

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT**

**FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2017**

The Committee has met once since the last Council Meeting.

**The Committee reviewed a request from Smoke Free Nova Scotia.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS** tobacco is the number one cause of preventable disease and death in Canada, killing 37,000 people every year; and

**WHEREAS** the tobacco industry uses any means at its disposal to make its deadly products more attractive; and

**WHEREAS** packaging has become the most important promotional vehicle for the tobacco industry; and

**WHEREAS** Australia, France and the United Kingdom have all passed laws requiring plain and standardized packaging for tobacco products, and many others have announced their intention to follow suit,

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Municipality of the County of Richmond supports regulations for plain and standardized packaging in Canada, as outlined as follows:

Plain and standardized packaging would prohibit all promotional features on all tobacco packaging, including the use of colours, images, logos, slogans, distinctive fonts, and finishes. Only the brand name would be allowed and it will also be subject to restrictions. Health warnings would remain on packages. The size and shape of the package would be standardized, thus prohibiting specialty package formats, such as slim and superslim cigarette packages that reduce warning size and overtly target women. The appearance of cigarettes would also be

standardized, at a minimum prohibiting the use of branding, logos, colours and special finishes, and establishing standards for cigarette length and diameter.

**The Committee reviewed grant requests.**

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

- \$1,000 to St. Peter’s Community Club, c/o St. Peter’s Pirate Festival Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$449.77 to River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$300 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$1,000 to L’Ardoise Acadian Festival Committee, c/o L’Ardoise Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$15,000 to West Arichat & District Village Circle Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2.
- \$500 to Riverdale Community Service Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;

This concludes the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of April 2017 and I move its adoption.