

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 27, 2015

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden V. David, Deputy Warden S. McNamara,
Councillor R. Samson, Councillor M. Beaton
Councillor A. Martell, Councillor G. Boucher
Councillor S. MacNeil, 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 Councillor Martell regarding proposed changes to the provincial homecare workers employment.

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

Review of Minutes: March 30, 2015

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of March 30, 2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) Hearts of Isle Madame re: Update

Warden David welcomed Mrs. Barbara MacNeil and Mr. Claude Landry to the meeting.

Mrs. MacNeil and Mr. Landry gave a presentation regarding the Hearts of Isle Madame organization.

The group requested financial support for the completion of a business plan.

A question and answer period ensued.

It was agreed by Council that the financial request from the Hearts of Isle Madame Organization be forwarded to budget deliberations.

Warden David thanked Mrs. Barbara MacNeil and Mr. Claude Landry for their presentation.

b) Dan Lane re: C-Change Project

Warden David welcomed Mr. Dan Lane to the meeting.

Mr. Lane gave a presentation on the final C-Change report (Copy attached).

Mr. Lane requested Council support to move forward and investigate other elements of the project; Consent was granted.

A question and answer period ensued.

Warden David thanked Mr. Lane for his presentation.

CAO Re:

a) Tabling of Draft Budget

For information purposes.

b) Façade Program

For information purposes.

c) Waste Water Video created by the Department of Environment

For information purposes.

d) Memorandum of Understanding re: Potlotek/Richmond County

For information purposes.

e) Isle Madame ATV Association re: Senior's Bike Run

For information purposes.

Committee Reports:

(a) Committee of the Whole:

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the amount of \$16,250, half of the yearly contribution, be advanced to Strait Area Transit. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, 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. 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 thirty (30) days. If the property owner fails to comply, the Municipality will complete the same and recover the costs. Motion carried.

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

- \$7,430.63 to Riverdale Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$9,677.75 to West Bay United Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$2,500 to D’Escousse Civic Improvement, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$1,000 to West Bay Community Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$650 to Isle Madame Minor Baseball Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$7,500 to Stella Maris Pastoral Center c/o Immaculate Conception Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the recommendation from the Director of Public Works to proceed with a tender for divestiture regarding the Arichat Courthouse, subject to Council review and approval, be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of April 2015 be adopted. Motion carried.

(b) Renewable Energy

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Renewable Energy Committee to discontinue the Home Energy

Assessment PACE Pilot Program; AND FURTHER MOVED that the PACE by-law remain in place to position the Municipality for other potential PACE related projects. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that the Renewable Energy Committee report for the month of April 2015. Motion carried.

(c) Wastewater

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Alternative Waste Water Committee, and that \$70,000 in additional funding be provided through the Gas Tax Reserve to cover the additional costs for 6 participants in the Wastewater Project; AND FURTHER MOVED that should the Municipality be approved for Building Canada Fund funding, that this \$70,000 would not be required and would be returned to the reserve. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Samson that the Alternative Waste Water Committee report for the month of April 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

Councillor McNamara re: Isle Madame Minor Baseball Association Email

For information purposes.

Shannon will circulate the request for funding to the remaining councillors.

Councillor Marchand re: Road Widening

For information purposes.

The CAO indicated that this item would be discussed further at the May 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Correspondence

For Information Purposes:

- a) Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs re: Grants Management System

For information purposes.

Action Required:

- a) Cape Breton Local Food Hub (Jim Mustard) re: Funding Request;

The Warden indicated that he would appoint a Councillor to sit on the Cape Breton Local Food Hub Committee.

Unanimous consent was granted to forward the request by the Cape Breton Local Food Hub to budget deliberations.

b) Village of St. Peter's re: St. Peter's Fire Protection;

Warden David indicated that the Committee would meet with the Village of St. Peter's group in May and provide a report at the May 2015 Council meeting.

c) Early Childhood Resource Coordinator re: Early Childhood Education Awareness Month

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Richmond County Municipal Council declare June 2015 Early Childhood Education Awareness Month. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

1. Councillor Martell re: proposed changes to the provincial homecare workers employment

The Province is proposing to contract out homecare services in the Province of Nova Scotia. Michel Samson, MLA informed Councillor Martell that the Auditor General mentioned the cost of Home Care in his report four times and therefore a request for proposal to provide the services has been published to obtain pricing.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Council write a letter of support to the Minister of Health and copy Minister Michel P Samson indicating Richmond County's support for the current home care workers in Richmond County who are a valued asset and are dedicated to their clients. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Lisa Boudreau approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

"In Camera" session, if required

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting move to an "in camera" session at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 9:04 p.m. 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 9:05 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON