

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 30, 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 Warden David regarding grant requests.

Councillor Marchand requested unanimous consent to add an item regarding discussion of the tender for the camera at the landfill. Request was denied.

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

Review of Minutes: February 23, 2015

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of February 23, 2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) IWK Community Pig Roast Committee re: Update

Warden David welcomed Mr. André LeBlanc to the meeting.

Mr. LeBlanc gave a presentation regarding the IWK Pig Roast (Copy attached).

A question and answer period ensued.  
Warden David thanked Mr. Leblanc for the presentation.

b) Isle Madame ATV Riders re: Update

Warden David welcomed Mr. Tony Pierce and Ms. Christine Boucher to the meeting.

Ms. Boucher and Mr. Pierce gave a presentation regarding the Isle Madame ATV Riders Association.

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden David thanked Ms. Boucher and Mr. Pierce for the presentation.

c) Dorothy's Cat Sanctuary re: Update

Warden David welcomed Ms. Donna Landry and Ms. Sheila Clarke to the meeting.

Ms. Landry and Ms. Clarke gave a presentation regarding Dorothy's Cat Sanctuary (copy attached).

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden David thanked Ms. Landry and Ms. Clarke for the presentation.

The CAO indicated that a list of accepted donations for Dorothy's Cat Sanctuary could be advertised on the Municipality's Facebook page and website and the Municipal Office could be a drop off for the donations. He also indicated that reference to the Dorothy's Cat Sanctuary and a list of accepted donations could be made in the Reflections of Richmond Newsletter.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that the Warden strike a committee, consisting of staff and Council to work with Dorothy's Cat Sanctuary to aid in acquiring potential financing and resources. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following EDPC Commission staff appointments be approved for 2015-2016:

- Administrator - Dangerous and Unsightly Premises: Sean Donovan

- Alternate: John Bain
- Building Inspector - Leon LeBlanc
- Alternate: Harry Martell; Cyril Leblanc; David MacKenzie
- Assistant Building Inspector and Special Constable: Sean Donovan
- Development Officer: Andrew Jones
- Alternate: John Bain; Wanda Ryan; Nathan MacLeod
- Fire Inspector: Sean Donovan
- Alternate: Leon LeBlanc; Harry Martell; Cyril Leblanc

Motion carried.

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

- Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 \$300;
- Telile Community Television, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts \$800.

Motion carried.

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

Warden David re

- a) Prosperity Framework Social Enterprise Team

Warden David indicated that he received names of two Councillors interested in being a part of the Prosperity Framework Social Enterprise Team.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Warden and that Councillor Gail Johnson be appointed as a member of the Prosperity Framework Social Enterprise Team. Motion carried.

CAO re

- a) Letter of Support for Highway Designation Removal;

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that staff write a letter of support for the removal of the controlled access designation from exit 8 to exit 10 along

the Trans-Canada Highway at Baddeck which would make it possible to gain access to properties on either side of the highway for a distance of some 6 kilometers; AND FURHER MOVED that the letter of support state that safety issues be taken into consideration. Motion carried.

b) Core Community Organization Funding Applications;

The CAO noted that the Core Community Organization Funding Policy needed to be reviewed and he recommended that a discussion regarding the policy take place at the April 13<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting. He also noted that he would add it as part of his report.

c) REN Funding

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the CAO be permitted to release funds, when requested, in the amount of \$70,000 to the Cape Breton Regional Enterprise Networks (REN's), which have already been included in the 2015-16 budget and match the amounts to be allocated by Inverness and Victoria counties. Motion carried.

Correspondence

For Information Purposes:

- a) Communities in Bloom re: Invitation to Participate;
- b) Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: Canada Post's Five-Point Action Plan;
- c) Nova Scotia Energy, Office of the Minister re: Canada East Pipeline;
- d) Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation re: Spring 2015 Debenture Funding;
- e) Property Valuation Services Corporation re: 2015/16 Budget;
- f) Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Winter Road Conditions;
- g) Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works re: NS Regulatory Review for Proposed Changes to Solid Waste Management Regulations.

