

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE 46<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL**

**JUNE 20, 2005**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

The Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Opening Remarks of the Warden

Warden Cotton presented his opening remarks (copy attached) of the Annual Council Session, summarizing the activities and progress that have taken place during the past year. He thanked Councillors for their initiatives, proactiveness and dedication and thanked the CAO and all staff for their cooperation, commitment and hard work over the past year.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Cotton indicated Councillor J. Boudreau wished to add a special resolution and Councillor McNamara wished to add a request to the Department of Transportation to place a sign on Henry Paint Street in Point Tupper regarding the use of engine brakes.

Councillor C. Boudreau requested and received the unanimous consent of Council to add the purchase of fire vehicles for the Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department, noting this was an emergency item.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the items added be accepted as presented, including the Isle Madame Fire Department capital funding. Motion carried (unanimous).

Review of Minutes: May 9, 2005

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of May 9, 2005 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

(a) Regional Occupational Centre (Tom Gunn) re: Grant Request

Warden Cotton welcomed Mr. Tom Gunn and Mr. Vernon Sampson to the meeting.

Mr. Sampson indicated he wished to thank Municipal Council, as outgoing President, for their past contributions in assisting the Regional Occupational Centre, which is a registered charitable society providing life skills and vocational options for persons with intellectual disabilities, and assisting each person in realizing their potential.

Mr. Sampson introduced Mr. Tom Gunn, who is the incoming President of the Centre.

Mr. Gunn indicated that the ROC Society is under-funded. He noted that the Department of Community Services funded 75% of the budget, in the past, but the Province has significantly reduced their funding to approximately 50%. The ROC Society is required to fund-raise for the remaining 50% of the funding, which is providing great difficulty and stress to the Society.

Mr. Gunn indicated there are currently nine clients from Richmond County, and the ROC Society is requesting an ongoing annual contribution from Municipal Council of \$1,000 per year, per client from Richmond County, for an annual contribution of \$9,000 per year, until a new level of funding is received.

A question and answer period followed.

Municipal Councillors commended Mr. Sampson and Mr. Gunn for the excellent work that is being carried out by the Regional Occupational Centre.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Municipal Council accept the presentation of the Regional Occupational Centre and that their grant request be referred to the Committee of the Whole for deliberation. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton thanked Mr. Vernon Sampson and Mr. Tom Gunn for their presentation.

(b) Arichat Recreation Commission (Jason Martell) re: Grant Request

Warden Cotton welcomed Mr. Jason Martell and Mr. Herman Samson to the meeting.

Mr. Martell and Mr. Samson indicated that the Arichat Recreation Commission was just recently revived with the vision to create a skateboarding park for the youth of our region.

They indicated that to date, donations had been received from St. Joseph's Credit Union, Charles & Peggy Bosdet, Samson's Enterprises and Superior Contracting, and they indicated they were requesting that Municipality provide the Arichat Recreation

Commission with a grant of \$5,0000 annually for five years, which would cover the cost of insurance and operating the park.

The presenters indicated that they had established a budget of \$100,000 to construct the facility, but the best quote that they received for insurance was \$5,000.

Councillor Rankin indicated that a group in St. Peter's is also investigating the possibility of a skateboard park.

Councillor J. Boudreau indicated that it may be easier for the Municipality to provide a grant towards the capital cost, rather than ongoing grants for insurance purposes, which would establish a precedent for community groups.

A question and answer period followed.

Mr. Martell requested that a commitment be made at tonight's Council Meeting in order that the project can proceed immediately.

Warden Cotton noted that there is Council support to commit funds for more than one year, however, he noted that it has been the practice of Council that grant requests be referred to the Committee of the Whole for deliberations, and therefore he will not accept a motion at tonight's meeting, but will place it on the agenda for a future meeting.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Municipal Council accept the presentation of the Arichat Recreation Commission as presented and their grant request be referred to the Committee of the Whole for deliberation. Motion carried. (One nay – Councillor C. Boudreau).

The CAO indicated he would have Recreation staff contact Mr. Samson and indicate where liability quotes can be obtained and also request that they prepare a report for Council.

Warden Cotton thanked Mr. Martell and Mr. Samson for their presentation.

(c) Richmond Community Access Society (Brenda Martell) re: Grant Request

Warden Cotton welcomed Mrs. Brenda Martell to the meeting.

Mrs. Martell reviewed a power point presentation, as previously distributed (copy attached).

Mrs. Martell indicated the Richmond Community Access Society was requesting a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to support a Co-Ordinator's position with the organization. She noted the RCAS is the regional working group for the Community Access Program in Richmond County, and provides support, coordination and communication to the 11 CAP sites throughout the county.

Mrs. Martell indicated that March 31, 2005 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Community Access Program, and unfortunately this anniversary also marks the beginning of the final year of the program.

Mrs. Martell indicated that the RCAS is embarking on a new partnership with the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency and are ready to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to research and develop opportunities that will enhance economic development for CAP sites within the Strait-Highlands Region (Inverness County, Richmond County and Port Hawkesbury).

Mrs. Martell reported that the CAP Site Society is currently in discussions with EDS, with respect to establishing satellite call center projects in Richmond County; and is also working with the community of Johnstown on a project to establish their CAP site in a new location, due to problems with the building in which they are located.

Mrs. Martell reported that the funding being requested from the Municipality was to support the CAP Site Society for the remainder of this year, because they are currently pursuing sustainability funding sources.

In response to an inquiry from Councillor MacPhee, Mrs. Martell indicated that there was a possibility of the Society approaching the Municipality to provide some services on a fee for service basis.

A question and answer period followed.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Martell that Municipal Council accept the presentation of the Richmond Community Access Society and refer their grant request to Committee of the Whole for deliberation. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton thanked Mrs. Martell for her presentation.

#### Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole re: Estimates/Tax Rates/Other

Councillor Beaton declared a conflict of interest with regards to grant requests indicating that his employer is listed as receiving a grant, and he left his seat during discussion and voting of this item.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grant requests be awarded to community groups:

- \$10,000 to Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre (Year 3 of 10 year commitment)
- 25,000 to Richmond County Literacy Network (Year 2 of 3 year commitment)

- 1,500 to Richmond County Seniors 50+ Club
- 5000 to Wallace MacAskill Yacht Club
- 750 to Point Tupper Heritage Museum
- 750 to Oceanview Wildlife Museum
- 750 to MacAskill House Museum
- 1,000 to Eastern Regional Help Line
- 500 to Strait Area Ground Search & Rescue 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee
- 1,250 to Stora Minor Hockey Tournament
- 600 to Inverness-Richmond Society for Persons with Disabilities
- 3,000 to R.D.A./Partners for Climate Protection
- 240 to Janvrin's Island Community Centre

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor C. Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant requests from Home Support Nova Scotia Association and the Thibeau Family Reunion 2005 be denied. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and provide a total tax exemption from property taxes on the following facilities that have a charitable tax number, and that are included in By-Law #36, conditional on these organizations maintaining their charitable tax numbers:

	<b><u>2005/06</u></b>
	<b><u>Assessment</u></b>
Oceanview Museum (7944454)	\$71,700
Arichat Parish Hall (5177553)	89,500
Petit De Grat Parish Hall (1415263)	169,700
Knights of Columbus Hall (2386453)	114,800
Janvrin's Harbour Hall (4176561)	60,100
Riverdale Community Hall (3971074)	175,700
Louisdale Parish Hall (1414712)	199,800
River Bourgeois Funeral Home (7944608)	91,400
River Bourgeois Hall (3970698)	285,300
L'Ardoise Parish Hall (1414801)	169,900
L'Ardoise Funeral Home (1414828)	69,000
Loch Lomond Hall (2577607)	87,600
Johnstown Parish Hall (1413929)	69,100
Mowat's Environmental Institute (9026754)	34,500
Mowat's Environmental Institute (9026754)	23,000
Mowat's Environmental Institute (3317951)	14,100
St. Peter's United Church Hall (4715098)	111,500
L'Ardoise Medical Centre ((1414836)	119,800
East Richmond Medical Centre (3189678)	161,500

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the taxes be totally exempted for the following properties that are municipally owned:

	<b>2005/06</b> <b><u>Assessment</u></b>
Arichat/PDG Water Utility (By-Law #33) (3397114)	\$1,216,900
Louisdale Water System (By-Law #33) (2606399)	918,300
Evanston Water Utility (By-Law #33) (5233453)	727,900

AND FURTHER MOVED that Municipal Council provide a total exemption for the current fiscal year for the following properties, which are covered by Special Acts of the Legislature, which gives Council the authority to exempt these properties annually by resolution:

	<b>2005/06</b> <b><u>Assessment</u></b>
Johnstown Development Co-Op (2257424)	\$122,800
Isle Madame Seniors Club (1163639)	152,000
Bonnie Brae Seniors Club (7944810)	34,300
St. Peter's Lions Club (658723)	122,300

AND FURTHER MOVED that the following nursing homes be exempted from taxes for the current fiscal year:

	<b>2005/06</b> <b><u>Assessment</u></b>
St. Anne's Community Nursing Care Centre (5846838)	\$829,000
(5846838)	231,900
Richmond Villa (3956482)	1,092,100

AND FURTHER MOVED that the following facilities/halls be provided with a grant in an amount equal to their property taxes, so as to provide them with similar treatment to other community facilities:

**2005/06**  
**Assessment**

Rocky Bay Hall (4018265)	\$118,900
D'Escousse Hall (1193376)	502,000
Salmon River Hall (5494281)	66,700
Framboise Hall (889334)	53,200
Lakeside Hall (2413167)	90,400
MacAskill House Museum (1481606)	33,300
Isle Madame Historical Society (2154447)	85,300
Isle Madame Historical Society (9141847)	24,200
Isle Madame Historical Society (3441598)	41,000
Forchu Hall (1538519)	38,400
River Bourgeois Historical Society (5359287)	49,900
South Mountain Arm of Gold (4715071)	33,200
Nicholas Denys Museum (3501396)	30,000
Grand River Volunteer Fire Department (5188911)	184,800
Grand River Volunteer Fire Department (1776754)	5,500
Basin River War Memorial (8815739)	900
River Bourgeois Comm. Serv. Society (8816778)	8,000
Janvrin Island Sports & Recreation Association (9081461)	6,000
Isle Madame Community Venture Centre Association (01193384)	151,700
Janvrin's Island Community Centre (9140972)	3,000
(9141006)	3,800
(9141030)	7,500
Masonic Lodge (3075877)	62,400
Motion carried.	

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following area rates be established for the current fiscal year:

L'Ardoise & District Volunteer Fire Department	-	.16¢
West Bay Road & District Volunteer Fire Department	-	.10¢
Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department	-	.11¢
Louisdale & District Volunteer Fire Department	-	.10¢
St. Peter's & District Volunteer Fire Department	-	.13¢
Red Islands (District #10) Volunteer Fire Department	-	.12¢
Grand River Volunteer Fire Department	-	.15¢
Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department	-	.12¢
Framboise-Forchu Volunteer Fire Department	-	.15¢
Motion carried.		

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an area rate of .05¢ per \$100 of assessment be levied in District #4, for the purposes of community support and enhancement outlined by the West Arichat & District Village Circle Society. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor J. Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an area rate of .04¢ per \$100 of assessment be established in District #2 for the Petit De Grat Beautification Society. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality collect the area rate for the St. Peter's Village Commission, in the amount established by the Village Commissioners. Motion carried.

Councillor Rankin noted that the annual meeting of the St. Peter's Village Commission is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor J. Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following three year capital projections for the period 2005 to 2007 be established as follows; with the capital priorities being again reviewed in the fall:

1. Solid Waste Management Facility Upgrade	-	\$1,080,000
2. Sampsonville Water System Upgrade	-	1,950,000
3. Evanston Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade	-	1,750,000
4. Evanston Water Tower Valve Chamber Replacement	-	190,000
5. Arichat/Petit De Grat Water Treatment Plant Backup Power Generator	-	75,000
6. Arichat Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades	-	610,000
7. Grantville Sewage System	-	585,000
8. Petit De Grat Sewage System	-	70,000

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality provide a grant for one half of the shortfall remaining for the Sampsonville/St. Peter's Groundwater Supply Study, after applying any additional funds received from the province. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Sampson noted that this year is the Year of the Veteran and Municipal Council will contact the three legions in the county and request that special recognition be given to Veterans and request that certificates be distributed to the Veterans at the Remembrance Day celebrations.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a lateral increase be approved on the salary scale of 2.5%, for those employees who have sufficient remaining capacity on their scale. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor C. Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2005 in the amount of \$9,961,671 (copy of budget attached as Appendix "A");

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$7,524,371 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2006, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of .68¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$1.36 which rates said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18 percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid from the final billing after the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2005;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005 as the day on which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and increase the contribution levels to the staff pension plan by 1% for staff, and 0.5% for Council, effective July 1, 2005; and further moved that the Municipality fund the entire increase of 1.5% from January 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor J. Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval in principal to a request to the Province for enabling legislation that will provide authority for municipal units on Cape Breton Island to institute a tourism marketing levy;

AND FURTHER MOVED that Richmond Council support be conditional on Council being satisfied that the marketing organization that will be organized to administer the

funds will be structured to provide Richmond County with appropriate representation and input;

AND FURTHER MOVED that the approval also be conditional on the satisfactory approval by the other four Councils on Cape Breton Island. Motion carried. (One nay - Councillor MacPhee)

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to offer the property to Charles & Peggy Bosdet at fair market value, together with the costs associated with the conveyance. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the request from Smith & Fraser Mobile Homes Ltd. to purchase a twenty-two acre parcel, proposed as lots 78 and 84 on the draft subdivision plan not be entertained, because it is felt that industrial lands should not be used for residential development. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the taxes owing on property account #2903768 in the amount of \$423.44, which is the portion of the taxes that relate to the fire in January, 2004, be written off in accordance with our policy on tax reduction due to fire. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be authorized to offer the undersized lot to Stella Sampson, at fair market value, plus the costs associated with the conveyance. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor C. Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Department of Transportation be requested to change the current "passing zone" to a "no passing zone" on Highway 206 in Arichat, located in front of house #2170 from the convent to the "Welcome to Arichat" sign. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and write off an amount totaling \$136.46, which represents interest from Mr. Albert DeWolfe's tax bill, as a result of farm taxes. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

(b) Clerk re: Annual Report

The CAO presented his annual report (copy attached) and reviewed the Municipality's Statement of Operations for the year ending March 31, 2005, noting that the Municipality had a surplus of \$48,653 for the fiscal year.

The CAO thanked Warden Cotton and Municipal Councillors for the excellent support and working relationship developed with staff.

Warden Cotton thanked the CAO for his report.

### Annual Appointments

- (a) Signing Officers
- (b) Representative – Eastern Counties Regional Library Board
- (c) Heritage Advisory Committee (3 Councillors)
- (d) Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission (2 Councillors)
- (e) Representative – Strait Regional Airport Committee
- (f) Planning Advisory Committee (5 Councillors)
- (g) Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Development Commission  
(Warden plus 2 Councillors)

Moved by Councillor J. Boudreau, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that the Clerk, the Deputy Clerk and the Warden be appointed as Signing Officers, with the Deputy Warden being appointed as an alternate to the Warden; and further moved that the Council representatives currently serving on the following Committees remain the same:

- Eastern Counties Regional Library Board: Councillor Clair Rankin
- Heritage Advisory Committee: Councillor Joe MacPhee  
Councillor Clair Rankin  
Councillor Chuck Boudreau
- Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission: Councillor Shirley McNamara  
Councillor Malcolm Beaton
- Strait Regional Airport Committee: Councillor Gail Johnson
- Planning Advisory Committee: Councillor Shirley McNamara  
Councillor Alvin Martell  
Councillor Chuck Boudreau  
Councillor Malcolm Beaton  
Councillor Joe MacPhee
- Richmond/Port Hawkesbury Joint Development Commission: Warden Richie Cotton  
Councillor John Boudreau

Councillor C. Rankin

Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) Department of Justice re: RCMP Services

For information purposes.

(b) Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations re: Central Richmond Plan

For information purposes.

(c) Department of Transportation & Public Works re: Highway 104

Moved by Councillor J. Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Rankin that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation and Public Works requesting information on the proposed highway through the Port Hawkesbury/Richmond Joint Industrial Park. Motion carried.

(d) Mr. Michel Samson, MLA re:

(i) Rocky Bay Athletic Club

It was the consensus of Councillors that a copy of our grant policy be forwarded to Mr. Burgess, President of the Rocky Bay Athletic Club.

(ii) Framboise First Responders

It was the consensus of Councillors that a letter be sent to the MLA, with a copy to Mrs. Ferguson advising that the Municipality will be addressing a report on fire department difficulties, through the establishment of a new position, and this correspondence will be referred to the new staff person appointed.

(e) Municipality of Pictou County re: Fees for General Fishing License

For information purposes.

Councillor J. Boudreau noted that the additional fees collected are going towards very useful and desirable purposes.

(f) St. Anne's Community & Nursing Care Centre re: Board Representative

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Councillor Boudreau be re-appointed as the municipal representative on the Board of Directors at St. Anne's Community and Nursing Care Centre. Motion carried.

(g) Little Anse – Sampson’s Cove Social Action Centre re: Grant Request

(h) Isle Madame Historical Society re: Grant Request

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that the grant requests from the Little Anse – Sampson’s Cove Social Action Centre and the Isle Madame Historical Society be referred to the Committee of the Whole for deliberation. Motion carried.

(i) Sharon & Glyn Chilvers re: Tax Levy

The CAO indicated the Chilvers, who own a Bed & Breakfast, were noting their objection to the concept of a room levy.

#### Items Added to the Agenda

(1) Councillor J. Boudreau re: Special Resolution

Moved by Councillor J. Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Martell that BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council for the Municipality of the County of Richmond, through the Council Members and on behalf of all the residents represented by we the Councillors, do hereby acknowledge the tremendous work done and the very beneficial results achieved by Chairman Steve Sampson and his team, the Board of Directors of the Richmond Villa Association, in bringing to fruition the commitment for a large and vital piece of infrastructure for our County;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council further acknowledges their efforts in recognition of the most valuable, in fact critical, role this facility will play in providing for the well-being and good care of a growing and very important segment of our population. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Sampson thanked Councillor J. Boudreau for his motion, and also thanked the Richmond Villa Board Members and Municipal Council for their work and commitment in making this project become a reality.

(2) Councillor McNamara re: Request Department of Transportation to place a sign on Henry Paint Street in Point Tupper re: Use of Engine Brakes

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation requesting that they place a sign on Henry Paint Street in Point Tupper, with regards to the non-use of engine brakes. Motion carried.

(3) Councillor C. Boudreau re: Purchase of Fire Vehicles for the Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department

Councillor C. Boudreau indicated that he felt information had been provided from the Fire Department to staff.

The CAO indicated that if any information had been received at the Municipal Office, that it would've only been earlier today, and he had not seen the information yet.

Councillor C. Boudreau then addressed the meeting, summarizing the Volunteer Fire Department

Councillor C. Boudreau indicated that the Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department had deteriorating fire vehicles, and they wish to purchase two new vehicles. He indicated a quote had been received from Metalfab Fire Apparatus (a Metalfab Fire Department Walk In Rescue in the amount of \$170,798; and a Metalfab Fire Department Tanker in the amount of \$260,597).

Councillor C. Boudreau indicated a special meeting had been held yesterday, in order to have the information forwarded to tonight's meeting.

Councillor J. Boudreau and Councillor Martell indicated they had not been contacted regarding the special meeting.

Moved by Councillor C. Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Richmond Municipal Council authorize a temporary borrowing resolution in the amount of \$431,395 for the Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department, for the purpose of purchasing new equipment, conditional on their ability to repay the loan; and further moved that the appropriate signing officers be authorized to execute the necessary provincial borrowing resolution and loan agreements. Motion carried.

Warden Cotton indicated Mr. Michel Samson, MLA was in the audience and requested Mr. Samson to speak on behalf of the Province.

Mr. Samson addressed Council, commenting on the official opening of the comfort stations at Battery Park, the Richmond Villa sod turning ceremony, paving projects in Richmond County, the Strait Richmond Hospital Emergency Room, which remains closed, the desperate need for affordable housing, etc.

Mr. Samson indicated he had read Mr. Joel Bowen's report regarding fire departments, and commended the Municipality's pro-active role with regards to volunteer fire departments.

Mr. Samson noted that the Province will hold special ceremonies for veterans and he noted he will notify the Municipality when more information is known, noting that the Municipality will be invited participate at the same time, if they so wished.

Mr. Samson commended Municipal Councillors for their pro-active role and thanked the CAO and Council for the great working relationship and looks forward to the continued support.

Mr. Samson wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Warden Cotton thanked Mr. Samson for his comments.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Cotton adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.