

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**APRIL 10, 2012**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

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.

The Chairman noted that Warden Boudreau and Councillor Beaton were unable to attend.

Items Added to the Agenda.

The following items were added by unanimous consent:

- (1) CAO re: Grant Request – Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9 (\$9,675)
- (2) Councillor Johnson re: Cell Service for Framboise/Fourchu/Grand River areas
- (3) Councillor Sampson noted that he wished to add an update regarding the Boundary Review Hearing which is taking place on Friday, March 13, 2012 at the Grand Anse Fire Hall.

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

Review of Minutes: March 12, 2012

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of March 12, 2012 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Strait of Canso Superport Corporation (Mr. Tim Gilfoy) re: Status Report

Deputy Warden David welcomed Mr. Tim Gilfoy to the meeting.

Mr. Gilfoy made a power point presentation providing a status report for the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation.

A question and answer period followed.

Deputy Warden David thanked Mr. Gilfoy for his presentation.

Second 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 Martell that Municipal Council give Second Reading Approval to amend By-Law #27, Building By-Law (attached as Appendix "A") (this By-Law will be replaced with a Building Permit Fees By-Law). (Ayes; 6, Naves; 2, Councillor Marchand, Councillor Boucher). Motion carried.

Second 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 Second Reading Approval: Councillor Johnson - to adopt By-Law #61, Building Permit Fees By-Law (attached as Appendix "B"). (Ayes; 6, Naves; 2, Councillor Marchand, Councillor Boucher). Motion carried.

First Reading Approval: Councillor MacNeil - to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Account #04682017 (attached as Appendix "C")

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council give First Reading Approval: Councillor MacNeil - to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the property of the Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Account #04682017 (attached as Appendix "C"). 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 Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality register as in previous years for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Drive Fore Literacy Golf Tournament. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize the CAO to move the project with Insights Television Show forward, and further authorize a payment prior to searching for the other funding partners. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, the Vested Property Clerk, and of the Committee of the Whole, and establish an acceptable minimum bid of \$1,000 with regards to the five properties outlined in his memo, that will be included in the next tax sale. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and approve the write-off of the deleted accounts, in the amount of \$33,165.19, as they are not collectible. Motion carried.

Councillor MacNeil gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to adopt a policy to amend By-Law #61, Building Permit Fees By-Law. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grant requests be approved:

- \$14,837.50 to the West Bay Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5
- \$1,056.95 to the Isle Madame ATV Riders Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$250 to St. Joseph's CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;\$250 to St. Joseph's CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2;
- \$25,000 to Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4;
- \$1,000 to St. Louis Parish (Baraco Days), Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$7,500 to St. Louis Parish (Glen Sampson Room), Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #6;

- \$1,207.50 to Chapel Cove Preservation Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$500 to L'Ardoise Jolly Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9;
- \$1,100 to Ecole Beau-Port (Les Pieds au vol), Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Martell 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; 5, Nays; 3, Councillor Boucher, Councillor Marchand, Councillor Sampson). Motion carried.

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

(b) Committee Reviewing the Funding to Core Community Organizations Policy:

Councillor McNamara presented the Committee Reviewing the Funding to Core Community Organizations Policy report (copy attached).

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee reviewing the funding to core community organizations policy and relax the present policy for funding to core community organizations, so as to expedite applications for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the report for the Committee Reviewing the Funding to Core Community Organizations Policy be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

(c) Physician Recruitment Committee:

Councillor Sampson provided an update regarding physician recruitment and the following points were brought forth during discussion:

- The Committee met on March 27, 2012 with representatives of the Strait Richmond Hospital, WB Kingston Memorial Clinic, St. Anne's Community and Nursing Care Center to review current agreements. Dr. MacNeil was also present.

- There are challenges with the current situation at the Strait Richmond Hospital re: on-call service
- Other areas of the county are also in need of a physician
- The Committee will continue with its physician recruitment efforts on behalf of Richmond County
- The Committee plans to attend the job fair and highlight the benefits of living in Richmond County as a great place to live, work and raise a family

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Physician Recruitment report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

a) Hon. John MacDonell re: Funding Assistance for Phase I of Watershed Project

The CAO noted that correspondence had been received from Hon. John MacDonell of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding the funding assistance request for Phase 1 of the Municipality of the County of Richmond's Watershed Project. He also noted that \$20,000 in funding has been approved and an additional \$60,000 will be considered for the next fiscal year, budgets permitting.

(b) Hon. Percy Paris re: Invitation to Visit Richmond County

The CAO indicated that correspondence addressed to Deputy Warden David had been received from the Hon. Percy Paris of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. He noted that the Hon. Paris will make arrangements to visit Richmond County and this could potentially be during the "Buy Local" kickoff. He also noted that a meeting will be scheduled between Richmond County, NSBI, Bear Head LNG and other municipalities.

(c) Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership re: Re-Instatement of the NS-USA Ferry Service

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from the Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership requesting the support of Richmond County in regards to the lost ferry service in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. He noted that this important service provided 260 jobs and millions of dollars in the economy through the US. He also noted that the request is for a financial contribution of \$500 to \$1000 and requested direction from Council.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the request from Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership for a one time contribution of \$500 to \$1000 be referred to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

(d) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Dangerous and Unsightly Premises/Demolitions:

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from Mr. John Bain, Executive Director of the Eastern District Planning Commission summarizing a list of Dangerous and Unsightly premises where buildings were demolished over the last fiscal year. He noted that 18 unsightly premises had been taken down between March 2011 and April 2012. (50% of which were taken down by the property owner).

The CAO will request a list from the Eastern District Planning Commission of the total number of dangerous and unsightly premises demolished in previous years for comparison purposes.

(e) Isle Madame ATV Riders Association re: Thank You

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from the Isle Madame ATV Riders Association thanking the Municipality of the County of Richmond for their sponsorship of a door prize for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winterfest Rally held February 11, 2012. He noted that a survey was completed by participants at the Rally and out of 190 surveys completed, 60% of the respondents were from outside of Cape Breton Island.

(f) Coastal Riders ATV Association re: Thank You

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from the Coastal Riders ATV Association thanking the Municipality of the County of Richmond for their financial support.

Items Added to the Agenda:

(a) CAO re: Grant Request – Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9 (\$9,675)

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that a grant in the amount of \$9,765 be approved for the Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, with funding to be taken from the Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #9. Motion carried.

(b) Councillor Johnson re: Cell Service for Framboise/Fourchu/Grand River areas

Councillor Johnson gave an update on the issue of cell service for Framboise/Fourchu/Grand River areas and the following points were put forth during discussion:

- A survey has been completed in the Framboise and surrounding area;
- Since January 2012, landline service has been down for up to 48 hours at a time;
- No phone service results in no access to 911 service;
- First responders and RCMP are unable to be reached during these times;
- There may be a possibility to piggyback on the high speed internet towers in the area;

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council write a letter on behalf of the residents of Framboise/Fourchu/Grand River requesting that a cell tower be placed in the area in order to service the residents. Motion carried.

(c ) Boundary Review Hearing

Councillor Sampson indicated that a Boundary Review Hearing will take place on Friday, April 13, 2012 at the Grand Anse Fire Hall. He noted that presentations are welcomed and also stressed the importance all residents of Richmond County supporting this cause.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

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

There being no further business, Deputy Warden David adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

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CHAIRPERSON

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