

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2015

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

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

Warden David noted that Councillor Samson was unable to attend due to work commitments.

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

Items Added to the Agenda:

There were no items added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: December 15, 2014

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the minutes of December 15, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) Director of Recreation, Leisure & Community Relations (Josette Marchand) re: Heritage Properties/Community Champions/Sports Hall of Fame

Warden David welcomed Mrs. Josette Marchand to the meeting.

Mrs. Marchand gave a presentation regarding Community Champions/Sports Hall of Fame.

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden David thanked Mrs. Marchand for the presentation.

Notice of Motion – To amend the Core community Organization Funding Policy in order to change “Chief Financial Officer” to “Director of Finance” included in #16 of the policy. (Attached as Appendix “A”).

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that notice be given to amend the Core community Organization Funding Policy in order to change “Chief Financial Officer” to “Director of Finance” included in #16 of the policy. 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 an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Anja Sampson and Vonnie Carter, 8718 Highway 4, River Bourgeois, NS (PID #75105981, AAN# 04736184) and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners. The Order should state to the owners that the buildings are to be demolished and all debris be removed and disposed of in the appropriate manner within ninety (90) days. If the property owner fails to comply, the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Heavy Garbage Pickup be tendered for a period of one (1) year, based on the criteria outlined by the Public Works Director, and that it take place in June. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Boucher).

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, 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 Pauline Walsh, 8338 Highway 4, River Bourgeois, NS (PID #75045526, AAN# 00549762) and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners instructing that the dwelling unit 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 Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and the Director of Finance

and that a borrowing resolution and loan guarantee in the amount of \$300,000 for the St. Peter's & District Volunteer Fire Department, conditional on the necessary paperwork being provided by the department, 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 that the Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Port Hawkesbury end on March 31, 2015 and that the Louisdale Volunteer Fire Department and West Bay Road Volunteer Fire Department be named first responders for calls to the Point Tupper area.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that discussion regarding the Fire Protection Agreement with the Town of Port Hawkesbury ending on March 31, 2015 be tabled. 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 grants be approved:

- \$300 to St. Hyacinth Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$1,500 to St. Joseph's Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #2;
- \$920.23 to South Mountain Arm of Gold Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$700 to St. Peter's Scottish Country Dancers, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of January 2015 be adopted. Motion carried.

Warden David re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) - 2015 Annual Conference and Trade Show – June 5, 2015 – June 8, 2015

Warden David indicated that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) - 2015 Annual Conference and Trade Show was scheduled to take place from June 5, 2015 to June 8, 2015. He also indicated that Councillors interested in attending should contact him via email.

CAO re

- a) Cost Shared paving for active transportation lanes;

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that staff be authorized to enter into discussions with Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for

the purpose of investigating road widening on roads scheduled for upgrading within the Municipality. Motion carried.

- b) Feasibility Study – Joint Industrial Park Lands – Port Hawkesbury & Richmond County, NS;
- c) Supply & Demand Analysis Report – Joint Industrial Park, Richmond County & The Town of Port Hawkesbury, NS;
- d) SWOT Analysis re: Richmond County Light Industrial Park – Lennox Passage, NS;

The CAO noted that Turner Drake & Partners Ltd. completed assessments on the Light Industrial Park in Lennox Passage and the Joint Industrial Park, Richmond County and the Town of Port Hawkesbury as a result of discussions regarding potential opportunities for these lands. He also noted that the recommendations from the reports indicated that investments in either park, at this time, would not be feasible and that the Municipality should let the market play out.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Municipal Council refrain from investing in the lands for both the Light Industrial Park in Lennox Passage and the Joint Industrial Park, Richmond County and the Town of Port Hawkesbury, as per the recommendations from Turner Drake & Partners Ltd. following the results of their assessments of the said lands. Motion carried.

- e) Scotian Windfields re: Isle Madame Wind Turbine

The CAO indicated that the Isle Madame Wind Turbine – Health Canada Wind Turbine Noise and Health Study was completed and a link is provided for review. He also indicated that Scotian Windfields has extended an invitation to attend a site visit once the turbine is operational in February.

Correspondence

For Information Purposes:

- a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Operating Estimates for the 2015-2016 fiscal year;
- b) Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs re: Municipal Funding Agreement/New Federal Gas Tax Fund;
- c) Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association re: Thank You;
- d) Alex MacLean re: Thank You;
- e) Holy Guardian Angels Parish Food Bank re: Thank You;
- f) Development Isle Madame re: Dumping Station;
- g) Municipality of the County of Antigonish re: Canada East Pipeline;

Action Required:

- a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Review of the Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs Working Group on Building Officials' Training and Education Interim Report;

The CAO noted that correspondence had been received from the Eastern District Planning Commission re: Review of the Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs Working Group on Building Officials' Training and Education Interim Report. He also noted that due to the meeting cancellations, the deadline of January 31, 2015 was missed to send a letter of support and he would contact Mr. John Bain to provide an explanation.

A moment of silence was observed for Councillor Myles MacPherson of Guysborough who recently passed away.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

"In Camera" session, if required

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the meeting move to an "in camera" session at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:23 p.m.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden David adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON