

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 14, 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
Councillor M Beaton

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.

Items Added to the Agenda.

There were no items added to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes: April 10, 2012

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of April 10, 2012 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations and/or Delegations:

- (a) Strait Area Transit re: Request for Funding

Deputy Warden David welcomed Mr. Almon Chisholm and Mrs. Jessica Farrell to the meeting.

Mr. Chisholm and Mrs. Farrell made a presentation of services provided to Richmond County by the Strait Area Transit.

A question and answer period followed.

Deputy Warden David thanked Mr. Chisholm and Mrs. Farrell for their presentation.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council move the funding request from Strait Area transit to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

CAO re:

(a) Initiatives Update:

(i) The CAO indicated that the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Tour had taken place in Richmond County and he provided an update to Council and the residents of Richmond County. He also indicated that the tour had visited sites such as Lobsters R Us, Université St. Anne Marine Research Center, Petit de Grat Packers and Clearwater. A reception was also held in their honor and was very successful.

The CAO noted that Richmond County will be featured in a full page article in the Tour's National magazine in their next publication. He also noted that he wanted to acknowledge the Strait Area Chamber of commerce who contributed to the Tour by hosting a reception the following day. He extended thanks to Councillors who attended both events.

(ii) The CAO indicated that another upcoming initiative will be the Buy Local Initiative and that a steering committee made up of local business people and staff has been set up. He also indicated that there will be a launch for business communities on May 31, 2012 at Dundee Resort where Pete Luckett of Pete's Fruitique will be giving a key note address regarding the importance of the customer.

(iii) The CAO noted that there is an upcoming event for all residents of Richmond County planned for September 8, 2012 at the Richmond Arena where local artisans, crafters, musicians and businesses will be showcasing their work.

He also noted that there is a weekly email update being sent out focusing on local news and community events and interested parties can email Mrs. Carla Martell to be added to the email distribution list.

(iv) The CAO noted that based on the Tourism campaign and the work being performed by Harvey Sawler, staff has begun to solicit partnerships with DCBA, ECBC and the Provincial Department of Tourism for assistance in moving the Tourism plan forward. The CAO also noted that

he will report back to Council prior to the annual session with an update on the progress.

(b) Strait Area Healthcare Foundation

The CAO indicated that in the palliative care room at the Strait Richmond Hospital is not equipped with high speed internet or computer access. He also indicated that as a show of compassion he would like Council's approval to make a \$3000 donation on behalf of Richmond Municipal Council to the Strait Area Health Care Foundation to provide 2 Ipads and internet access for a 3 year period so that patients may skype, email and interact with family members who may not be in the local area.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council make a \$3000 donation on behalf of Richmond Municipal Council to the Strait Area Health Care Foundation to provide 2 Ipads and internet access for a 3 year period so that patients in the palliative care room at the Strait Richmond Hospital may skype, email and interact with family members who may not be in the local area. Motion carried.

Second 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 "A")

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Municipal Council give Second Reading Approval 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 "A"). Motion carried.

Notice of Motion – Councillor MacNeil: to adopt a policy to amend By-Law #61, Building Permit Fees By-Law (attached as Appendix "B")

Councillor MacNeil gave notice that he will adopt a policy to amend By-Law #61, Building Permit Fees By-Law (attached as Appendix "B") at the next Regular Council meeting.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

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

Councillor Sampson gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to amend the policy for providing booster pumps to residents of

Richmond County under the Richmond County Water Utility who are experiencing low water pressure.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to complete the lease agreement for the St. Peter's Library and that the cost be included in the budget for this year. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Mr. Don Pottie, who indicated that a cenotaph is being erected in the Normandy Village of Saint Georges-des-Groseilliers in honor of fallen Canadian Soldiers, noting that Cpl. Mark Sampson F56469 North Nova Scotia Highlanders of River Bourgeois was one of the soldiers being honored; and a ceremony will be held to honor their memory on July 1, 2012. A plaque will be presented to the people of Saint Georges from the Municipality in honor of the fallen Canadian Soldiers.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to Tammy Boucher, 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.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to Vivian Samson, 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.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and inform Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal that the Municipality has no interest in the parcel of land at or near Pondville, Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and re-appoint Mr. Glenn Bennett (Community Representative); Mr. Robert Wambolt (Business Representative) and Deputy Warden Victor David (municipal representative) as the Richmond County representatives to serve on the Strait Highlands Regional Development Agency Board of Directors, and that these appointments be further reviewed after the fall Council election. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Council and Staff establish a

Working Committee to determine the Municipality's role in a Creative Economy for Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to launch a Facebook page for the Municipality of the County of Richmond, and further move the adoption of the Social Media Policy attached as Appendix "A". Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the recurring grants to core community organizations to March 31, 2013 be approved subject to complete applications and being submitted and vetted as follows:

MUSEUMS

LE NOIR FORGE	2,500
NICHOLAS DENYS MUSEUM	2,500
POINT TUPPER HERITAGE ASS.	2,000
ISLE MADAME HISTORICAL SOC.	2,000
BASIN RIVER INHABITANTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY	2,000
OCEANVIEW WILDLIFE MUSEUM ASSOC.	2,000
MCCASKILL HOUSE MUSEUM SOCIETY	2,000
LITTLE ANSE/SAMPSONS COVE SOCIAL ACTION	2,000
CAMP RANKIN 4H ASSOC.	2,000
ALLOWANCE NEW MUSEUMS	<u>3,000</u>
	22,000

COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGS.

