

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

The Committee has met once since the last Council Meeting.

The Committee reviewed the fate of the Courthouse.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be authorized to make the necessary modifications to isolate unused portions of the building, including the original court house, in order to minimize operating expenses and FUTHER MOVED that a draft Expression of Interest be prepared for Council's review and two Public Meetings be scheduled in Council Chambers to acquire public opinion regarding the fate of the building

The Committee reviewed correspondence from the Chief Financial Officer regarding debenture borrowings.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and the Committee of the Whole and that

WHEREAS Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act* provides that a municipality is authorized to borrow money, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations;

AND WHEREAS the resolution of council to borrow for \$400,000 ...was approved by the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations on March 12, 2014.

AND WHEREAS clause 91 (1)(b) of the *Municipal Government Act* authorizes the council to determine the amount and term of, and the rate of interest, on each debenture, when the interest on a debenture is to be paid, and where the principal and interest on a debenture are to be paid.

AND WHEREAS clause 91 (2) of the *Municipal Government Act* states, that in accordance with the *Municipal Finance Corporation Act*, the mayor or warden and clerk or the person designated by the council, by policy, shall sell and deliver the debentures on behalf of the municipality at the price, in the sums and in the manner deemed proper;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT under the authority of Section 91 of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Municipality of the County of Richmond borrow by the issue and sale of debentures a sum or sums not exceeding \$400,000 , for a period not to exceed 15 years, subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations;

THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality of the County of Richmond in the amount that the warden and clerk deems proper, provided the average interest rate of the debenture does not exceed the rate of 5.5%;

THAT the debenture be arranged with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation with interest to be paid semi-annually and principal payments made annually;

THAT this resolution remains in force for a period not exceeding twelve months from the passing of this resolution.

The Committee reviewed the Fall Heavy Garbage Pickup dates.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Fall Heavy Garbage Pick-up take place from September 2nd to September 26th, 2014.

The Committee reviewed grant requests.

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

- \$500 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity fund, District #10;
- \$4,000 to Telile Community Television, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;
- \$300 to Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$1,150 to Isle Madame, Louisdale, St. Peter's, West Bay Rd, L'Ardoise, Grand River, Framboise-Fourchu, District 10 and Loch Lommond

Volunteer Fire Departments, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts ;

- \$300 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement Center, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$2,000 to Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$20,000 to Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9.

The Committee reviewed the Building Canada Fund.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff submit an application through the Building Canada Fund for the Louisdale /Evanston/ Whiteside Water Treatment Plant upgrade.

This concludes the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of April, 2014 and I move its adoption.