

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 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 Boudreau was unable to attend, due to work commitments.

Items Added to the Agenda

Warden Boudreau indicated that Councillor Beaton wished to add Rocky Bay/Cape La Ronde Road; he wished to add an explanation of the rationale for the changes made by the Committee, to the Solid Waste By-Law and Councillor Boudreau wished to add the correction of the spelling on the road sign located at Connie's Lane in Arichat to "Conney's Lane.

Deputy Warden Rankin requested and received unanimous consent to add the retirement of the Director of Parks Canada, in charge of the Fortress of Louisbourg and St. Peter's Canal.

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Martell that the items added be accepted as presented. Motion carried (unanimous).

Review of Minutes: October 9, 2007

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the minutes of October 9, 2007 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations

(a) Sporting Mountain Group re: Sporting Mountain Plan Review

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. Ross Wagg to the meeting.

Mr. Wagg addressed Council on behalf of the Sporting Mountain Group, providing the results of the meeting held on October 22, 2007 at the St. George's Channel Hall, and provided Municipal Council with a CD of the meeting results.

A question and answer period followed.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Wagg for his presentation.

(b) W. B. Kingston Medical Clinic re: Request for Grant

Warden Boudreau welcomed Mr. George Landry and Mr. Billy Cotton to the meeting.

Mr. Landry and Mr. Cotton addressed Council on behalf of the W.B. Kingston Medical Clinic and requested a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to assist in the construction of their new facility.

It was the consensus that staff research the Council action earlier this year, and provide the information at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Warden Boudreau thanked Mr. Landry and Mr. Cotton for their presentation.

Notices of Motions:

(a) Councillor McNamara: to adopt a No Idle policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond (attached as Appendix "A")

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Deputy Warden Rankin that Municipal Council adopt the No Idle Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond, as attached in Appendix "A". Motion carried.

(b) Councillor McNamara: to adopt a Hands Free Cellular Phone Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond (attached as Appendix "B")

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Municipal Council adopt the Hands Free Cellular Phone Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond, as attached in Appendix "B". Motion carried.

(c) Deputy Warden Rankin: to adopt a By-Law Enforcement Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond (attached as Appendix "C")

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Martell that Municipal Council adopt the By-Law Enforcement Policy, as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond, as attached in Appendix "C". Motion carried.

Committee Reports

(a) Committee of the Whole

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Planning staff and the Planning Advisory Committee be directed to draft a policy to establish an Area Advisory Committee for the Sporting Mountain Plan Area and that the terms include a four year term for Councillors and non Council members, and also that membership eligibility include any landowner and the Councillors from the area to be planned, and further that they provide for a method of replacement or re-appointment, provide for public advertisement for applications for membership and include terms of reference for the Area Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Warden be authorized to obtain external legal advice on the question of any potential Council exposure to legal liability for defamation action arising from the discussions and activities at the June 18th Council Meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Cotton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that approval be given for mining exploration work on municipal lands in the Stirling area with the condition that the proper mining and environmental approvals be obtained, that suitable indemnity and insurance be provided to protect the Municipality from any claims arising from the mining activity, and that the property be returned to its original condition and further moved that staff be directed to refer this request to the Strait Highlands RDA for those issues other than land ownership. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from the Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association be approved, to be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund - \$3,000, as follows:

➤ District #2	-	\$200.00
➤ District #3	-	\$200.00
➤ District #7	-	\$150.00
➤ District #9	-	\$200.00

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from Development Isle Madame Association be approved in the amount of \$100, and that this

money be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund - \$3,000 for District #2. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from the Acadiaville Community Centre be approved in the amount of \$200, and that this money be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund - \$3,000 for District #4. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor MacPhee that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from Development Isle Madame Association be approved in the amount of \$50, and that this money be taken from the Councillors' District Activity Fund - \$3,000 for District #4. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from the Rocky Bay Irish Club be approved in the amount of \$5,000, and that this money be taken from the Municipal District Fund \$17,000 for District #3. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Rankin gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next Council Meeting to adopt a policy establishing a Halloween curfew of 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation and Public Works requesting that a "Hidden Driveway Sign" be installed near the residence of 9587 Grenville Street in St. Peter's. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that correspondence be directed to the Provincial Department of Environment and Natural Resources, requesting information on storage sites in Richmond County for oil from the Arrow tanker disaster, to include the location of the site and ownership, the contents of the site including quantities and information regarding monitoring wells at the site, and results of wells tested. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation requesting that the petitions that have been sent in with regards to the extension of highway from River Bourgeois to Grand Anse be looked at and request a date as to when that work will be carried out. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Chedabucto Bay Cup Trophy be displayed in the Foyer of the Municipal Building, as space permits. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from DIMA be approved in the amount of \$50 and that this money be taken from the Councillor's District Activity Fund for District #3. Motion carried.

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the issue of Gaelic Signs in Richmond County be referred to the Tourism Advisory Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Richmond Academy be given permission and access to the Richmond Arena for the purpose of using the facility as an evacuation site, in accordance with their request, if the Richmond Arena becomes the property of the Municipality. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be sent to the Minister of Health, the Hon. Chris D'Entremont, to support the request from La Picasse to mandate that at least one staff person in Continuing Care in Richmond County be required to be bilingual in light of the large French Acadian population in Richmond County. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence:

(a) Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board re: Brian Marchand

(b) Human Resources and Social Development Canada re: Funding for Language Training

- (c) The Bras D'Or Stewardship Society re: Anticipated Review, Sporting Mountain Zone Region

Items Added to the Agenda

- (a) Councillor Beaton re: Rocky Bay/Cape La Ronde Road

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works expressing Municipal Council's concerns regarding the deplorable condition of the Rocky Bay/Cape La Ronde Road, and requesting that immediate remedial work be carried out, due to the present state of this road which poses considerable danger to the traveling public. Motion carried.

- (b) Warden Boudreau re: Explanation of Rationale for the Changes Made by the Committee, to the Solid Waste By-Law

Warden Boudreau explained the rationale for the changes made by the Adhoc Committee, to the Solid Waste By-Law.

- (c) Councillor Boudreau re: Correct the Spelling on the Road Sign Located at Connie's Lane, Arichat to "Conney's Lane"

Moved by Councillor MacPhee, seconded by Councillor Cotton that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation and Public Works requesting that the Department correct the spelling on the road sign located at Connie's Lane in Arichat to "Conney's Lane" and request that a new sign be installed, with the correct spelling. Motion carried.

- (d) Deputy Warden Rankin re: Retirement of the Director of Parks Canada, in charge of the Fortress of Louisbourg and St. Peter's Canal

Moved by Deputy Warden Rankin, seconded by Councillor Martell that whereas Ms. Carol Whitfield, the Director for Parks Canada, in charge of the Fortress of Louisbourg and the St. Peter's Canal, is retiring November 17th; and whereas Ms. Whitfield was a strong supporter of the St. Peter's Canal and the historic lands around the Canal; therefore be it resolved that Richmond Municipal Council thank Ms. Whitfield for her work and dedication on the Canal and wish her all the best in the years ahead. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Rankin indicated he also wished to extend a warm welcome Mr. Chip Beck, who is Ms. Whitfield's replacement.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Brian Marchand presented information regarding water utility billings (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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