

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 17, 2007

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Warden Boudreau called the Special 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 it was not practice to add an item at a Special Council Meeting, however he noted the urgency of a matter involving the Louisdale Volunteer Fire Department.

The CAO indicated he had been approached by Warden Boudreau and Councillor Cotton, and he approached the Solicitor. The Solicitor has noted the urgency of the matter and referenced the Bourinot's Rules which include that occasionally it may be necessary to suspend certain rules, which should only be allowed to occur in cases of extreme urgency, usually when time is a dominant factor or when it becomes expedient to deal with an extraordinary item not provided for in routine business.

Councillor Cotton indicated the request from the Louisdale Volunteer Fire Department is extremely urgent, in that they have purchased a new fire truck, and are now required to pay the fire truck in full prior to the addition of the new pumper. He indicated they have negotiated a loan with East Coast Credit Union, however they require a municipal guarantee.

Councillor Cotton requested and received unanimous consent to add this item to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that the item regarding the Louisdale Volunteer Fire Department be added to the agenda, with unanimous consent, due to the extreme urgency of their request, and limit the suspension of the rules to this item. Motion carried (unanimous).

Review/Award of Contracts, St. Peter's/Samsonville Water System (report attached)

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Darrin McLean to the meeting.

Mr. McLean reviewed his report/memos regarding the installation of one production well and two observation wells; the tenders received for Phase I construction and the construction administration services.

(i) Installation of One Production Well and Two Observation Wells

Mr. McLean reported that Dillon Consulting and their subcontractor have intimate knowledge and experience related to the development of this wellfield and recommended that Municipal Council engage Dillon Consulting Ltd to carry out this work.

Moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and engage Dillon Consulting Ltd. for services to conduct installation of one production well and two observation wells in addition to installation of slotted liners in three existing production wells at the Samsonville wellfield as part of Phase II of the St. Peter's/Samsonville Water System Upgrade Project, at an estimated cost of \$134,783 plus HST, in accordance with the related work plan from Dillon Consulting dated June 8, 2007. Motion carried.

(ii) St. Peter's/Samsonville Water System – Phase I Tenders

Mr. McLean indicated that the following tenders were received for Phase I of the St. Peter's/Samsonville Water System Project:

ACL Construction Ltd.	-	\$3,017,397.60 (incl. HST)
J & T Van Zutphen Construction Inc.	-	3,423,760.83 (incl. HST)
Jonelijm Concrete Construction (1994) Ltd.	-	3,769,181.83 (incl. HST)
Coastal Construction & Excavating Ltd.	-	3,880,524.38 (incl. HST)

Mr. McLean indicated that the lowest price is below the June, 2007 estimate by approximately 10% and below the June, 2006 estimate by approximately 7.5%; and he noted that the lowest tender received from ACL Construction Ltd. includes HST at 14% and a contingency allowance of 5%.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and award the tender for the construction of Phase I of the St. Peter's/Samsonville and Area Water Supply System Project to ACL Construction Ltd. at their low tender bid of \$3,017,397, which includes HST and a contingency allowance of 5%. Motion carried.

(iii) St. Peter's/Samsonville Water System Phase I - Construction Administration Services

Mr. McLean indicated Dillon Consulting has intimate knowledge and experience related to the St. Peter's/Samsonville Water System Project having been the project designer and

noted this expertise cannot be reasonably duplicated and he recommended that Dillon Consulting be awarded the construction administration and site inspection services for Phase I of the St. Peter's/Samsonville Water System Project.

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Municipal Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and award the construction administration and site inspection services for Phase I of the St. Peter's/Samsonville Water System Project to Dillon Consulting at an estimated cost of \$139,500 plus HST, based on a 160 day construction period. Motion carried.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. McLean for attending the meeting.

Review of District \$17,000 Grant Requests (report attached)

Warden Boudreau indicated several grant requests were not complete in time to be approved at the Annual Session, therefore had been placed on tonight's agenda for processing.

(i) Little Anse Samson's Cove Social Action Centre

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$4,000 for the Little Anse Samson's Cove Social Action Centre, with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Fund - \$17,000 for District #2. Motion carried.

(ii) Richmond Wildlife Association

Moved by Councillor Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Rankin that Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$4,000 for the Richmond Wildlife Association, with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Fund - \$17,000 for District #2. Motion carried.

(iii) West Bay Community Association

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$2,000 for the West Bay Community Association, with funds to be taken from the Municipal District Fund - \$17,000 for District #5. Motion carried.

(iv) Development Isle Madame Association

Councillor Martell declared a conflict of interest indicating he is an employee of Development Isle Madame, and he left his seat during voting and discussion of this item.

Moved by Councillor Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Cotton that Municipal Council approve a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for Development Isle Madame Association, with

funds to be taken from the Municipal District Fund - \$17,000 for District #1. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Councillor Cotton indicated that the Louisdale Volunteer Fire Department has negotiated a loan with East Coast Credit Union, and is requesting Municipal Council to approve a loan guarantee in the amount of \$295,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck and pumper. He noted that the Fire Department is required to pay the fire truck in full prior to the addition of the new pumper.

Moved by Councillor Cotton, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that WHEREAS the Louisdale & District Volunteer Fire Department is registered with the Municipality of the County of Richmond;

AND WHEREAS the Louisdale & District Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of two hundred ninety-five thousand dollars (\$295,000) for the purpose of the purchase of a fire truck;

AND WHEREAS the Louisdale & District Volunteer Fire Department has requested the municipality to guarantee the said borrowing;

AND WHEREAS Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating of capital purposes;

AND WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Richmond does hereby approve the borrowing by the Louisdale & District Volunteer Fire Department of two hundred ninety five thousand dollars (\$295,000) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

AND THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Doug Landry thanked Municipal Council and staff for all their work, which has been ongoing since 2000, regarding the St. Peter's/Samsonville Water Project.

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

There being no further business, Warden Boudreau adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.