Bay Road Fire Dept.	.10¢
L'Ardoise Fire Dept.	.16¢
Grand River Fire Dept.	.15¢
Loch Lomond Fire Dept.	.12¢
Louisdale Fire Dept.	.10¢
Framboise Fourchu Fire Dept.	.15¢
Isle Madame Fire Dept.	.11¢
District #10 Fire Dept.	.15¢
Louisdale Sidewalks	.10¢
District #2 Community Rate	.04¢
District #4 Community Rate	.05¢
St. Peter's Village Commission - collect whatever rate they establish, conditional on them providing their rate to the Municipality by July 31, 2010	

The Committee reviewed the Capital Investment Plan for the year ending March 31, 2011.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and that the following Capital Investment Plan for the year ending March 31, 2011 be approved:

<u>Project:</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Inf.</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Gas Tax.</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Other Mun.</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>LT</u> <u>Debt</u>	<u>Total</u>
Arichat Sewer	1,120,136	500,000	125,000	-	495,136	1,120,136
Evanston Sewer	2,322,388	1,505,000	376,250	-	441,138	2,322,388
West Arichat Sewer	7,400,000	-	-	-	-	-
Louisdale WTP	2,200,000	-	-	-	-	-
Louis. Water Main	50,000	-	32,605	17,395	-	50,000
Little Barrachois Ext.	159,300	-	131,300	28,000	-	159,300

The Committee reviewed a personnel report regarding annual merit increases, as per the personnel policy manual.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that those staff that have capacity for lateral movement on their salary scale be provided with an average increase of 2.5% merit increase for the current year; and further moved that an additional 3% salary increase be approved for Mrs. Karen Doyle and Mrs. Tracy Randall, as compensation for additional duties being assigned to them.

The Committee reviewed the municipal appointment to the St. Anne's Community and Nursing Care Centre Board.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Councillor Malcolm Beaton be appointed as the municipal representative on the St. Anne's Community and Nursing Care Centre Board.

The Committee reviewed the Policy for Participation in Private and Public Infrastructure Projects.

I hereby give notice that I will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to adopt the Policy for Participation in Private and Public Infrastructure Projects.

The Committee reviewed a report from the Eastern District Planning Commission regarding the unsightly property of Raymond O'Toole in Evanston (District #5).

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to Mr. Raymond O'Toole for property PID #75101493, AAN #09081445, instructing that the structure be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within 30 days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover costs through property taxes.

The Committee also reviewed a second report from the Eastern District Planning Commission regarding the unsightly and dangerous Poirier Garage property in D'Escousse (District #3).

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to Mr. Russell Poirier and Mr. Claude Poirier for property PID# 75017822, AAN# 03778983, instructing that the structure be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within 30 days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover costs through property taxes.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities regarding proposed federal wastewater regulations.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written to the Federal Minister of the Environment, The Honourable Jim Prentice, the Provincial Minister of the Environment, The Honourable Sterling Belliveau, as well as their local Members of Parliament and Members of the Legislative Assembly outlining the Municipality's concerns with the regulations and asking that a tri-party funding agreement be put in place to share in the cost of implementing the new federal regulations.

The Committee reviewed a recommendation from the Vested Property Clerk requesting that a tax reduction, due to a fire, be approved for the property of Allan and Ruth Savoury.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Vested Property Clerk and that a tax reduction, due to fire, be approved in the amount of \$198.16 for the property of Allan and Ruth Savoury, account #4160614 for the period January 1, 2010 to March 31, 2010.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from the Arichat Recreation Commission, Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Arichat Community Development Association, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 150 Ladies Auxiliary, Petit De Grat CWL, Université Ste. Anne, Festival Acadien de Petit De Grat, Société Petit De Grat Beautification Society, Little Anse Social Action Club, Rocky Bay Irish Club, Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Louisdale Girl Guides, St. Louis Parish Baraco Days Festival and Calvin Presbyterian Church, DIMA, Janvrin's Island Community Centre and the Salmon River Community 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 Arichat Recreation Commission with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #1;
- \$7,000 Our Lady of Assumption Parish with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #1;
- \$300 to Our Lady of Assumption CWL with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #1 (\$300);
- \$1,500 to the Arichat Community Development Association with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #1;
- \$1,500 to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 150 Ladies Auxiliary with funds to be taken from Municipal District Activity Fund - District #1 (\$1,500);
- \$250 to the Petit De Grat CWL with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;
- \$5,000 to Université Sainte Anne with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #2;
- \$250 to the Festival Acadien de Petit De Grat with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;
- \$5,000 to the Société Petit De Grat Beautification Society with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #2;
- \$700 to the Société Petit De Grat Beautification Society with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;
- \$250 to the Little Anse Social Action Club with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;
- \$400 to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 150 Ladies Auxiliary with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #2;
- \$5,000 to the Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #3 conditional on the organization providing the Municipality with their Registry of Joint Stock renewal and verification of “Active “ status;
- \$1,700 to the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #3;
- \$500 to the Louisdale Girl Guides with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #6;
- \$500 to the St. Louis Parish Baraco Days Festival with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund - District #6;
- \$5,441.58 to the Calvin Presbyterian Church with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - District #10;
- \$1,500 to DIMA with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund for District #1;
- \$600 to the Janvrin’s Island Community Centre with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund for District #4;
- \$5,000 to the Salmon River Community Association with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund for District #10.

The Committee reviewed a proposal for Council participation in an un-owned infrastructure project from Mr. David Landry for the development of eight lots in the amount of \$13,500.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and support the principles of the draft Policy for Participation in Private and Public Infrastructure Projects and that a municipal contribution in the amount of \$13,500 to Mr. David Landry be approved for the development of eight serviced lots located in Louisdale.

The Committee reviewed the existing hours of operations of the Richmond County transfer station.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Richmond County Transfer Station Hours of Operation be Monday to Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from April to September inclusive and further moved that Council direct the Director of Public Works to start this process immediately.

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