

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2004

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

The CAO called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

The CAO requested that a moment of silence be observed in recognition of Remembrance Day.

The CAO indicated that on November 4, 2004, Judge Laurel Halfpenny MacQuarrie conducted a re-count for District #2, which indicated the same vote count as election night (Boudreau 325, Goyetche 322, Samson 77). Accordingly, Mr. Digout indicated he is declaring Mr. John Boudreau the successful candidate.

The CAO indicated that he would also like included in tonight's agenda correspondence and a short presentation from Mr. Richard MacKinnon of the Strait/Inverness/Richmond Inter-Agency on the Prevention of Family Violence regarding the Purple Ribbon Campaign.

Swearing in of Councillors

The CAO indicated that Justice Laurel Halfpenny-MacQuarrie has graciously offered to perform the swearing in of the new Municipal Council.

The CAO welcomed Justice Halfpenny-MacQuarrie to the Council Chambers.

Justice Halfpenny-MacQuarrie indicated that she was here last week to conduct the recount and was taken on a tour of the lovely new facility.

The CAO indicated that Justice Halfpenny-MacQuarrie will call upon each Councillor to come forward, individually, to swear in and sign their affidavit.

Justice Halfpenny-MacQuarrie proceeded to swear in the new Municipal Council in the following order:

- Councillor Chuck Boudreau
- Councillor John Boudreau
- Councillor Malcolm Beaton
- Councillor Alvin Martell
- Councillor Shirley McNamara
- Councillor Richie Cotton

- Councillor Joe MacPhee
- Councillor Clair Rankin
- Councillor Steve Sampson
- Councillor Gail Johnson

Nominations called by the Clerk for the Appointment of Warden

The CAO opened the floor for nominations for Warden.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Councillor Cotton be nominated for Warden of Richmond County.

The CAO called for further nominations.

There were no other nominations for position of Warden.

Moved by Councillor C. Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Martell that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Councillor Cotton thus becomes Warden.

The CAO congratulated and welcomed Warden Cotton to the Chair.

Warden Cotton thanked Councillor MacPhee and Councillor McNamara for their nomination and thanked all of Council for their support, noting that he looks forward to working hard for this Council.

Warden Cotton indicated that he has had the pleasure of working with the seven returning Councillors and being aware of their strengths and abilities, he looks forward to continue working with them.

Warden Cotton indicated that he would like to congratulate the three new Councillors, noting that they all bring with them considerable experience. Councillor Rankin being a former councillor also has considerable experience working with communities in Richmond. Councillor John Boudreau is also very involved in the community and is a recipient of the Order of Canada. Councillor Martell is very experienced working with his community and also served as EA for the MLA.

Warden Cotton congratulated all Councillors and indicated that he was looking forward to working with them over the next four years to bring Richmond forward.

Nominations called by the Warden for the Appointment of Deputy Warden

Warden Cotton opened the floor for nominations of Deputy Warden.

Moved by Councillor J. Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Councillor Sampson be nominated for Deputy Warden.

The Warden called for further nominations for Deputy Warden.

There were no further nominations for Deputy Warden.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor McNamara that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Councillor Sampson thus becomes Deputy Warden.

Warden Cotton congratulated Deputy Warden Sampson.

Deputy Warden Sampson thanked Councillors for their nomination and indicated that he is looking forward to assisting the Warden and forming special partnerships and working with the agendas of individual communities and for Richmond, as well as with other municipalities and other levels of government.

Warden Cotton indicated the Municipality has been approached by the Strait/Inverness/Richmond Inter-Agency on the Prevention of Family Violence to make a proclamation declaring December 6th as a day of remembrance for women who have died as a result of violence in their intimate family relationship.

Warden Cotton welcomed Mr. Richard MacKinnon.

Mr. MacKinnon introduced Mrs. Misty Campbell, Victims Services, and Mrs. Bonnie Urquhart, Leaside Transition House, who are very much involved in the Purple Ribbon Campaign.

Mr. MacKinnon indicated that the Purple Ribbon Campaign marks the anniversary of the death of 14 women murdered in Quebec in 1989 and those who wear the purple ribbon support the prevention of family violence.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council declare December 6, 2004 as a day of remembrance for women who have died as a result of violence in their intimate family relationships. Motion carried.

Purple ribbons were distributed

Mrs. Campbell pinned ribbons on the CAO and the Warden and presented them with posters commemorating the Purple Ribbon Campaign.

Call for Nominations and Appointments:

Warden Cotton indicated that he would like to form a Selection Committee with the Deputy Warden and have councillors each submit a list indicating their choices for the committees they would like to serve on, in order of priority.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Councillor Rankin be added to the Selection Committee. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton called a short recess so that the Committee could meet to make the committee selections.

Warden Cotton asked the CAO to join them to record the decisions, and recessed the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Warden Cotton reconvened the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Deputy Warden Sampson indicated that Councillors first choices were all met.

Deputy Warden Sampson indicated that for the Ad-Hoc Committees (agenda items (h) to (n)), Warden Cotton has noted Councillors choices and will take them into consideration in the selection.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Selection Committee and that Council members be appointed to various committees as follows:

Planning Advisory Committee: Councillor Martell, Councillor McNamara, Councillor MacPhee, Councillor C. Boudreau, Councillor Beaton

Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission: Councillor Beaton, Councillor McNamara

Richmond Housing Corporation (Villa): Councillor MacPhee, Deputy Warden Sampson, Councillor Rankin, Councillor McNamara

Eastern Counties Regional Library: Councillor Rankin

St. Anne's Community and Nursing Care Centre: Councillor Chuck Boudreau

Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Park Commission: Councillor J. Boudreau, Councillor Rankin

Heritage Advisory Committee: Councillor MacPhee, Councillor Rankin, Councillor Chuck Boudreau

Motion carried.

Warden Cotton indicated that in regards to the Police Services Advisory Committee, a new Act was passed and there is a meeting scheduled on November 15th after which it will be determined what type of Committee will be formed. Also, he wishes to have the Energy Committee consist of the Warden and 2 Councillors.

Warden Cotton indicated that he would like to have all Councillors preferences for the Ad-Hoc Committees before Friday.

Warden Cotton read his letter of resignation as Council representative for the Strait Regional Development Agency, indicating that his new duties as Warden may interfere with his involvement.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson that Council accept Warden Cotton's resignation as Council representative for the Strait Regional Development Agency. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton indicated that he will add this to the list of Committees for which a Council representative must be selected.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor C. Boudreau that Council enable the Warden, in consultation with the Deputy Warden, to make the Council appointments to the Ad-Hoc Committees. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton indicated that the MLA for Richmond, Mr. Michel Samson was present and asked MLA Samson to address the meeting.

MLA Samson indicated that it is a pleasure to be here for Council's first session, congratulating all Councillors on their elections.

MLA Samson also extended congratulations to former Councillors MacNeil, Goyetche and Bourque for their years of service to Richmond as well Councillor Gail Johnson for her two years of service as Warden and for the leadership she has shown during this time.

MLA Samson indicated that MLA Rodger Cuzner sends his regrets that he is unable to be here this evening.

MLA Samson indicated that he looks forward to a continued dialogue with Richmond Council and thanks Mr. Digout for providing him with a copy of all Council packages, which has allowed him to keep informed of the issues in Richmond.

MLA Samson indicated that this is a very prosperous time for Richmond and he hopes there is continued work with both the provincial and federal levels of government to assist growth in Richmond.

MLA Samson indicated his office is always available to everyone and he looks forward to continuing the current working relationship with Council.

Warden Cotton thanked MLA Samson for attending tonight's meeting.

Warden Cotton indicated that there will be a reception and tours after the meeting.

Warden Cotton requested that all Councillors stay for photos after the meeting.

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.