

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

The Committee has met once since the last Council Meeting.

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

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 property owners, Mathilda Forgeron and Cornelius Bonin, 1002 Highway 206, West Arichat, Richmond County (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 correspondence from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities regarding the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against racism and discrimination.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality of Richmond join the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination and to be part of the UNESCO's international coalition.

The Committee reviewed the recommendation from the Chief Financial Officer to delete the property of the Grand River Fire Department, Account #1776754 from By-Law #56, as it is now assessed to a private individual.

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 delete the property of the Grand River Fire Department, Account #1776754, as it is now assessed to a private individual.

The Committee reviewed the request from the L'Ardoise Volunteer Fire Department to change the Council motion previously adopted at the October 11, 2011 Council Meeting for a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$160,335 to a loan guarantee for the same amount, to purchase a 2012 500 gallon pumper truck, of which they are contributing \$50,000 of their own funds, with the loan to be amortized over ten years.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and approve a loan guarantee 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.

I wish to note that the previous motion made at the October 11, 2011 Council Meeting approving a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$160,335 for the L'Ardoise Volunteer Fire Department should be rescinded and therefore require a motion to that effect.

The Committee reviewed grant requests from Development Isle Madame, St. Hyacinth Parish Council, D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Acadiaville Community Centre Society, River Bourgeois Community Services Society, L'Ardoise Legion, Branch #110, L'Ardoise Men's Club and Fourchu Development Association.

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

- \$500, Development Isle Madame Waste Management Project, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$400, Development Isle Madame Family Fun Day, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #1, 2, 3 & 4 (\$100 per district);
- \$100, Development Isle Madame Waste Management Project, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #2 & 3 (\$50 per district);
- \$150, Development Isle Madame Meet & Greet, Municipal District Activity Fund, Districts #2, 3 & 4 (\$50 per district);
- \$200, St. Hyacinth Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$500, D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$250, Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$500, River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$500, L'Ardoise Legion Branch #110, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$500, L'Ardoise Men's Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$1,424.49, Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (amount previously approved for a sound system, however the funds will now be used towards the cost of the water treatment system).

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