

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

The Committee has met twice since the last Council Meeting.

The Committee reviewed the unsightly and dangerous property of Mathilda Forgeron and Cornelius Bonin in West Arichat.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Municipality's Administrator for Dangerous and Unsightly Premises and of the Committee of the Whole and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to Mathilda Forgeron and Cornelius Bonin, 1002 Highway 206, West Arichat (PID #75189209; AAN #01541595) 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.

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Vested Property Clerk regarding the former St. Peter's School Property.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and of the Committee of the Whole and tender the former St. Peter's School building for demolition and that the tender specify the removal of the foundation and oil tanks; and further moved that the remaining parcel of land be sold in an attempt to recover as much of the costs associated with the demolition as possible.

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Chief Financial Officer recommending that By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, be amended to include the property of the W.B. Kingston Memorial Clinic, Account #10286352.

I hereby give notice that I will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the W.B. Kingston Memorial Clinic, Account #10286352.

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Chief Financial Officer recommending that a borrowing resolution be approved in the amount of \$160,335 for the L'Ardoise Volunteer Fire Department, regarding their purchase of a (2012) 500 gallon pumper truck.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Committee of the Whole and approve a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$160,335, to be amortized over a ten year period, for the L'Ardoise Volunteer Fire department to purchase a (2012) 500 gallon pumper truck.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from Friends of Isle Madame Provincial Park Society, West Bay Community Association, River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Lakeside Community Association, the Richmond County Literacy Network and the Holy Guardian Angels Parish Council.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the following grant requests:

- \$200, Friends of Isle Madame Provincial Park Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;

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- \$2,500, West Bay Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$500, River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$500, Lakeside Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$1,100, Richmond County Literacy Network, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$2,572.86, Holy Guardian Angels Parish Council, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9.

The Committee reviewed a grant request from the Bras D'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve Association.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the grant request submitted by the Bras D'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve Association, from various Municipal District Activity Funds, in the amount of \$3,500 and that an additional \$1,500 be contributed from general revenue.

The Committee reviewed the unsightly property of Pirkko Nurmi in River Bourgeois.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and of the Committee of the Whole and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to the property owner, Pirkko Nurmi, 8079 Highway 4, Cannes, River Bourgeois, Richmond County (PID #75043000; AAN #00506206); 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 sixty (60) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes.

The Committee reviewed the matter of solid waste curbside collection, noting that the contract is up for renewal.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be authorized to proceed with a three year contract for curbside collection and monitor the statistics in order to make an informed decision on the possibility of doing green waste collection.

The Committee reviewed the procedure/election of Deputy Warden that will take place later on the agenda.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the ballots for the election of Deputy Warden be destroyed as soon as it is determined that a candidate has been selected by majority vote.

A report was received regarding the review and make-up of Council Committees.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept Warden Boudreau's report on the review and make-up of Council Committees.

The Committee reviewed a request for the purchase of municipal property in the Richmond County Industrial Park.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the CAO be authorized to sell municipal property in the Richmond County Industrial Park to the proponent at the appraised value, with conditions that specify a twelve month building period;

and further moved that the interested proponent be free of any outstanding municipal arrears, if any exists.

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