

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2007

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Warden Boudreau 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.

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor MacPhee was unable to attend the meeting.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor Rankin wished to add the condition of roads in St. Peter's and Ian MacNeil, Host of Cape Breton's CBC program "Information Morning" leaving the program in early March.

Councillor Sampson requested and received unanimous consent to add an item acknowledging a ceremony to take place on Sunday afternoon in L'Ardoise, whereby long service award medals from the federal government will be given to the members of the L'Ardoise Fire Department, for 20 years of volunteer service.

Review of Minutes: (a) January 8, 2007 (Regular Meeting)
(b) January 29, 2007 (Special Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that the minutes of January 8, 2007 (Regular Meeting) and January 29, 2007 (Special Meeting) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentation and/or Delegation:

(a) Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic re: Grant Request

Mr. Rene Samson, Chairman and Mr. Billy Cotton, Vice-Chairman presented the power point presentation on behalf of the Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic (copy of presentation attached).

A question and answer period followed.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Rankin that the presentation from the Dr. Kingston Memorial Clinic be accepted as presented and referred to the Committee on budget deliberations. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Samson and Mr. Cotton for their very informative presentation.

Notice of Motion – Councillor Sampson: to amend the Policy re: Disposal of Surplus Equipment, attached as Appendix “A”

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Policy regarding the Disposal of Surplus Equipment be amended, to reflect the policy that is attached as Appendix “A”. Motion carried.

The CAO indicated that Committee of the Whole was recommending an additional amendment.

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the motion be amended to reflect that additional wording will be added to Clause 3 of the policy as follows: “The CAO may order the destruction of surplus computers, if he determines that they have very little or no value, and in such instances, the hard drives must be removed and destroyed.” Amendment carried.

Moved Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Policy regarding the Disposal of Surplus Equipment be amended, to reflect the policy that is attached as Appendix “A”; with a further amendment to Clause 3 as follows: “The CAO may order the destruction of surplus computers, if he determines that they have very little or no value, and in such instances, the hard drives must be removed and destroyed.” Motion carried (as amended).

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole Report

Deputy Warden McNamara presented the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole (copy attached).

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and proceed with establishing a Tourism Partnership Coordinator position on a contract basis, for a two year term, with the individual to work under the supervision of the Tourism Advisory Board, with the chief responsibilities to include working directly with the Destination Richmond Tourism

Cooperative and working to identify and develop tourism opportunities within Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a Police Advisory Board be established, to be comprised of five members (two Councillors; two community representatives and one member appointed by the Minister of Justice); and further moved that the Warden be authorized to appoint the two Council representatives to serve on the Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Cotton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter of support be written to Regional Occupational Centre, supporting the establishment of an Adult Vocational Centre in Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a \$10,000 contribution be made to the Université Sainte-Anne Lobster Project, with this contribution being utilized from the \$10,000 grant advance that was previously recovered for a District #2 project, and placed in general revenues; and further moved that the entire amount of this \$10,000 contribution be made from expenditures from this fiscal year. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a grant in the amount of \$1,000 be approved for the Richmond Minor Baseball Association (Joint Stock Co. Registry ID 3189972), to be used to sponsor a “care-givers” recognition banquet, to be taken from the Councillors’ District Activity Fund - \$3,000 for District #2. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden McNamara gave notice that she will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend the Grants to Charitable Organizations Policy (attached as Appendix “A”), by adding:

“(va) a Day Care licensed under the Day Care Act”;

and that the policy be further amended by adding to Clause (ii), after the word cultural: “community, fraternal, recreational, religious, sporting”.

Deputy Warden McNamara gave notice that she will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to adopt the New Capital Water Projects Policy, as a policy of the Municipality (attached as Appendix “B”).

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that representation be made to the Province in opposition of the new CAP system, because establishing the CAP at CPI will result in the majority of residential/resource properties in the province being eligible, and the remainder of the properties being forced to pay for the concession

created by CAP; and further moved that Council suggest to the Province that authority be given to municipal governments to deal with property assessments that exceed a reasonable amount (i.e. 10%), and that the authority include formal residency requirements and an income test. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) Minister of Health re: Mobile Breast Screening Unit

(b) Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations re:

(i) Dundee and Area Water System Pre-Design Study

(ii) St. Peter's/Samsonville Water Supply & Distribution Modeling Study

(c) Department of Transportation & Public Works re: Non-Use of Engine Brakes

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Cotton that Municipal Council approve the payment of \$150 to have a "No Engine Braking" sign erected on Henry Paint Street in Point Tupper. Motion carried.

(d) Municipality of the County of Annapolis re: Pork Producers Industry

Warden Boudreau advised that the Rural Caucus has recently received a presentation from the Nova Scotia Pork Producers Association, and that representation is going to be made from all rural units in the province, to attempt to address these issues.

(e) Canada Post re: Postal Service

(f) Velo Cape Breton re: Road Signs

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Richmond Municipal Council support Velo Cape Breton in their request for the installation of over 100 "Share the Road" signs on the provincial roads of Cape Breton Island. Motion carried.

(g) Allison Mombourquette re: Grant Request

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Rankin that the grant request from Allison Mombourquette be forwarded to the Director of Tourism, Culture and Recreation, for review and action. Motion carried.

(h) Kids Help Phone re: Grant Request

It was the consensus of Municipal Council that the grant request received from the Kids Help Phone be forwarded to the grant application process.

Warden Boudreau requested that Deputy Warden McNamara assume chairmanship of the meeting.

(i) Department of Canadian Heritage re: National Flag of Canada Day

Moved by Warden Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Martell that WHEREAS the distinctive, red and white maple leaf flag of Canada was first raised over Canadian soil as our National Flag on February 15, 1965;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian flag is perhaps the most visible and cherished symbol of our county and the many blessings associated with Canadian citizenship;

AND WHEREAS the folds of our flag embrace all Canadians as well as our shared values and confidence in the future of our country;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Richmond Municipal Council proclaim February 15, 2007, to be National Flag of Canada Day in the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau resumed Chairmanship of the meeting.

Items Added to the Agenda

(1) Councillor Rankin re:

(i) Condition of Roads in St. Peter's

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation & Public Works requesting that the section of highway on Route 4 from the end of Highway 104 to the Canal Bridge in St. Peter's be resurfaced this summer. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Cotton that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation and Public Works requesting that representatives from their department attend a Council Meeting to review their priority list for road repairs/road replacement/upgrades for this year. Motion carried.

(ii) Ian MacNeil, Host of Cape Breton's CBC Program "Information Morning", leaving the Program in early March

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Beaton that a letter be written to Mr. Ian MacNeil, Host of Cape Breton's CBC Program "Information Morning"

recognizing his many endeavors and thanking him for his dedication to Richmond County during the past 12 years. Motion carried.

- (iii) Councillor Sampson re: Ceremony to Honor Volunteer Fire Department Members

Councillor Sampson extended an invitation to Councillors, staff and the general public to attend a presentation scheduled for Sunday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. in L'Ardoise, wherein Fire Department Members with 20 years of service will be presented with long service award medals by the federal government.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Father J.J. MacDonald indicated he wished to discuss the speed of traffic going through a 50 km zone through the community of D'Escousse.

Warden Boudreau indicated only items on tonight's agenda could be discussed.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.