

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2011

The Committee has met three times since the last Council Meeting.

The Committee received a presentation from the Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue with a request to be classified as an emergency service provider.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and support the Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue Association in being classified as an emergency service provider.

The Committee reviewed the municipal estimates for the year ending March 31, 2012.

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, 2012 in the amount of \$13,286,673 (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 \$7,105,925 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2012, 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 30th day of September, 2011 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 2011/12 fiscal year.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and approve the following area rates, along with the St. Peter's VSA rate conditional on them providing the rate by July 31, 2011 and that a clause be communicated to all groups that any rates submitted beyond July of each year will not be collectable:

St. Peter's Fire Department	.09¢
West Bay Road Fire Department	.10¢
L'Ardoise Fire Department	.16¢
Grand River Fire Department	.15¢
Loch Lomond Fire Department	.12¢
Louisdale Fire Department	.10¢
Framboise – Fourchu Fire Department	.15¢
Isle Madame Fire Department	.11¢
District #10 Fire Department	.15¢
Louisdale Sidewalks	.10¢
District #2 Community Rate	.04¢
District #4 Community Rate	.05¢

The Committee reviewed a request from the Health Association of Nova Scotia to declare September, 2011 as “Continuing Care Month”.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and declare the month of September, 2011 as “Continuing Care Month” in the County of Richmond.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from Richmond Academy, Ecole Beau Port, Isle Madame Tourism and Trade Association, D’Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Richmond Academy Youth Health Centre, Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association, Societé Petit De Grat Beautification Society, St. Joseph’s CWL, St. Louis Parish (Baraco Days), Louisdale Girl Guides, the Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors, the St. Louis Parish. Petit De Grat Red Caps, Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Janvrin’s Island Community Centre, Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, St. Francis De Sales Parish, the River Bourgeois Mariners Society and the Lennox Passage Yacht Club.

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

- \$200, Richmond Academy, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$150, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$300, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$300, Isle Madame Tourism and Trade Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$1,000, D’Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$300, Isle Madame Tourism and Trade Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$260, Richmond Academy Youth Health Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$1,000, Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$250, Societé Petit de Grat Beautification Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;

- \$300, St. Joseph's C.W.L., Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$1,000, St. Louis Parish (Baraco Days), Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$500, Louisdale Girl Guides, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000, Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000, St. Louis Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6.
- \$500, Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$200, Petit De Grat Red Caps, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$200, Isle Madame Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$276, D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$800, Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$600, Janvrin's Island Community Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$15,000, Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$3,434.77, St. Francis De Sales Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$250, Ecole Beau Port, Municipal District Activity Fund, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$5,169.73, River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7;
- \$318.65, Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3.

The Committee reviewed a request from Strait Area Transit for funding for a luncheon being hosted during a strategic planning exercise.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the funding request in the amount of \$200 be taken from general revenue and provided to Strait Area Transit for a lunch during a strategic planning exercise.

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

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and move forward with the loan request from the St. Peter's & Area Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$300,000.

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Director of Public Works regarding the rates for hauling municipal waste trailers.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Director of Public Works, and agree to a 5% increase for both Richmond County Truckers Association rates and revisit the rates in three month intervals.

The Committee reviewed a request to provide financial assistance to the recipient of the Mobius Award to attend a ceremony in Halifax.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that financial assistance be provided to the recipient of the Mobius Award to attend the awards ceremony as per the county travel policy.

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Public Works regarding the Richmond Rural Environmental Management Project.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be authorized to move the Richmond Rural Environmental Management Project forward and report back to Council in the Fall of 2011 with project specifics.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding the disposal of the surplus property of the former Nova Scotia Liquor Commission building in Arichat.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the CAO write to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and indicate that the Municipality of the County of Richmond is not interested in obtaining ownership of the former Nova Scotia Liquor Commission building.

The Committee received a presentation from the Arichat Recreation Commission regarding the proposed Wellness Centre.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Council move the Wellness Centre project forward in terms of Council and staff (as determined by the CAO), to participate at the table in further discussion for potential development of this project.

The Committee reviewed a request from Councillor Beaton to add the D'Escousse Wastewater Management Project to the capital list.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the D'Escousse Wastewater Management Project be added to the Capital List.

The Committee reviewed an update on the former St. Peter's School.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff prepare a "Request for Proposal" to determine if there are interested persons who would

like to purchase the former St. Peter's School property; and the proposal should include a deposit and property plan, as well as other conditions to ensure the property would be developed.

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Chief Financial Officer regarding the Capital Investment Plan, which requires Council approval in order to comply with gas tax reporting requirements.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and approve a five year Capital Investment Plan for the year ending March 31, 2012 to include the Hospital Road Sewer Extension; the West Arichat Sewer; the Louisdale Water Plant; the D'Escousse Sewer System and the new Excavator at the Landfill.

The Committee reviewed correspondence received from the Hon. Maureen MacDonald, Minister of Health and Wellness, confirming the approval of a Recreation Facility Development Grant, in the amount of \$150,000, for the Richmond Arena.

The Committee reviewed the following dangerous and unsightly properties:

- Abraham Sampson, Grandique Road, Martinique (PID #75097287; Assessment Account #03886905);
- Abraham Sampson and Blanche Sampson, 1723 Grandique Road, Martinique (PID #75003822; Assessment Account #07935951);
- Canada Adventure Resort Ltd., 10320 Grenville Street, St. Peter's (PID #75058107; Assessment Account #01979973);
- Eduard Steininger, Highway #4 Cannes (PID #75019968; Assessment Account #02483262);
- Gerard Birrette, 12 Barrett Road, Lower L'Ardoise (PID #75067033; Assessment Account #00328936);
- Viola Burke Coltman, 1007 Veterans Memorial Drive, Arichat (PID #75001792; Assessment Account #01432133);
- William Murphy, 22 Boucher Lane, River Bourgeois (PID #75047571; Assessment Account #03431126).

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Municipality's Administrator for Dangerous and Unsightly Premises and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to the following property owners; and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council, instructing that the buildings be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes:

- Abraham Sampson, Grandique Road, Martinique, PID # 75097287/Assessment Account #03886905;
- Abraham Sampson and Blanche Sampson, 1723 Grandique Road, Martinique, PID #75003822/Assessment Account #07935951;
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The Committee reviewed the Canada Day celebrations.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and order two fireworks shows, in the same amount as last year; one being presented over the Arichat Harbour and the other being presented over the St. Peter's Bay. Councillors from both the Island and Mainland will contribute towards the shows from their annual allocation.

The Committee reviewed a personnel matter.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Administrative Officer and allow an employee the opportunity to retire early, under a plan presented by the CAO and accepted by Council, due to health issues and that the CAO be authorized to replace this employee.

The Committee also reviewed merit increases for staff that have capacity for lateral movement on their salary scale.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the CAO and issue a merit increase to staff for the 2011-2012 fiscal year in accordance with the present personnel policy.

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