RICHMOND COUNTY LITERACY	15,000
RICHMOND COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUC. ASS.	15,000
REGIONAL OCCUPATION CENTER	12,000
LEESIDE SOCIETY	5,000
EAST NOVABILITY SOC. FOR PERSONS WITH DISAB.	500
DOROTHY'S PETS IN NEED	<u>1,000</u>
	48,500

OTHER

SCHOLARSHIPS ECOLE BEAUPORT & RICH. ACAD.	2,250
NuSTAR HOCKEY TOURNAMENT	2,000
PORT HAWKESBURY CIVIC CENTER	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>14,250</u>

GRAND TOTAL 84,750

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Councillor Beaton be re-appointed as the municipal representative to the St. Anne Community and Nursing Care Centre Board of Directors for 2012/2013 and that this representation be reviewed after the 2012 Municipal Election. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that staff, in collaboration with Nova Scotia Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation move forward to develop the terms of reference for the feasibility study on the potential to develop a campground at Lennox Provincial Park, also known as Martinique Park. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an appraisal be completed on Lot 14, Lennox Passage, Highway 320 and that staff move forward with the sale of the said property to Polegato Trucking at appraised market value. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the fall schedule for heavy garbage collection be moved to the first week in November. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grant requests be approved with the addition of District # 8 to be included in the total amount of \$6,250 for the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 47, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund resulting in the grant being divided between four districts:

- \$100 to Stella Maris Pastoral Unit, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$143.59 to Lawrence Kavanaugh Council 4607, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$300 to Early Childhood Education Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$10,000 to Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$500 to River Bourgeois Mariner Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$8,178.49 to St. Peter's Lions Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8;
- \$15,000 to Grand River Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$200 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$200 to St. Hyacinth's Catholic Women League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;

- \$200 to Wallace MacAskill Museum Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$100 to Stella Maris Pastoral Unit, Youth Faith Development Group, District #6;
- \$6,250 to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 47, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5, 6, 7 and 8;
- \$750 to Janvrin's Island Community Center, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$5,000 to La Cooperative Radio Richmond Ltée, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;
- \$3,000 to Early Childhood Education Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$9,000 to Société Petit de Grat Beautification, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;
- \$3,015.94 to St. Francis De Sales Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;

Motion carried.

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

(b) Planning Advisory Committee:

Councillor McNamara presented the Planning Advisory Committee report for the month of May 2012.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that no changes be made to the Wind Turbine By-Law. Motion carried.

Councillor McNamara gave notice that she will introduce a motion at the next regular Council Meeting to amend the Isle Madame Land Use By-Law which would recognize "K" class roads as a distinct type of road for the purpose of controlling subdivision and development.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that the unsightly properties occupied by Mr. Hilary Taylor of L'Ardoise; Mr. Robert Richard of MacIntyre Lake and Mr. Tommy Richard of Petit de Grat be addressed by Council. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the monthly report for the Planning Advisory Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) La Paroisse St. Joseph, Cetus David re: Tax Exemption, Petit de Grat Ball Field re: By-Law 57;

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from St. Joseph`s Parish in Petit de Grat on behalf of The Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation requesting Municipal tax exemption for the Petit de Grat Baseball field property(Acct # 1414704) as per By-Law #56.

Councillor Boucher 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 Petit de Grat Baseball field property(Acct # 1414704).

- (b) Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, Graham Fisher re: Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), Update/Progress Report;

The CAO noted that correspondence had been received from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations regarding Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) re: Update/Progress Report. He also noted that Municipalities will have until September 15, 2012 to complete and submit their report. Staff has begun work on this and the CAO will report back to the first Committee of the Whole in September 2012.

- (b) Early Childhood Resource Coordinator re: Child Care Awareness Month;

The CAO indicated that correspondence had been received from Patricia Martin, Early Childhood Resource Coordinator regarding a request to proclaim June 2012 “Child Care Awareness Month” in the County of Richmond.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council proclaim June 2012 “Child Care Awareness Month” in the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

(d) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Property of Amy Fougere, 30 Bennies Lane, Louisdale, Richmond County, Property Identifier (PID) 75175919, Assessment Account (AAN) 03018865;

The CAO noted that correspondence had been received from Eastern District Planning Commission regarding the property of Amy Fougere, 30 Bennies Lane, Louisdale, Richmond County, Property Identifier (PID) 75175919, Assessment Account (AAN) 03018865.

Councillor Marchand indicated that the property of Amy Fougere, 30 Bennies Lane, Louisdale, Richmond County, Property Identifier (PID) 75175919, Assessment Account (AAN) 03018865 had been demolished by the property owner.

The CAO noted that he would follow up with the Eastern District Planning Commission.

Items Added to the Agenda:

There were no items added to the agenda.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Thomas Bona approached Council requesting information regarding dangerous and unsightly premises.

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

There being no further business, Deputy Warden David adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER