

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2011

The Committee has met twice since the last Council Meeting.

The Committee reviewed a request for a financial contribution towards the “Farewell to Nova Scotia Breakfast” to take place during the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference being held in Halifax June 3-6, 2011.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and contribute \$1,000 towards the “Farewell to Nova Scotia Breakfast” at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference.

The Committee reviewed a request from Richmond Academy seeking confirmation for the use of the Richmond Arena facility in the event of an emergency evacuation, now that the Municipality has ownership of that facility.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be directed to allow Richmond Academy access to the Richmond Arena in the event of an emergency evacuation.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from St. John’s Anglican Church, the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #150, Ecole Beau Port, Rocky Bay Irish Club, Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Harbour Authority of Little Harbour, Fourchu Development Association, Little

Anse Sampsons Cove Social Action Centre, St. Hyacinths Parish, Dr. W.B. Kingston Clinic and Isle Madame New Horizons Senior Citizens Club.

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

- \$500, St. John's Anglican Church, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #1, #3 and #4;
- \$ 8,000, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #150, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Districts #1, #2, #3 and #4;
- \$500, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$100, Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$20,000, Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4;
- \$100, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$ 2,000, Harbour Authority of Little Harbour, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$500, Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;
- \$200, Little Anse Sampsons Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$100, Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$300, St. Hyacinths Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$2,000, Dr. W.B. Kingston Clinic, Municipal District Activity Fund, All Districts;
- \$20,000, Isle Madame New Horizons Senior Citizens Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts

The Committee reviewed a request from LaPicasse requesting to use the municipal logo on a tourism press release in the Province of Quebec and other French regions, aimed at attracting tourists to Isle Madame, and also requested a Council resolution showing our support.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond County support La Picasse by allowing the use of the Municipal Crest for a tourism press release.

The Committee reviewed the current Travel Expense Policy, with a recommendation to amend the policy to use the average of the federal and provincial mileage rates; and also a recommendation to increase each meal allowance by \$5.00.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the CAO and amend the Travel Expense Policy to use the average of the federal and provincial mileage rates, along with increasing each meal allowance by \$5, with the changes to be effective April 1, 2011, thus allowing for retroactive adjustments for the current fiscal year.

The Committee reviewed a request for a loan guarantee from the St. Peter's and District Volunteer Fire Department.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve a loan guarantee in the amount of \$300,000 for the St. Peter's and District Volunteer Fire Department conditional on the clearance from the Department of Environment being provided.

The Committee reviewed a request from the St. Peter's, Samsonville & Area Water Utility regarding a loan guarantee. Further clarification regarding the loan guarantee was requested.

The Committee reviewed a request for financial operating support from the Strait Area Transit.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the funding request made by the Strait Area Transit in the amount of \$15,584.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Richmond County Literacy Network for sponsorship in their Drive for Literacy golf tournament.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond Municipal Council sponsor the Drive for Literacy event as done in previous years and that Mr. Darrin McLean be requested to organize the teams for the event.

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

