

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2010

The Committee has met once since the last Council Meeting.

The Committee received notice from the Director of Tourism, Culture and Recreation that he will be retiring effective April 1, 2011.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the retirement of Mr. Clifford Boudreau, Director of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, effective April 1, 2011.

The Committee reviewed the proposed Veterans Memorial Monument Project.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the proposed Veterans Memorial Monument Project move forward, with 50% of the funding to be taken equally from all Councillors' Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, and 50% to be taken from general revenue.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Eastern District Planning Commission regarding the unsightly property of Peter Berrett in District #9.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Administrative Officer and further investigate this matter to ensure that all avenues have been considered regarding the removal of materials from the unsightly property of Peter Berrett in District #9.

The Committee reviewed a funding request from the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency regarding the proposed District Energy System Study.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Administrative Officer and that funding in the amount of \$12,000 be provided to the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency for the proposed District Energy System Study, with funding to be taken from economic development.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Chief Financial Officer requesting that By-Law #43, Deed Transfer Tax By-Law, be amended in order to increase the deed transfer tax rate from the current one half of one percent to one percent, in order to be more consistent with rates charged across the province.

I hereby give notice that I will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend By-Law #43, Deed Transfer Tax By-Law, in order to increase the deed transfer tax rate from the current one half of one percent to one percent.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from St. Hyacinth's Parish Council, Rocky Bay Irish Club, St. John the Baptist Parish, Camp Rankin, La Picasse and the Kavanaugh Columbus Club.

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

- \$250 to St. Hyacinth's Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund - District #3;
- \$250 to Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund – District #3;
- \$5,000 to St. John the Baptist Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund – District #7;
- \$10,000 to Camp Rankin, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund - Multiple Districts;
- \$400 to La Picasse, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$326 to Kavanaugh Columbus Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1

The Committee reviewed the matter of the defined benefits pension plan for the Municipality.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a Committee be established, consisting of three Council members (Warden and two Councillors) and three senior staff persons, to discuss and review the Municipality's defined benefits pension plan.

The Committee reviewed the short term plan for staffing the Richmond Arena, which is now owned by the Municipality.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Administrative Officer and implement the short term plan for staffing at the Richmond Arena.

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