

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2012

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Deputy Warden V. David, Councillor M. Beaton,
Councillor A. Martell, Councillor S. McNamara,
Councillor B. Marchand, Councillor G. Boucher,
Councillor S. MacNeil, Councillor S. Sampson,
Councillor G. Johnson.

Deputy Warden David 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.

Deputy Warden David indicated that Warden Boudreau was unable to attend due to illness.

Items Added to the Agenda.

Deputy Warden David indicated that no "items added" had been received and asked if any Councillors wished to add any items to the agenda by unanimous consent.

Councillor Johnson requested and received unanimous consent to provide an update/submit a framed certificate received from the Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve.

Councillor Sampson requested and received unanimous consent to provide an update regarding the recent developments with regards to physician recruitment.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the items added be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: December 12, 2011

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of December 12, 2011 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Solicitors/Eastern District Planning Commission re: Proposed Demolitions:

- Property of Doreen MacKay, 1563 Highway 206, West Arichat, Richmond County (PID #75020743; AAN #03780759);
 - Property of Carol MacInnis, 8262 Highway 4, River Bourgeois (PID#75044867; AAN#01555804);
 - Property of Owner Unknown, No. 4 Highway, Cannes (PID#75121590);
 - Property of Ruth Riccitelli, Marilyn Skatzes, Deborah Ann Harris, David Harris, Edward Allan Harris, 97 Riverview Drive, River Bourgeois (PID#75136911; AAN#01904582);
 - Property of Kenneth and Lola Pettipas, 7758 Highway 4, River Bourgeois (PID #75046854; AAN #02958147).
- (i) Mr. John Bain re: Update on Properties
(ii) Opportunity for Above Property Owners to Address the Committee

Mr. Sean Donovan provided an update on the above properties as follows:

Doreen MacKay Property:

Mr. Donovan indicated that he has been in constant contact with Mrs. MacKay's husband since her passing, and Mr. MacKay has contacted four or five contractors and has received two quotes and is awaiting two additional quotes and he will be demolishing the buildings on his own, and anticipates that this work will be carried out prior to the 30 day notice.

Carol MacInnis Property:

Mr. Donovan indicated that it was the property of Margaret Fougere that was dangerous and unsightly, and not the property of Carol MacInnis as previously reported. Mr. Donovan recommended that the previous motion be rescinded and pass a new motion making reference to Mrs. Fougere's property. He indicated that Mrs. Fougere's son has since cleaned up the property.

Owner Unknown Property:

Mr. Donovan reported that the property of owner unknown in Cannes was in bad shape and has started collapsing, and was recommending that a seven day demolition Order be issued for this property and have it demolished as quickly as possible.

Ruth Riccitelli, Marilyn Skatzes, Deborah Ann Harris, David Harris and Edward Allan Harris Property:

Mr. Donovan reported that he had not heard back from the property owner who lives in Rhode Island regarding the property of Ruth Riccitelli, Marilyn Skatzes, Deborah Ann Harris, David Harris and Edward Allan Harris, recommending that Municipal Council move forward with the demolition Order.

The CAO indicated he had received correspondence from Ruth Riccitelli on January 4, 2012, requesting that they be granted a delay until July when they plan to visit River Bourgeois, and indicated that she was going to ask a friend to take care of the dangerous issues in order to make the property safer until their visit.

Kenneth and Lola Pettipas Property:

Mr. Donovan indicated that the buildings on this property have been demolished and all remaining debris has been removed from the property.

Mr. Donovan also informed Council that the properties of Edward Steininger, Pirkko Nurmi, Viola Burke Coltman and Gerard Birrette have been demolished and cleaned up.

Councillor Boucher thanked Mr. Donovan for all his work and effort regarding unsightly and dangerous premises.

In response to a question from Councillor Martell regarding the Cornelius Bonin property in West Arichat, Mr. Donovan indicated that tenders closed last Friday and the contract will be awarded by next Friday, with the property to be demolished within 14 days.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Municipality's Administrator for Dangerous and Unsightly Premises and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to the property of Owner Unknown, No. 4 Highway, Cannes (PID #75121590); and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council, instructing that the buildings be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within seven (7) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Municipality's Administrator for Dangerous and Unsightly Premises and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to the property of Ruth Riccitelli, Marilyn Skatzes, Deborah Ann Harris, David Harris, Edward Allan Harris, 97 Riverview Drive, River Bourgeois (PID #75136911; AAN #01904582) and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council, instructing that the buildings be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried. (One nay – Councillor Marchand).

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the motion made at the December 12, 2011 Council Meeting to have an “Order to Remedy Condition” issued to Carol MacInnis, 8262 Highway 4, River Bourgeois (PID #75044867; AAN #01555804) be rescinded. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Order previously issued to Carol MacInnis in error, be corrected and issued to Margaret Fougere/Carmen Fougere; 227 North Side River Bourgeois Road, River Bourgeois (PID #75099796) and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council, instructing that the buildings be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Municipality’s Administrator for Dangerous and Unsightly Premises and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to the property of Doreen MacKay, 1563 Highway 206, West Arichat, Richmond County (PID #75020743; AAN #03780759) and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council, instructing that the buildings be demolished and all debris be removed from the property within thirty (30) days or the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs through property taxes. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Mr. Michel Samson, MLA

Deputy Warden David welcomed MLA, Michel Samson to the meeting.

Mr. Samson addressed Council providing an update on the developments regarding the review of electoral boundaries, noting that Nova Scotia has gone to an independent Commission to establish electoral boundaries in Nova Scotia. He noted that the report of the Select Committee on establishing an electoral boundaries commission dated December 30, 2011 had been provided to Council for information.

A question and answer period followed.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that a very strong letter be sent to the independent Electoral Boundaries Commission expressing Municipal Council’s concerns and displeasure with the review of the electoral boundaries and also requesting that a hearing be held in Richmond County during the consultation process. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden David thanked Mr. Samson for his presentation.

Second Reading Approval: to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to delete the property of the Grand River Fire Department, Account #1776754 (attached as Appendix “A”)

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council give Second Reading Approval to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to delete the property of the Grand River Fire Department, Account #1776754 (attached as Appendix “A”) Motion carried.

Member at Large, Richmond Villa Board of Directors

The CAO advised Municipal Council that ads had been placed on two separate occasions requesting applications for a “Member at Large” to serve on the Richmond Villa Board of Directors, and indicated that no applications had been received.

Councillor Boucher indicated that Mr. Ross Wagg has expressed his interest in serving on the Villa Board of Directors as a “Member at Large”.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Mr. Ross Wagg be appointed to serve as a “Member at Large” on the Richmond Villa Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

The CAO indicated there were no Committee reports.

Correspondence:

- (a) Citizenship and Immigration Canada re: Paul Yuzyk Award
- (b) Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Cost Shared Paving of J-Class Subdivision Streets 2012-13
- (c) Cape George Water Committee re: French Cove/Cape George Water Supply Report

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council accept the French Cove/Cape George Water Supply Study and that this project be placed on the capital priority list. Motion carried.

- (d) Canadian Federation of Independent Business re: BizPal

- (e) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Property of Pirkko Nurmi, 8079 Highway 4,
Cannes, River Bourgeois
- (f) Office of the Minister of Health and Wellness re: Acknowledgement
- (g) Department of Justice/Crime Prevention Strategy re: 2012 Minister's Awards for Leadership in Crime Prevention

Items Added to the Agenda

- (a) Councillor Johnson re: Bras D'Or Biosphere Reserve

Councillor Johnson provided an update and read the wording from the framed certificate received from the Bras D'Or Biosphere Reserve and was requesting that the certificate be placed in the Council Chambers for several months, before circulating it to the other groups involved

- (b) Councillor Sampson re: Update on Physician Recruitment

Councillor Sampson provided Municipal Council with an update regarding physician recruitment indicating that a contract had been signed with Dr. Martina Babin on December 23, 2011 and noted that Dr. Babin will begin her practice in August of this year.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Deputy Warden David adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER