

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

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

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

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

Items Added to the Agenda:

There was one item previously added by the CAO regarding a special meeting hosted by GASHA on Health Care in Richmond County.

Deputy Warden McNamara requested and received unanimous consent to add correspondence to Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and the UARB Hearing in March 2015.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that the agenda be accepted with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: February 4, 2015

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the minutes of February 4, 2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) Greg Silver re: Richmond County Roadside Welcome Sign

Warden David welcomed Mr. Silver to the meeting.

Mr. Silver gave a presentation regarding the Richmond County Roadside Welcome Signs (Copy attached).

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden David indicated that comments regarding the presentation could be directed to Mr. Jeff Stanley (via email) by Friday February 27, 2015 and Mr. Stanley would communicate them to Mr. Silver for consideration.

Warden David thanked Mr. Silver for the presentation.

Second Reading Approval: To Amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the first installment for the one-time connection fee to coincide with the first installment for the maintenance and operation fee, and to provide flexibility with respect to timing of installation of the on-site septic systems. (Attached as Appendix "A").

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Beaton that Richmond Municipal Council give Second Reading Approval to amend By-Law #62 Wastewater Management District By-Law to allow the first installment for the one-time connection fee to coincide with the first installment for the maintenance and operation fee, and to provide flexibility with respect to timing of installation of the on-site septic systems. (Attached as Appendix "A"). Motion carried.

Motion Required – 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 "B").

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Richmond Municipal Council 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 "B"). Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the request by La Picasse, Centre Communautaire Culturel to be added to the list of Core Community Organizations, 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 the following grant requests be approved:

- Dorothy's Cat Sanctuary, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$195.50);
- Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$2,000);
- Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4 (\$1,852)
- D'Escousse Civic Improvement, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$400);
- Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$550).

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that St. John's Anglican Church in Arichat, Richmond County be designated as a heritage building, in accordance with the process of the Municipal Heritage By-Law. 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 Warden form an Audit Committee consisting of the Warden and three Councillors appointed by the Warden. (Aye: 0; Nay: 10) Motion Defeated.

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

CAO re

- a) Fire Protection, Point Tupper

For Information purposes.

- b) Financial Condition Index

For information purposes.

Correspondence

For Information Purposes:

a) Minister of Natural Resources re: Energy East Oil Pipeline Project;

For information purposes.

b) Strait Area Transit re: Final Report for Service NS (Door-to-Door Service);

For information purposes.

c) Ms. Glennie Langille re: Order of Nova Scotia;

For information purposes.

d) Port Hawkesbury Veterans Memorial Park Society re: Update

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. CAO re: Special meeting hosted by GAHSA on Health Care in Richmond County.

The CAO indicated that GASHA would be hosting a special meeting at the Isle Madame New Horizon Club in Arichat on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. to obtain input from the residents on health care in Richmond County.

2. Deputy Warden McNamara re: Correspondence to Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

Deputy Warden McNamara indicated that residents have been communicating their concerns regarding road conditions, both highway and side roads, in Richmond County. People have not been able to leave their homes for several days due to road conditions.

Deputy Warden McNamara indicated that efforts are made by provincial employees to provide the best service possible with the tools they are given; however, concerns regarding budget cuts and out of service equipment do not help the situation and need to be communicated to the Province.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that staff write a letter to Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting better services for winter road conditions, both highways and side roads AND FUTHTER MOVED that increased budgets and better equipment are required to ensure the safety of the residents of Richmond County AND FURTHER MOVED that provincial employees be recognized for the efforts and services they provide with the resources given. Motion carried.

3. Deputy Warden re: UARB Hearing in March 2015

Deputy Warden McNamara indicated that with current weather and poor road conditions, the UARB Hearing, regarding the boundary review, scheduled to take place in March, may prohibit residents from getting out and voicing their comments and concerns.

Deputy Warden McNamara suggested that Council request the hearing be delayed to a later time when weather conditions won't affect residents from attending the hearing.

The CAO noted that he would send an email to the UARB regarding the concerns of Council.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

"In Camera" session, if required

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting move to an "in camera" session at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:31 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Physician Recruitment Committee and allow the Physician Recruitment Committee to proceed with negotiations with a local physician. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden David adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON