

RICHMOND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 14, 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 Councillor Sampson was unable to attend, due to a death in the family.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor Beaton wished to add phone deregulation to cost rural customers.

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that the item added be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: (a) April 2, 2007 (Public Hearing)
(b) April 2, 2007 (Special Meeting)
(c) April 10, 2007 (Regular Meeting)

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the minutes of April 2, 2007 (Public Hearing); April 2, 2007 (Special Meeting) and April 10, 2007 (Regular Meeting) be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations

(a) Royal Canadian Legion re: Road Named in Honor of Veterans

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Ralph Roberts and Mr. Freddie Martell to the meeting.

Mr. Roberts addressed Council on behalf of the Veterans of Isle Madame, requesting that the Lower Road in Arichat from Babin's Hill to where the Lower Road joins the High Road be named "Veteran's Memorial Scenic Route", in honor of all Veterans.

Warden Boudreau indicated there is a process to be followed for road name changes; and Councillor Boudreau indicated he would obtain the signatures required from the residents on this road for the petition, to be placed on the agenda for the June Council Meeting.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Roberts and Mr. Martell for attending the meeting.

(b) Richmond County Literacy Network re: Report on Notable Achievements

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mrs. Monique Samson to the meeting, who presented on behalf of the Richmond County Literacy Network.

Ms. Doris Matthews, Ms. Sheila Samson and Ms. Janet Peters (participants) and Michael Samson and Parker Stone (host employers) shared their stories regarding the employability program.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked the delegation for their presentation.

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

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Shaun Bond and Mrs. Lee Anne Marchand to the meeting.

Mr. Bond presented the power point presentation on behalf of the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association.

A question and answer period followed.

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the presentation from the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association be accepted as presented and referred to the Committee on budget deliberations. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Bond and Mrs. Marchand for their presentation.

Second 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

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Municipal Council give Second Reading approval to amend the Tax Exemption By-Law (By-Law #56), 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. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

(a) Committee of the Whole

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

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that funding be provided to the St. Peter's-Samsonville Water Project in accordance with the "New Capital Water Projects Policy", from the municipal "general rate", in an amount of \$975,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a new enumeration be taken for Districts #7, 8, 9 and 10 for the special election to be held to fill the vacant School Board seat for East Richmond. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Cotton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Bobby Sampson be appointed as Returning Officer for the School Board bi-election to be held within 11 weeks of the May 14th Council Meeting; and further moved that the expenses paid to election workers be amended as follows:

| | <u>Current:</u> | <u>Recommended:</u> |
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| <u>Enumerator:</u> | | |
| - meeting fee for instruction | \$30.00 plus mileage | \$50.00 plus mileage |
| - per name properly included on index sheet | \$50.00 plus .65¢ per name | \$50.00 plus \$1.00 per name |
| <u>Deputy Returning Officers:</u> | | |
| - for attendance at instructional meeting | \$30.00 plus mileage | \$50.00 plus mileage |
| - for services and expenses on election day | \$120.00 | \$160.00 |
| - for attendance at advance polls per day | \$120.00 | \$160.00 |
| <u>Poll Clerks:</u> | | |
| - for attendance to receive | | |

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| instruction | \$30.00 plus mileage | \$50.00 plus mileage |
| - for services and expenses on election day | \$100.00 | \$130.00 |
| - for attendance at advance polls per day | \$100.00 | \$130.00 |

Other:

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| Payment for use of building as one or more ordinary polling stations, per polling station | \$80.00 | \$100.00 |
| For use of a building as an advance polling station, per day | \$80.00 | \$100.00 |

Motion carried.

The CAO indicated that Municipal Council must also establish a date for the Special Election, which can be no more than 11 weeks after the date of the Council Meeting; and must be held on a Saturday; and he suggested that because of the enumeration to be carried out, that perhaps the latest Saturday possible (July 28th) would be best. He also indicated that Municipal Council should also establish two advance polls.

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Municipal Council establish the date of July 28, 2007 as the date for the School Board by-election to fill the School Board seat that is vacant in East Richmond; and further moved that Saturday, July 21, 2007 and Tuesday, July 24, 2007 be established as the two advance polls; with Tuesday, July 3, 2007 being set as Nomination Day. 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 \$1,655.29 be approved for the East Richmond ATV Riders, to be taken from the Municipal District Fund - \$17,000 for District #8. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a grant in the amount of \$2,800 be approved for the Grand River Volunteer Fire Department, to be taken from the Municipal District Fund - \$17,000 for District #10. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a grant in the amount of \$4,000 be approved for the Johnstown Community Development Cooperative Ltd., to be taken from the Municipal District Fund - \$17,000 for District #10. 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 grant in the amount \$150 be approved for the Isle Madame ECE, to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 for District #4. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a grant in the amount of \$1,400 be approved for the Rocky Bay Athletic Club, to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund \$3,000 for District #3. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from the Black River United Church be approved and that money be taken from the following Municipal District \$17,000 Funds:

- \$3,000 from the fund for District #7
- \$2,000 from the fund for District #8
- \$5,000 from the fund for District #5

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from the West Arichat and District Village Circle Society be approved in the amount of \$5,000 and that this money be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 fund for District #4. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant requests from Janvrin's Island Sport and Recreation be approved in the amount of \$1,000 with funds be taken from the Councillors District Activity Fund \$3,000 for District #4 and \$5,000 with funds to be taken from the Municipal District \$17,000 Fund for District #4. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Cotton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Councillor Chuck Boudreau be re-appointed as the Municipal Representative to St. Anne's Board of Directors. 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 letter be written to Mr. Bob Earle, Department of Transportation & Public Works, indicating that the Municipality is willing to accept the transfer of the McKillop's Road right-of-way in Cleveland; and the Old McPhail right-of-way in Roberta, for the nominal fee of \$1.00. Motion carried.

Councillor Rankin declared a conflict of interest regarding the McKillop's Road and Old McPhail Road right-of-ways, indicating he is an adjacent property owner, and he left his seat during voting of this item.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Recreation Department staff be instructed to create a design for a county float that would be available for use in community festivals;

AND FURTHER MOVED that Public Works Department staff be instructed to contract for the construction of a trailer which would be capable of supporting a county float for community festivals, and which might be useful for other public works purposes in the months that the float is not required;

AND FURTHER MOVED that Municipal Council establish a fund of \$5,000 to be allotted at the rate of \$500 per district per year to be used towards sponsorship of an organized meal during community festivals. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality forward a PCAP application for the water system backup generator for Arichat/Petit De Grat and also for the Evanston Water Valve Chamber Replacement Project. 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 letter be written to the Minister of Community Services, indicating that Richmond Municipal Council fully supports the concept of an adult vocational training centre for Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Eastern District Planning staff be requested to provide a report to Council, regarding a potential policy for municipal designation of public roads that would be maintained by the Municipality, with the report including "best practices" from neighboring municipal units. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the annual Pitu'paq contribution of \$2,000 per year be paid to the Pitu'paq Partnership Society for the fiscal year 2006/07 and the current fiscal year. 2007/08. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Destination Richmond Tourism Co-Op be provided with financial assistance to engage interim staff, until the Tourism Coordinator position can be filled. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden McNamara gave notice that she will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to provide First Reading approval to the amendments to By-Law #17, Solid Waste Management By-Law, as recommended by the Adhoc Solid Waste By-Law Review Committee, with a copy of the amendments and amended By-Law attached.

Deputy Warden McNamara gave notice that she will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting of Council's intent to establish a policy that will guide staff and Council with regard to the manner in which the Municipality will respond to requests for conveyance of roads in the Gillies subdivision. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence:

(a) Town of Port Hawkesbury re: Safety Concerns - Canso Causeway

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the correspondence be placed on the agenda for the next Mayors and Wardens Committee Meeting, to determine if there is support from the Strait Area Mayors and Wardens. Motion carried.

(b) Mr. Inky Mark, MP re: Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Martell that Whereas Canada has yet to properly honor, in a suitable location that is always accessible to the public, the names of all of our Fallen in wars and peacekeeping;

AND WHEREAS over 115,000 Fallen have their graves in seventy-three countries and hundreds of cemeteries;

AND WHEREAS their remains, by law, cannot be repatriated to Canada;

AND WHEREAS we must create a suitable national shrine to our Fallen;

AND WHEREAS proper recognition will show our gratitude and respect for their sacrifice;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Richmond Municipal Council request that the Government of Canada enact Private Members Bill C-417, the Canadian Soldiers' and Peacekeepers' Memorial Wall Act;

AND FURTHER MOVED that a copy of the petition provided by Mr. Mark be forwarded to the local legions for their consideration. Motion carried.

(c) Velo Cape Breton re: Request for Bike Route Policy

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that a letter be written to the Hon. Angus MacIsaac indicating Municipal Council's support of the request from Velo Cape Breton for the development of a provincial policy for the installation of Bike Route signs and a request for the installation of Bike Route signs on the network of Bike Routes promoted by Velo Cape Breton, and their sponsors in the local economic development, health and tourism fields. Motion carried.

(d) Valero re: Letter of Support for the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association

For information purposes.

(e) Residents of Doyle Road, Lower L'Ardoise re: Road Name Change

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Municipal Council give approval to the road name change from "Doyle Road" to "Adamsson Way" (1st choice) or "Adamsson Lane" (2nd choice), if this meets policy approval and receives the approval from the Department of Transportation & Public Works and the Eastern District Planning Commission. Motion carried.

(f) U.N.S.M. re: Fierce and Dangerous Dog Legislation

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Rankin that a letter be written to the U.N.S.M. expressing Council's support to the Dog Control Draft Discussion Paper's recommendations as it relates to changes to the MGA and also expressing Council's support to the Committee to move forward regarding the following:

- Work with Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations Solicitor to draft proposed amendments to the MGA;
- Work with the provincial government to introduce the amendments at the Fall 2007 legislature session;
- Have UNSM staff and AMA members research the collection rate of fines, enforcement methods and potential enforcement methods for all types of municipal fines and penalties where a lien on property is not possible;
- Draft a model by-law based on legislative changes that municipalities may use as a guideline;
- Present findings at the 2007 UNSM fall conference.

Motion carried.

(g) West Bay Road & District Volunteer Fire Department re: Fire Protection Rate

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that this item be referred to the Committee on budget deliberations. Motion carried.

(h) Hepatitis Outreach Society re: Request to Proclaim May, 2007 as Hepatitis C Awareness Month and May 1 as Hepatitis Awareness Day

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Municipal Council proclaim May, 2007 as Hepatitis C Awareness Month and May 1 as Hepatitis Awareness Day. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

(1) Councillor Beaton re: Phone Deregulation to cost rural customers

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that a letter be written to the CRTC and the Federal Minister responsible for the CRTC, with copies to all municipal units expressing grave concern, disappointment and discrimination to rural municipal units regarding the new CRTC guidelines that allow major phone companies to raise the price of residential service in rural areas, where the lower population density makes the cost of providing services higher on a per customer basis; and further moved that Municipal Council forward a special resolution to the Fall UNSM Conference. Motion carried.

Councillor Rankin requested and received unanimous consent to add an item resulting from discussions held at tonight's meeting.

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Beaton that a letter be written to the National Literacy Secretariat requesting that they restore the funding levels that were available to Literacy Networks across Canada that they cut from their budget last year, that were available two years ago for adult literacy programs. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

An individual noted that the nearest place to obtain the two free energy saver light bulbs that are available to all Nova Scotians is Home Depot in Sydney.

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.