



## **Committee of the Whole Report March 2025**

The Committee met on March 11, 2025.

### **The Committee discussed the funding request from Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the funding request from Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health to budget deliberations.

### **The Committee discussed the 2025 Heavy Collection.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to proceed with the 2025 Heavy Collection at an estimated cost of \$175,000 (net HST rebate), with the funds to be allocated in the 2025/26 budget.

### **The Committee discussed the Strait of Canso Clean Fuels Domestic Use Strategy.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and, based on the 82% leveraging of funds and the opportunity to maximize the benefit for local residents in building a hydrogen economy here in the region, fund the project at \$24,250 from the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget if there is room, otherwise to fund it from the 2025/2026 fiscal year budget.

### **The Committee discussed the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Expansion**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to proceed with the expansion of the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill, with construction subject to budget approval.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and proceed with the engineering work and studies on or after April 1, 2025, at an estimated cost of \$275,000 (exclusive of HST), with the funding to be allocated from CCBF funds.



**The Committee discussed the St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$2,645.00.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds application back to staff for further information.

**The Committee discussed the St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for the Type 1-Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$1,520.00, with the funds to be allocated from the District 4 Funds, and FURTHER MOVE that the organization be advised to reapply for the remainder of the project work in the new fiscal year.

**The Committee discussed the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for the Type 1 - Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00, with the funds to be allocated as follows: \$520.00 from the District 2 Funds, \$500.00 from the District 1 Funds and \$3,980.00 from the Regional Funds.

**The Committee discussed the Richmond Rize Volleyball Association grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$9,919.83.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Richmond Rize Volleyball Association grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$4,500.00, with the funds to be allocated as follows: \$1,020.00 from the District 1 Funds and \$3,480.00 from the Regional Funds.



**The Committee discussed the St. Louis Parish Council grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$2,000.00.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the St. Louis Parish Council grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$2020.00, with the funds to be allocated from the District 3 Funds.

**The Committee discussed the request from a resident regarding flags.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and suspend the MOCR Flag Policy, permitting the Canadian Flags to be flown, from the day after St. Patrick's Day until March 31, 2025.

**The Committee discussed the conversations around housing.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and have staff support consultations with developers on improving housing in an open call to ensure no one is excluded.

**The Committee discussed the CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and have the Warden write a letter of support for the purchase of a CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital site to the Minister of Health, and cc'd to MLA/Minister Trevor Boudreau and the Strait Richmond Hospital Foundation.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and move the discussion of some financial support towards the purchase of a CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital to the 2025/2026 budget deliberations.

**The Committee discussed the Eastern Counties Regional Library's request for the allocation of funding for the St. Peter's Hub project to be included in the Municipality's 2025/2026 annual operating budget.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the request for the allocation of funding for the St. Peter's Hub project to be included in the Municipality's 2025/2026 annual operating budget.



**The Committee discussed the Eastern District Planning Commission operating estimates for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the EDPC operating estimates, deferring them to budget deliberations.

**The Committee discussed the Multi-Party First Nations and Municipal Agreement.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and enter into the CBREN funding agreement for a four (4) year period, with a two (2) year notice of withdrawal.

**The Committee discussed the Richmond Arena.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the Richmond Arena discussion to budget deliberations.

**This concludes the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of March 2025, and I move its adoption.**