Action Required:

- a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Property of Niagara Crack Sealing Company Ltd and Irene and David Terrio, 115 MacEachern Road, Port Royal, NS, PID #75119974, AAN 04555112;

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Sampson that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Niagara Crack Sealing Company Ltd and Irene and David Terrio, 115 MacEachern Road, Port Royal, NS, (PID #75119974, AAN 04555112); and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owner instructing that both dwelling units and shed 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.

- b) Residents of Grand Greve re: Road Name Change;

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council give approval to the road name change from “Unnamed Private Lane” to “Jane Point Lane” in District #9, as it meets policy approval and has received the approval of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and the Eastern District Planning Commission; AND FURTHER MOVED that this change be recognized for 911 purposes only and without responsibility on the Municipality’s part to provide or maintain services. Motion carried.

- c) Strait Area Chamber of Commerce, Industry Committee re: Letter of Support;

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council send a letter of support to the Industry Committee noting Council’s support of their initiative to move forward in finding an entity to control the harbor bottom dues and the importance of this issue. Motion carried.

- d) Barry Carroll, Municipality of Guysborough re: Black Point Quarry Project – Public Comment;

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council send a letter of support of the proposed Black Point Quarry Project which is located within the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and is expected to have a significant benefit to the entire Strait of Canso region and to the Province of Nova Scotia. Motion carried.

- e) Richmond County Literacy Network re: Annual Drive Fore Literacy;

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Warden David reconstitute the former “Core Community Organization Funding” Policy Committee to

review the existing policy and prepare a report for the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 13, 2015; AND FUTURE MOVED that the request from the Richmond County Literacy Network, for participation in the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Drive For Literacy, be delayed until the report from the Committee is tabled. Motion carried.

- f) Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Surplus Property;

For information purposes.

- g) Jason Martell, Director of Finance re: Write off of Exempt and Inactive Accounts;

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Finance and approve the request by the Finance Department to write off the Principal and Interest associated with exempt and inactive accounts in the total amount of \$16,127.12. Motion carried.

- h) TIR 2014 Annual Traffic Count Program and Special Traffic Count Requests for Towns and Municipalities;

For information purposes.

- i) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests
  - Isle Madame ATV Riders Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$275.72);
  - St. Joseph's CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$500);
  - Bras d'Or Lakers Seniors Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$200);
  - Little Anse Samson's Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$200);
  - L'Ardoise Jolly Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9 (\$500);
  - Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$300).

The CAO recommended that the item added consisting of two grant requests be added to the existing grant requests for approval.

Moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Council approve the following grant requests:

- Isle Madame ATV Riders Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$275.72);
- St. Joseph’s CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$500);
- Bras d’Or Lakers Seniors Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$200);
- Little Anse Samson’s Cove Social Action Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$200);
- L’Ardoise Jolly Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9 (\$500);
- Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$300);
- Our Lady of Assumption CWL, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$300);
- Isle Madame ATV Riders Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$563.50).

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

This item was previously dealt with.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Robert Fougere approached Council.

“In Camera” session, if required

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting move to an “in camera” session at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:42 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson, that the Municipality of the County of Richmond sell the former St. Peter's School known as PID 75089672, to 3263384 Nova Scotia Limited, for the sum of \$20,000.00 subject to and conditional on the following:

1. That the conveyance will be by Quit Claim Deed on an "as is, where is" basis;
2. That the purchaser contract and agree to demolish and remove all buildings and structures on the property at its own expense and have the property totally cleared on or before December 31, 2015;
3. That the sale is subject to an Agreement of Purchase and Sale being

negotiated and executed on terms and conditions acceptable to the Municipality of the County of Richmond;

4. That subject to all conditions and requirements of the Municipality of the County of Richmond being incorporated into an executed Agreement of Purchase and Sale, the Municipality of the County of Richmond will waive tipping fees for deposit of the roof membrane only of the former school into the solid waste facility designated by the Municipality; Any other material deposited into any solid waste facility in the Municipality of the County of Richmond will require tipping fees be paid.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden David adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

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CHAIRPERSON