



Committee of the Whole Report November 2025

The Committee met on November 12, 2025.

The Committee discussed the increases in fire protection rates for the St. Peter's - Samsonville & Area Water Utility.

To enable Council to enter into budget deliberations with a full picture of our current relationship with the Village of St. Peter's, and to help us build a path forward on a solid and informed foundation, and in keeping with our Strategic Plan goal on leading and engaging stakeholders to strengthen our relationship with other local governments, including the Village Commission, I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and form a sub-committee consisting of Richmond County staff and Council, and that Village staff and Commissioners be invited to participate for the purpose of reviewing the full scope of the County/Village relationship, and to provide an update to Council prior to budget deliberations.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the Friends of St. John's Arichat for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$800.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Friends of St. John's Arichat grant request for the Tier 1 Community Grant Funds in the amount of \$800.00 and be allocated as follows: \$400.00 from the District 1 Fund and \$400.00 from the District 2 Fund.

The Committee discussed the allocation of surplus funds and transfers from the Municipality's Operating Reserve.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the transfer of \$909,500 from the Operating Reserve as follows:

- \$500,000 for landfill closure
- \$200,000 for strategic priorities of Council
- \$189,500 for the solar PV system, and
- \$20,000 for the ECRL Hub Project



The Committee discussed the write off of inactive accounts.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Finance Department's request to write off the principal and interest associated with the attached inactive accounts in the total amount of \$33,137.34.

The Committee discussed volunteer recognition.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff, with advice from the Recreation Advisory Committee and checking in with volunteer organizations, to explore the opportunities and costs associated with volunteer appreciation/recognition, to be considered at budget deliberations.

The Committee discussed the Raising the Village's request for support for the Regional Well-Being Conference and the Richmond County Intergenerational Health Fair.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and support the March 26 Wagmatcook Regional Well-Being Conference at \$500.00 and the Richmond County Intergenerational Health Fair to be held in Richmond County in early 2026 at \$1,000.00 to be allocated from the Sponsorship Budget, contingent on both events taking place.

The Committee discussed the letter from PVSC regarding property assessment and the Municipal Modernization Act.

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to contact PVSC to invite them to do a presentation.

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