

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE 47TH COUNCIL

JUNE 25, 2012

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

Deputy Warden David called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Warden David asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

Deputy Warden David requested that everyone remain standing for the observance of One Minute of Silence for the Late Warden John Boudreau and the late Paul Comeau.

The CAO took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda

Deputy Warden David indicated that he wished to add a grant request for the Arichat Come Home Reunion and Councillor McNamara wished to add a presentation from CEPI

Councillor Johnson requested and received unanimous consent to add grant requests from the District 10 Volunteer Fire Department and Lochside Cemetery Group

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

Review of Minutes: May 14, 2012

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the minutes of May 14, 2012 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Tribute to the Late Warden John Boudreau

Staff presented a video tribute in honor of the late Warden John Boudreau

Deputy Warden David called a five minute recess

Presentations:

(a) R.C.M.P

Deputy Warden David welcomed Superintendent Darrell Beaton, Cpl. Patrick Murphy and Cst. Jeff Leblanc to the meeting.

Cpl Patrick Murphy presented a power point presentation highlighting activities and services provided by the R.C.M.P.

A question and answer period followed.

Deputy Warden David thanked Superintendent Darrell Beaton, Cpl. Patrick Murphy and Cst. Jeff Leblanc for their presentation.

(b) Mr. Michel Samson, MLA

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

Mr. Samson gave a verbal presentation highlighting projects completed and future planned projects for Richmond County.

A question and answer period followed.

Deputy Warden David thanked Mr. Samson for his presentation.

Annual Reports

(a) Committee of the Whole

Councillor Beaton presented the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of June 2012. (copy attached)

Councillor Beaton gave notice that he will introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to repeal the Municipal Antenna Site Procedures and/or Protocols due to the completion of the Rural Broadband Initiative.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the signage on the Municipality of Richmond Administration building be displayed in both official languages and that the offer from Department of Acadian Affairs be accepted to translate the Richmond County website to display in both official languages with all business being carried out in English. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and of the Committee of the Whole and that taxes be written off for Assessment Account # 701386, assessed to John Owzarek in the amount of \$967.51 which represents taxes on the dwelling from July 1, 2011 to March 31, 2013. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Vivian Samson, 36 Penny’s Lane, Little Anse, Richmond County (PID #75012260; AAN #04118189); 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 Beaton, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve additional funding in the amount of \$15,584 to Strait Area Transit and further moved that in addition to funding, Council approach the Province on their behalf. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that \$200,000 be approved for Vitalité Isle Madame over a 2 year period, in support of the Wellness Centre Project contingent on funding from other parties, in addition to presentation of an operating budget by the group. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond County take advantage of the 70/30 split offered by Efficiency Nova Scotia and complete a \$10,000 energy retrofit on all municipally owned buildings. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the whole and that additional funding in the amount of \$1,000 be approved to the Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership Yarmouth and Area. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve funding in the amount of \$500 for the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia for education programs. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that \$20,000 in additional funding for the potential Engineering Study on landfill closure costs be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval of the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2013 in the amount of \$13,854,982 (copy of budget attached as Appendix "A");

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$7,362,296 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2013, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of .75¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$2.01; which rates said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18 percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30th day of September, 2012 as the day on which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Chief Financial Officer and approve the following area rates for the 2012/13 fiscal year:

St. Peter's Fire Department	.09¢
West Bay Road Fire Department	.10¢
L'Ardoise Fire Department	.16¢
Grand River Fire Department	.15¢
Loch Lomond Fire Department	.12¢
Louisdale Fire Department	.10¢

Framboise – Fourchu Fire Department	.15¢
Isle Madame Fire Department	.11¢
District #10 Fire Department	.15¢
St. Peter’s VSA	.45¢
Louisdale Sidewalks	.10¢
District #2 Community Rate	.04¢
District #4 Community Rate	.05¢
Motion carried.	

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and of the Committee of the Whole and approve a five year capital investment plan for the year ending March 31, 2013 in order to comply with gas tax reporting requirements. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the motion approved at the May 14, 2012 Council Meeting whereby an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Tammy Boucher, 8506 Highway 4, River Bourgeois, NS (PID #75047621, AAN #03585123), 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 be rescinded. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and postpone the matter of the property of Peter Berrett, Anthony Berrett, John Breyon, Justin Breyon, Peter Breyon, Stephen Breyon, 1364 Salmon River Road, Salmon River (Grant 13378; PID #75105304). to the Committee of the Whole meeting in September 2012. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, 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 Thomas Nicholas Richard, 124 Boudreauville Road, (AAN #03644204; PID #75008466), 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 Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issue to Robert Richard, 2660 Highway 4, MacIntyre Lake, (PID #75033357, AAN #04801296), and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owner 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 Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grants be approved:

- \$4,500 to L'Archeveque Wharf Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$4,644.27 to Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$200 to Immaculate Conception Parish Council, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$3,100 to Save Community Schools – Richmond, Municipal District Activity Fund, District Multiple Districts;
- \$727.96 to Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association St. Peter's, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7, 8, 9, 10;
- \$5,000 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$400 to L'Association des Femmes acadiennes en marche de Richmond, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$300 to Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$252.87 to Arichat Relay for Life – Canadian Cancer Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$250 to D'Escousse Civic Improvement, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$500 to Louisdale Brownies, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000 to Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$1,000 to Lakeside Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #8;
- \$475 to Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Infrastructure, District #10;
- \$12,500 to Loch Lommond Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$1,005.99 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$500 to Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;

And further moved that the grant request from St. Louis Parish Canada Day Committee for funding under the Municipal District Activity Fund in the amount of \$1,000 be

referred back to the Chief Financial Officer for consideration of a grant in the amount of \$1,500.

And be it further moved that the grant request from Arichat Community Development Association for funding under the Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1, in the amount of \$500 be included and approved in the above mentioned grant requests.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Vested Property Clerk and of the Committee of the Whole and write off the taxes on the property of Mr. Pat MacNeil, which was destroyed by fire, Account # 7956495 in the amount of \$920.78, which represents taxes for February 7, 2012 to March 31, 2013. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the request from the owners within the Southern Comfort Subdivision, Grand Lake, Grandique Road requesting the Municipality of the County of Richmond consider establishing a Wastewater Management District in the Grand Lake area in order to allow them to install a cluster system with proper maintenance agreements with the Municipality be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of June 2012 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

(b) Audit Committee

Councillor MacNeil presented the Audit Committee Report for the month of June 2012.(copy attached)

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and that the audit report and financial statements of the Municipality for the year ended March 31, 2012 be accepted as presented by the Auditors and the Chief Financial Officer. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the annual report of the Audit Committee be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

(c) Departmental Reports

Mr. Jason MacMillan, Acting Director of Department of Public Works, Mr. Stewart MacDonald, Director of Finance, Mrs. Josette Marchand, Director of Recreation, Leisure and Community Relations and Mr. Jeff Stanley, Director Economic Development and

Tourism presented Power Point presentations highlighting activities and accomplishments of each department. (Copy attached)

(d) Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO thanked Council, Directors and Staff for the direction and support provided during the past year.

(f) Deputy Warden

Deputy Warden David provided Council with a verbal report highlighting the activities over the past 12 months.

First Reading Approval: Councillor McNamara - to amend the Isle Madame Land Use By-Law which will recognize “K” Class Roads as a distinct type of road

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Municipal Council give First Reading approval to amend the Isle Madame Land Use By-Law which will recognize “K” Class Roads as a distinct type of road for the purpose of controlling; by Amending Part 6, Section 15 of the Land Use By-Law to include “K” Class roads; and Adding the definition of a “K” Class road to Section 19 of the Land Use By-Law (attached as Appendix “A”); and that Council establish a Public Hearing date of 6:30 p.m., September 10, 2012 in the Council Chambers. Motion carried.

Adoption of a policy: Councillor MacNeil - to amend By-Law #61, Building Permit Fees By-Law (attached as Appendix “B”)

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council adopt a policy to amend By-Law #61, Building Permit Fees By-Law (attached as Appendix “B”). Motion carried.

Amendment to the policy for providing booster pumps to residents of Richmond County under the Richmond County Water Utility who are experiencing low water pressure (Attached as Appendix “C”)

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council amend the policy for providing booster pumps to residents of Richmond County under the Richmond County Water Utility who are experiencing low water pressure (Attached as Appendix “C”). Motion carried.

First Reading Approval – Councillor Boucher: to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law (Attached as Appendix “D”)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that First Reading approval be given to amend By-Law #56, Tax Exemption By-Law, to include the Petit De Grat Baseball Field Property, Account #1414704 (attached as Appendix “D”). Motion carried.

Annual Appointment: Signing Officers (Chief Administrative Officer and Warden; with Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Warden as alternates)

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council appoint the Chief Administrative Officer and Warden as signing officers, with Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Warden as alternates. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- (a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: 2010-2011 Annual Report and Financial Statements

For information purposes.

- (b) U.N.S.M. re: Municipal Awareness Week, September 24-30, 2012

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council declare the week of September 24-30, 2012 as Municipal Awareness Week.

For information purposes.

- (c) Ms. Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests

- Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1, 2 and 3 (\$13,000);
- Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$2,000);
- St. Peter’s Economic Development Organization, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$1,000);
- St. Louis Parish Canada Day Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,500)
- Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$500);

- Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2 (\$18,000);
- Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$350);
- Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$200);
- Rocky Bay Senior Citizens Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$300);

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the following grant requests be approved:

- \$13,000 to Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1, 2 and 3;
- \$2,000 to Basin River Inhabitants Historical Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$1,000 to St. Peter's Economic Development Organization, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$1,500 to St. Louis Parish Canada Day Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$500 to Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4;
- \$18,000 to Little Anse Sampson's Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;
- \$350 to Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$200 to Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$300 to Rocky Bay Senior Citizens Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

- (1) Deputy Warden David re: Grant request for Arichat Come Home Reunion

Item was previously addressed.

- (2) Councillor McNamara re: Presentation from CEPI

Councillor McNamara made a presentation of plaques to the Municipality of Richmond on behalf of CEPI.

- (3) Councillor Johnson re: Grant requests

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the following grant requests be approved:

- \$2425 to District 10 Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$200 to Lochside Cemetery Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10;

Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Boucher and Seconded by Councillor Johnson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Deputy Warden David adjourned the meeting at 9:44 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER