

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2007

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

The CAO took roll call of Councillors.

The CAO indicated that Warden Boudreau and Councillor Cotton were in Halifax attending the Provincial Volunteer Banquet.

Deputy Warden McNamara indicated that she received a phone call earlier this evening from Councillor Johnson who indicated that she was unable to attend because of a personal issue.

Items Added to the Agenda:

The CAO indicated that there was one item submitted as an Item Added for tonight's agenda from himself, regarding the District Boundary Report from Committee of the Whole and the Ad-Hoc Committee.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the Item Added be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: March 12, 2007

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Rankin that the minutes of March 12, 2007 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden McNamara indicated that there was a Grade 5 social studies class from Ecole Beau Port present at tonight's meeting and they are presently learning about Municipal Government.

Mrs. Betty Anne David, teacher, indicated that the class has been learning about elections and districts and has even held a mock election.

The students presented information explaining what they have learned regarding the Municipal Crest as well as various provincial emblems and symbols.

Students introduced themselves, explaining what district/councilor that they represent.

The students had a question and answer period with Council and Deputy Warden McNamara allowed a five minute break so that students could take photos with Council.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Department of Transportation and Public Works Representative re: Review of Priority List for Road Repairs/Road Replacement/ Upgrades

Mr. Gerard Jessome, Mr. James Webster, Mr. Terry White and Mr. Dave Richardson entertained questions from Council.

- (b) Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association re: Funding Request

The presenters were not present.

- (c) La Picasse/Isle Madame Enterprise Centre re: Request for Financial Assistance

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Martell that the grant request from La Picasse/Isle Madame Enterprise Centre be tabled to budget deliberations on grants. Motion carried.

Notice of Motion – Deputy Warden McNamara: to amend the Policy “Municipal District Fund - \$17,000 by deleting the second paragraph of Section 1.4 that reads: “the funding request shall be the only one made by the organization or project to the Municipality, within the fiscal year, excluding the “Municipal Infrastructure Fund (Councillors District Activity Fund - \$3,000)” Policy” (copy of proposed amended policy is attached as Appendix “A”).

Moved by Councillor Rankin seconded by Councillor Martell that Council amend the Policy “Municipal District Fund - \$17,000 by deleting the second paragraph of Section 1.4 that reads: “the funding request shall be the only one made by the organization or project to the Municipality, within the fiscal year, excluding the “Municipal Infrastructure Fund (Councillors District Activity Fund - \$3,000)” Policy” (copy of proposed amended policy is attached as Appendix “A”). Motion carried.

First Reading Approval – Deputy Warden McNamara: to give First Reading Approval to amend the Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the Isle Madame Welcome Plaza located at the Lennox Passage Bridge, which is owned and operated by the Isle Madame Tourism & Trade Association (attached as Appendix “B”)

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Martell that that Council give First Reading Approval to amend the Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the Isle Madame Welcome Plaza located at the Lennox Passage Bridge, which is owned and operated by the Isle Madame Tourism & Trade Association (attached as Appendix “B”). Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Sampson presented the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of April 2007.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the list of capital priorities, submitted by the Director of Public Works as follows:

Priority #1 - Evanston Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade	-	\$2,000,000
Priority #2 - Evanston Water Tower Valve Chamber Replacement	-	200,000
Priority #3 - Arichat/Petit De Grat Water Treatment Plant Backup Power Generator	-	100,000
Priority #4 - Arichat Sewage Pumping Station Upgrades	-	<u>650,000</u>
Total		\$2,950,000

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and place the St. Peter's/Samsonville Water Project on the list of new major capital water projects. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Leon LeBlanc be re-appointed as the representative on the Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a grant in the amount of \$1,700 be approved for the Isle Madame Day Care, to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund - \$3,000 for District #3. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from the World Youth Day Group be approved in the amount of \$2,500 (money be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund - \$3,000 for District #9) and further moved that the grant request from the Red Caps Baseball Team in the amount of \$800 be approved (money to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund - \$3,000 for District #2). Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff be directed to follow a procedure for all Councillors' District Activity \$3,000 Fund applications that will include that all applications must be provided by Councillors directly to Mrs. Randall, who will process the applications, and forward completed applications to the CAO, who will place the application on the agenda for the next available Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried.

Councillor MacPhee declared a conflict of interest, indicating that he is associated with one of the deleted accounts, and removed himself from discussions.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Deputy Clerk and write-off the deleted accounts in the amount of \$50,814.15, which are attached as Schedule "A". Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martel that Council adopt the Committee of the Whole Report fro the month of April 2007. Motion carried.

Councillor MacPhee presented the Planning Advisory Committee Report for the month of April 2007.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and implement requirements necessary to have the property at MacIntyre Lake cleaned up and notify the appropriate owners. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that the Planning Advisory Committee Meetings be held on the first Tuesday of each month. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council adopt the Planning Advisory Committee Report for the month of April 2007. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

(a) Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board re:

- (i) Application to the Board re: s369 of the Municipal Government Act
- (ii) Notice of Public Hearing, Application for Licensed Premises -Lennox Passage Yacht Club

(b) Canadian Federation of Students re: Thank You

(c) Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority re: Community Health Board Week/Community Health Board Day

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2007 as Community Health Board Week and May 9th, 2007 and Community Health Board Day. Motion carried.

Items Added:

(1) CAO re: District Boundary Report from Committee of the Whole and Ad-Hoc Committee.

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole, in the District Boundary Report Review and authorize an application to the Utility and Review Board in accordance with Section 369 of the Municipal Government Act;

AND FURTHER MOVED that the application include that Richmond Council wishes to maintain the status quo of 10 Councillor's, with 10 Districts, and a Warden chosen by Council;

AND FURTHER MOVED that the application include the recommended amendments to district boundaries between District #1 and District #3 (58 voters from 2004 electoral list transferred to District #3); the recommended amendment to the boundary between District #6 and District #3 (14 voters transferred from District #6 to District #3); and the amendment to the boundary between District #6 and District #5 (22 voters transferred from District #6 to District #5). Motion carried.

Question Period:

There were no questions.

Adjournment:

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.