

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**  
**FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2011**

The Committee has met twice since the last Council Meeting.

The Committee reviewed the tourism vision for 2011-2015.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be permitted to move forward and implement the Tourism Vision for 2011-2015.

The Committee reviewed a recommendation from the Chief Financial Officer to delete business occupancy accounts that are no longer collectible.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and that the following business occupancy accounts be written off as they have been removed from the assessment roll and are no longer collectible:

<u>Account#</u>	<u>Account Holder:</u>	<u>Balance:</u>
7196822	Downing, Eric Dr.	\$118.74
10014379	Federal Gypsum Company	\$48,055.08
7149301	Whale Cove Holdings Ltd.	\$112.30
5659396	West Arichat Co-op Society	\$392.71
7156650	Merrick, Rose Marie	\$83.79
10031257	Nanny's Quilts Ltd.	<u>\$123.42</u>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$48,886.04</b>

The Committee reviewed recommendations from the Chief Financial Officer to amend By-Law #56, to include the property of the Richmond County Literacy Network Society, Account #10345049, and to include the Richmond Arena Association, Account #9081593.

I hereby give notice that I will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend By-Law #56, to include the property of the Richmond County Literacy Network Society, Account #10345049, and the property of the Richmond Arena Association, Account #9081593.

The Committee reviewed the unsightly premise of Anthony F. Hendriksen and Donna A. Hendriksen, 334 Southside Petit De Grat Road (Assessment Account #00395366, PID #75010249).

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an Order to Remedy Condition be issued for the property of Anthony F. Hendriksen and Donna A. Hendriksen, 334 Southside Petit De Grat Road , AAN # 00395366, PID # 75010249 and that this Order be a Demolition Order.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from the Rocky Bay Irish Club, D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, DIMA, Acadiaville Community Centre, Louisdale Fleur De Lis Seniors Club, Felix Marchand Education Centre, River Bourgeois Community Services Society and the Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department.

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

- \$912.50 to the Rocky Bay Irish Club with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$500 to the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;

- \$500 to DIMA with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #3 and #4;
- \$250 to the Acadiaville Community Centre with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$1,700 to the Acadiaville Community Centre with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$1,000 to the Louisdale Fleur De Lis Seniors Club with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$2,500 to the Felix Marchand Education Centre with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6;
- \$5,000 to the River Bourgeois Community Services Society with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;
- \$10,000 to the Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Department with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Town of Shelburne regarding the Yarmouth/Maine Ferry economic impact.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter of support be sent to the Town of Shelburne in their efforts to lobby the provincial government to re-consider its decision to not fund the Yarmouth/Maine Ferry service and to show the Municipality's support at the February 8<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee Meeting.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Strait-Highlands RDA for the Municipality to remain at the present contribution level for the fiscal year 2010-2011.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality maintain their commitment to the Strait Highlands RDA and provide them with the additional \$1,802 in funding for the 2010 fiscal year.

The Committee reviewed a request for a Councillor to attend the Persons with Disabilities Conference in Halifax.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and sponsor a Councillor to attend the “Persons with Disabilities” Conference in Halifax on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee reviewed the matter of erecting signage at each of the entrances to Richmond County.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the costs of constructing and erecting signage at each of the entrances to Richmond be included in budget deliberations.

The Committee reviewed the matter of engaging a consultant to carry out a review of job descriptions and salary ranges for municipal employees.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the hiring of Gerald Walsh Associates Inc. to carry out a review of the job descriptions and salary ranges for municipal employees at a cost of \$12,000, as outlined by the CAO .

The Committee reviewed the application from Mr. David Landry requesting funding through the Policy for Certain Infrastructure Funding Requests.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and instruct the CAO to send a letter to Mr. David Landry indicating that his application for funding through the Policy for Certain Infrastructure Funding Requests has been denied.

The Municipality reviewed a request for financial support for the Women in Local Government (WILG) Bursary Program.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve a commitment of \$900 over three years to the Women on Local Government Bursary Program and also request that the UNSM review the eligible courses so that this bursary is available to a broader section of municipal units other than those located in Halifax and area and that more be done to encourage more municipalities to contribute to this bursary fund at levels more proportionate to the size of the municipality.

The Committee reviewed the proposed closure of Service Canada Sites in St. Peter's and Petit De Grat, which would also involve the closure of two CAP sites at these locations.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written to MP Rodger Cuzner with copies to relevant members of the Provincial Cabinet objecting to the slated closures of the Petit De Grat and St. Peter's Service Canada sites, indicating that these two sites deal with seasonal workers and an aging population demographic that requires more individualized assistance and who are not comfortable with technology requirements and lack of assistance that are provided in the main Service Canada Centers.

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

