

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2014

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

The CAO called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

A moment of silence was observed for the Canadian fallen soldiers.

The C.A.O. took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda:

The CAO noted that an item added was previously submitted by Councillor Samson regarding Petit de Grat sidewalks.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the agenda be approved with the item added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: September 22, 2014

Councillor David requested that the minutes of September 22, 2014 reflect that his absence was due to Municipal business.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of September 22, 2014 be adopted with the addition. Motion carried.

Council Election:

- a) Warden

The CAO called for nominations for the position of Warden.

Councillor Boucher nominated Councillor Sampson for the position of Warden, for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Councillor Sampson accepted the nomination.

The CAO called for further nominations.

Councillor McNamara nominated Councillor David for the position of Warden, for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Councillor David accepted the nomination.

The CAO called for further nominations, three times.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that nominations cease. Motion carried.

The CAO declared that nominations cease.

The CAO asked Council if their preference was for a secret vote and destruction of the ballots following the count.

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the vote for the Warden of the Municipality of Richmond be a secret vote and that the ballots be destroyed following the count. Motion carried.

Councillor David becomes Warden for the County of Richmond.

Warden Victor David spoke with thanks.

b) Deputy Warden

Warden David called for nominations for the position of Deputy Warden.

Councillor Johnson nominated Councillor McNamara for the position of Deputy Warden, for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Councillor McNamara accepted the nomination.

Warden David called for further nominations.

Councillor Marchand nominated Councillor MacNeil for the position of Deputy Warden, for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Councillor MacNeil accepted the nomination.

Warden David called for further nominations, three times.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that nominations cease. Motion carried.

Warden David declared that nominations cease.

Councillor McNamara becomes Deputy Warden for the County of Richmond.

Deputy Warden Shirley McNamara spoke with thanks.

Presentations:

- a) John Heseltine (Stantec Consulting Limited) re: Boundary Review Update

Warden David welcomed Mr. John Heseltine to the meeting.

Mr. Heseltine provided a power point presentation on the subject of the final report for the Richmond Boundaries and Governance Review (Copy attached).

Mr. Heseltine recommended two approaches for the consideration of Richmond County Council to reduce the size of their membership beginning with the 2016 Municipal election:

- 1) Seven-Member Council with Districts as portrayed in Figure 6 of the report.
- 2) Five-Member Council with mayor with Districts as portrayed in Figure 7 of the report.

A discussion period ensued.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of Mr. Heseltine of Stantec Consulting Limited to reduce the size of their membership beginning with the 2016 Municipal election AND FURTHER MOVED that Municipal Council move forward with the recommendation of Five members elected from districts defined in Figure 7 of the report and led by a Mayor elected at large. (Ayes: 4, Nays: 5 Councillor Marchand, Councillor Boucher, Deputy Warden McNamara, Councillor Johnson and Warden David). Motion defeated.

CAO re:

a) REN Update

The CAO indicated the following:

- An inter municipal agreement has been signed between Inverness County, Victoria County, Cape Breton Regional Municipality and Richmond County to establish a Regional Enterprise Network
- The REN is scheduled to be up and running by April 2015.

Second Reading Approval: Councillor Martell - To amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to revise the "Charges" section to include the option to pay the one-time installation charge via installments and to allow for quarterly payments of the operation and maintenance charge (Attached as Appendix "A")

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Samson that Municipal Council give second reading approval to amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to revise the "Charges" section to include the option to pay the one-time installation charge via installments and to allow for quarterly payments of the operation and maintenance charge (Attached as Appendix "A"). Motion carried.

Second Reading Approval: Deputy Warden Johnson - To amend By-Law #54 Civic Addressing By-Law to include that the Municipality be responsible to supply and erect private road signage to ensure that signage is appropriate (Attached as Appendix "B")

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council give second reading approval to amend By-Law #54 Civic Addressing By-Law to include that the Municipality be responsible to supply and erect private road signage to ensure that signage is appropriate (Attached as Appendix "B"). Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the funding request from the Petit de Grat Harbour Authority, for an additional \$25,000, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that audio recordings from Council and Committee meetings, prior to 2005, be destroyed in the proper manner and at the discretion and approval of the Chief Administrative Officer. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the request for one time funding, in the amount of \$15,000, to cover additional costs for the Isle Madame Early Childhood Education Centre be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following grant requests be approved:

- Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$1,000);
- Branch 110 L'Ardoise Legion, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9 (\$1,000);
- Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$600);
- Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4 (\$2,695);
- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$1,800);
- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$2,650);
- Little Anse Samson's Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2 (\$3,674.07).

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation in support of the construction of a Port Hawkesbury By-Pass. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that land, owned by the Municipality and identified as Property ID# 75190454, be sold to the adjacent property owner at the cost of the assessed value, minus any costs previously incurred by the proponent in attempting to acquire the land. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Samson that the monthly report for the month of October 2014 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

b) Planning Advisory Committee

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and that Council review with legal counsel, the Dangerous & Unsightly resolution previously submitted to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities with the understanding that the issue of concern is

properties without clear title as opposed to absentee land owners and that a new resolution and letter of explanation be sent to the UNSM. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the monthly report for the month of October 2014 be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes:

- a) Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #47 re: Thank You;

For information purposes.

Action Required:

- a) Canadian Union of Postal Workers re: Request for Support to Save Canada Post;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that

WHEREAS Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to long-treasured postal services killing good jobs, eliminating door-to-door delivery, drastically increasing postage rates and closing, downsizing and reducing hours at post offices:

WHEREAS Canada Post did not properly consult on these changes, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected; and

WHEREAS closing and downsizing post offices, reducing post office hours, and eliminating door to door delivery will reduce service and eliminate thousands of jobs in communities throughout our country.

WHEREAS Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the County of Richmond write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of the County of Richmond ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government properly consult with the public about what kind of postal service they need before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes to public postal service.

Motion carried.

b) Jason Martell, Director of Finance re: Fiscal Review Update

Director of Finance, Mr. Jason Martell provided a Fiscal Review Update and recommended that a committee be formed to review the forty one recommendations to better allocate resources and increase the collaboration among all governing parties in the province.

It was recommended that Council review the forty one recommendations from the Fiscal Review Update received from the Director of Finance with further discussion scheduled to take place at the Committee of the Whole meeting in November.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Councillor Rod Samson re: Petit de Grat Sidewalks

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that staff be authorized to issue a request for proposal for engineering work as it relates to Phase I of the Petit de Grat sidewalk project to allow for possible integration of the project with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal's plans to resurface the same stretch of road, AND FURTHER MOVED that staff and council evaluate the financial feasibility of the report to undertake concurrently AND FURTHER MOVED that that the required funds in the amount of \$50,000 be taken from the current fiscal year's gas tax revenues. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden David adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON