

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2012

The Committee has met twice since the last Council Meeting.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Mr. John Bain recommending that the Municipal Antenna Site Procedure or Protocol be repealed, due to the completion of the Rural Broadband Initiative.

I hereby give notice that I will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to repeal the Municipal Antenna Site Procedures and/or Protocols due to the completion of the Rural Broadband Initiative.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Kenneth Gaudet of the Conseil Scolaire Acadien Provincial regarding the signage being displayed in English only on the Municipality of Richmond administration building and also reviewed correspondence from the Department of Acadian Affairs offering to translate the Municipality of the County of Richmond's website so that it is displayed in both official languages with all business being carried out in English.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the signage on the Municipality of Richmond Administration building be displayed in both official languages and that the offer from Department of Acadian Affairs be accepted to translate the Richmond County website to display in both official languages with all business being carried out in English.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Vested Property Clerk regarding a request from Crystal Owzarek to write off taxes for Assessment Account # 701386, assessed to John Owzarek due to fire in the amount of \$967.51 which represents taxes on the dwelling from July 1, 2011 to March 31, 2013.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and of the Committee of the Whole and that taxes be written off for Assessment Account # 701386, assessed to John Owzarek in the amount of \$967.51 which represents taxes on the dwelling from July 1, 2011 to March 31, 2013.

The Committee received an update regarding the property of Vivian Samson, 36 Penny's Lane, Little Anse, Richmond County (PID #75012260; AAN #04118189); noting that the property owner has hired a contractor and the property is to be demolished by the end of the week.

I move that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to Vivian Samson, 36 Penny's Lane, Little Anse, Richmond County (PID #75012260; AAN #04118189); and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the house 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 request for additional funding from the Strait Area Transit.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve additional funding in the amount of \$15,584 to Strait Area Transit and further moved that in addition to funding, Council approach the Province on their behalf.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Wellness Centre Project Capital Cost Contribution.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that \$200,000 be approved for Vitalité Isle Madame over a 2 year period, in support of the Wellness Centre Project contingent on funding from other parties, in addition to presentation of an operating budget by the group.

The Committee reviewed a request from Energy Lighting Retrofits.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond County take advantage of the 70/30 split offered by Efficiency Nova Scotia and complete a \$10,000 energy retrofit on all municipally owned buildings.

The Committee reviewed the request from the Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership Yarmouth and Area.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the whole and that additional funding in the amount of \$1,000 be approved to the Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership Yarmouth and Area.

The Committee reviewed the request from the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve funding in the amount of \$500 for the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia for education programs.

The Committee reviewed the matter of an engineering study that is required on landfill closure costs.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that \$20,000 in additional funding for the potential Engineering Study on landfill closure costs be approved.

The Committee reviewed the municipal estimates for the year ending March 31, 2013.

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, 2013 in the amount of \$13,854,982 (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 \$7,362,296 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2013, 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, 2012 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 the area rates for the 2012/13 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:

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| - St. Peter’s Fire Dept | - | .09¢ |
| - West Bay Road Fire Dept | - | .10¢ |
| - L’Ardoise Fire Dept | - | .16¢ |
| - Grand River Fire Dept | - | .15¢ |

- Loch Lomond Fire Dept	-	.12¢
- Louisdale Fire Dept	-	.10¢
- Framboise-Fourchu Fire Dept	-	.15¢
- Isle Madame Fire Dept	-	.11¢
- District #10 Fire Dept	-	.15¢
- St. Peter's VSA	-	.45¢
- Louisdale Sidewalks	-	.10¢
- District #2 Community Rate	-	.04¢
- District #4 Community Rate	-	.05¢

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Chief Financial Officer regarding the approval of a five year capital investment plan for the year ending March 31, 2012, in order to comply with gas tax reporting requirements.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and approve a five year capital investment plan for the year ending March 31, 2013 in order to comply with gas tax reporting requirements.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Solicitor regarding the property of Tammy Boucher, 8506 Highway 4, River Bourgeois, NS (PID #75047621, AAN #03585123) which indicated that the dwelling has been demolished and the property has been cleaned up.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the motion approved at the May 14, 2012 Council Meeting whereby an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to Tammy Boucher, 8506 Highway 4, River Bourgeois, NS (PID #75047621, AAN #03585123), and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the house 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 be rescinded.

The Committee reviewed information regarding the Property of Peter Berrett, Anthony Berrett, John Breyon, Justin Breyon, Peter Breyon, Stephen Breyon, 1364 Salmon River Road, Salmon River (Grant 13378; PID #75105304).

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and postpone the matter of the above referenced property to the Committee of the Whole meeting in September 2012.

The Committee reviewed information regarding the property of Thomas Nicholas Richard, 124 Boudreauville (AAN #03644204; PID #75008466).

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Thomas Nicholas Richard, 124 Boudreauville Road, (AAN #03644204; PID #75008466), and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the house 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 information on the property of Robert Richard, 2660 Highway 4, MacIntyre Lake, (PID #75033357, AAN #04801296).

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issue to Robert Richard, 2660 Highway 4, MacIntyre Lake, (PID #75033357, AAN #04801296), and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owner instructing that the house 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 grant requests from L’Archeveque Wharf Preservation Society, Riverdale Community Services Society, Immaculate Conception Parish Council, Save Community Schools, Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association, D’Escousse

Civic Improvement Society, L'Association des Femmes acadiennes en marche de Richmond, Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Arichat Relay for Life, D'Escousse Civic Improvement, Louisdale Brownies, St. Louis Parish Canada Day Committee, Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors, Lakeside Community Association, Fourchu Development Association, Loch Lommond Volunteer Fire Department and Sacred Heart Ladies Group.

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

- \$4,500 to L'Archeveque Wharf Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$4,644.27 to Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$200 to Immaculate Conception Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$3,100 to Save Community Schools – Richmond, Municipal District Activity Fund, District Multiple Districts;
- \$727.96 to Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association St. Peter's, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7, 8, 9, 10;
- \$5,000 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$400 to L'Association des Femmes acadiennes en marche de Richmond, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$300 to Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$252.87 to Arichat Relay for Life – Canadian Cancer Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$250 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$500 to Louisdale Brownies, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000 to Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000 to Lakeside Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8;
- \$475 to Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Infrastructure, District #10;
- \$12,500 to Loch Lommond Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$1,005.99 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$500 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;

And further moved that the grant request from St. Louis Parish Canada Day Committee for funding under the Municipal District Activity Fund in the amount of \$1,000 be referred back to the Chief Financial Officer for consideration of a grant in the amount of \$1,500.

The Committee reviewed a memo from the Vested Property Clerk regarding the write off of taxes on MacNeil property destroyed by fire, Account # 7956495.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and of the Committee of the Whole and write off the taxes on the property of Mr. Pat MacNeil, which was destroyed by fire, Account # 7956495 in the amount of \$920.78, which represents taxes for February 7, 2012 to March 31, 2013.

The Committee reviewed a request from a group of concerned land/lot owners within the Southern Comfort Subdivision, Grand Lake, Grandique Road requesting the Municipality of the County of Richmond consider establishing a Waste Water Management District in the Grand Lake area in order to allow them to install a cluster system with proper maintenance agreements with the Municipality.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the request from the owners within the Southern Comfort Subdivision, Grand Lake, Grandique Road requesting the Municipality of the County of Richmond consider establishing a Wastewater Management District in the Grand Lake area in order to allow them to install a cluster system with proper maintenance agreements with the Municipality be approved.

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

