

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2011

The Committee has met once since the last meeting.

The Committee reviewed a code of conduct for elected municipal officials.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of the County of Richmond wishes to affirm standards of conduct in office which reflect members' commitment to honourable and effective public service;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council approves and adopts the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

The Committee reviewed a report from the Chief Financial Officer outlining the projections to February 28, 2011.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and approve the additional expenditures of \$100,000 for physician recruitment and \$50,000 for landfill closure costs.

The Committee reviewed a report from the Chief Financial Officer regarding capital project financing for Hospital Road, Evanston; Sewer and Water, Island View Drive, Louisdale; Arichat Watermain and Louisdale Watermain.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and that the gas tax funding be reallocated in order to complete the following projects:

Hospital Road, Evanston
Sewer and Water, Island View Drive, Louisdale
Arichat Watermain
Louisdale Watermain

The Committee also reviewed a report from the Chief Financial Officer regarding the taxes outstanding on the former Federal Gypsum Plant. These taxes are uncollectible because the property belongs to Nova Scotia Business Inc, who are exempt from property taxes.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and approve the write off of taxes owing on the Federal Gypsum tax account # 07947437, in the amount of \$485,429, due to the taxes being uncollectible, because the property belongs to Nova Scotia Business Inc, who are exempt from property taxes.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from the Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Club, the Janvrin's Island Community Centre, Dorothy's Pets in Need Society, the Dr. W.B. Kingston Clinic, the Fourchu Development Association and the Richmond Villa.

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

- \$8,000 to the Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;
- \$15,000 to the Janvrin's Island Community Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4;
- \$150 to Dorothy's Pets in Need Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$350 to Dr. W.B. Kingston Clinic, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$1,424.49).
- \$4,000 to Richmond Villa, Municipal District Activity Fund (\$500 – District #1; \$300 – District #2; \$200 – District #3; \$500 – District #6; \$500 – District #7; \$1,000 – District #8; \$500 – District #9; \$500 – District #10).

The Committee received a report from the Pension Committee.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Pension Committee and approve the following:

- (a) That no new members be permitted to join the existing Defined Benefits Plan;
- (b) That a new Defined Contribution Plan be established for new employees;
- (c) That the employee contribution for the members of the defined benefits plan be increased from 6.2% to 9%;
- (d) That the Committee reconvene a meeting after the receipt of updated financial information from Desjardins;
- (e) That an RFP be prepared for the provision of pension/investment services.

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