

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 12, 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 C.A.O. took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda:

The C.A.O. indicated that he would like to add a grant request from Telile Television.

Councillor McNamara requested to be able to inform Council of the passing of a fellow Councillor from Amherst.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, **seconded** by Councillor Boucher to approve the agenda with the item added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: February 13, 2012

Moved by Councillor Sampson, **seconded** by Councillor Martell that the minutes of February 13, 2012 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia (Caroline Cameron) re: Brief Update/Request for Support

Deputy Warden welcomed Ms. Caroline Cameron to the meeting.

Ms. Cameron provided a brief update on the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia and made a request for support (copy attached).

A question period ensued.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the request for financial support put forth by the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia be referred to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

Solicitors/Eastern District Planning Commission re: Proposed Demolition:

- Property of Anna Denise Mombourquette, 96 Cove Road Extension, Grand Greve (PID # 75062661; AAN # 03279774)
 - (i) Mr. John Bain re: Update on Property
 - (ii) Opportunity for Above Property Owner to Address Council

Mr. Bain provided an update on the property of Anna Denise Mombourquette (PID # 75062661; AAN # 03279774).

A question period ensued.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Anna Mombourquette 96 Three Island Cove Road Extension, Richmond County; PID #75062661, AAN #03279774, and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the house 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.

There was no one from the gallery to address Council on the above property.

CAO re:

- (i) Returning Officer
- (ii) Eastern District Planning Commission

It was the consensus of Council to move these items to the “In-Camera” session for discussion.

First Reading Approval: Councillor Johnson - to repeal By-Law #27, Building By-Law (attached as Appendix “A”) (this By-Law will be replaced with a Building Permit Fees By-Law)

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Municipal Council give First Reading Approval to repeal By-Law #27, Building By-Law (attached as Appendix “A”). motion carried.

First Reading Approval: Councillor Johnson - to adopt By-Law #61, Building Permit Fees By-Law (attached as Appendix “B”)

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Municipal Council give First Reading Approval to adopt By-Law #61, Building Permit Fees By-Law (attached as Appendix “B”). (Ayes: 7, Nays 1: Councillor Boucher) motion carried.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

Councillor MacNeil presented the monthly report of the Committee of the Whole (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the proposed tariff of fees and expenses for the 2012 Municipal and School Board Election be approved, as attached in Appendix “A”. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the request from the Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources requesting that the tipping fees charged to their haulers for disposal of construction and demolition waste at the Richmond Waste Management Facility with regards to the cleanup of materials that were dumped on Crown lands throughout Richmond, in the amount of \$2,896, be waived. (Ayes: 0, Nay: 8)

Motion was defeated.

It was noted that the C.A.O. will obtain a list of properties that have been cleaned up and present the list to Council.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the request put forth by the Department of Natural Resources to waive tipping fees, in the amount of \$2, 896, be tabled. Motion carried.

Councillor MacNeil gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Account #04682017.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that taxes in the amount of \$656.55, which represents taxes for January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013, be written off, for the structure on the property of Mr. Allan Matheson, that was destroyed by fire. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a grant request be approved for the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #47 in the amount of \$200, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund for District #8. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality participate in Earth Hour, which is taking place on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an amount of \$75,000 be allocated in this year's budget for the Dr. W.B. Kingston Memorial Clinic. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of February 2012 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Appointments for 2012-2013

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the following Eastern District Planning Commission Appointments for 2012-2013 be approved:

Administrator – Dangerous and Unsightly Premises: John Bain
Alternate: Sean Donovan

Building Inspector: Leon LeBlanc
Alternates: Harry Martell; Cyril Leblanc, David MacKenzie, Alfred Fougere

Development Officer: Andrew Jones
Alternate: John Bain, Wanda Ryan, Beth Schumacher

Fire Inspector: Leon LeBlanc
Alternate: Sean Donovan, Harry Martell, Cyril Leblanc

Motion carried.

(b) L'Ardoise Acadian Festival re: Request for Sponsorship

The CAO indicated that he will circulate the request for sponsorship to all Councillors and those who wish to contribute via their Municipal District Activity Fund can do so.

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the request for sponsorship put forth by the L'Ardoise Acadian Festival be referred to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

(c) Richie Mann Invitational Golf Tournament re: Thank You

For information purposes.

(d) Ms. Shannon Diggdon re: Grant Request

- St. Peter's & District Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Activity Fund (\$300)

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Sampson that a grant request be approved for the St. Peter's & District Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$300, with the funding to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8.
Motion carried.

Items Added:

1. C.A.O. re: Telile Television Telethon Grant Request

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that a grant request for Telile Television in the amount of \$1,000, with the funding to be taken from the Municipal District Activity Fund, various Districts. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period:

There were no questions from the gallery

In-Camera

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting proceed to “In-Camera” session. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the meeting reconvene to regular session. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that staff send a letter to the Eastern District Planning Commission providing them with the required one year notice that Richmond may no longer be part of the Eastern District Planning Commission and FURTHER moved that a committee be formed to review the services provided by the Eastern District Planning Commission in order to conclude the necessity to continue with their services. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the C.A.O and Clerk carry out the duties of Returning Officer jointly, for the 2012 Municipal Election, and that compensation be awarded based on the tariffs and fees. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Deputy Warden David adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER