

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 25, 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
Councillor Sampson

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.

Item Added to the Agenda:

Councillor Beaton requested and received unanimous consent to add a report from the Heritage Advisory Committee.

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

Review of Minutes: April 27, 2015

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that the minutes of April 27, 2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) David Wheeler, PhD (President & Vice Chancellor, Cape Breton University re: Cape Breton Island's University – Strategic Update;

Presentation was rescheduled to a later date.

- b) Celeste Gotell (Health Equity Promoter, Public Health Services) re: Health Equity - Connecting the Dots;

Warden David welcomed Ms. Celeste Gotell to the meeting.

Ms. Gotell gave a power point presentation.

Warden David thanked Ms. Gotell for the presentation.

c) Bruce Joshua (Ifit Center) re: Thank You;

Warden David welcomed Mr. Bruce Joshua to the meeting.

Mr. Joshua gave a power point presentation.

Warden David thanked Mr. Joshua for the presentation.

d) Brenda Stewart, Seaside Communications re: Cheque Presentations to Loch Lomond and Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Departments

Cheques were presented to Loch Lomond and Framboise-Fourchu Volunteer Fire Departments on behalf of Seaside Communications and the Municipality of Richmond County.

Committee Reports:

a) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and 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 notice having been given, that the order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners. The Order should state to the owners that the dwelling is 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 Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Director of Public works and that the cost structure for compost beginning in 2015 be \$40 per tonne for residential and commercial customers with a minimum applicable charge of \$5.00 plus an additional equipment loading fee of \$10 where applicable; AND FURTHER MOVE that residents and businesses not be permitted to operate their own heavy equipment onsite to load compost – manual loading only would be permitted. Motion carried.

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

- Richmond Cheer Athletics, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$700);
- Rocky Bay Irish Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3 (\$5,024.32);
- L'Ardoise Community Centre, c/o Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #9 (\$2,000);
- Isle Madame Baseball Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$600)

Motion carried.

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

b) Planning Advisory

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory Committee and request the Administrator of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises to investigate the property identified as PID 75105304 located at 1364 Salmon River Road, Salmon River, and if necessary prepare a sixty (60) day Order to Remedy Condition in accordance with Section 346 of the Municipal Government Act and that if the order is not complied with in the specified time that the Administrator take steps to have the condition remedied in an incremental manner giving further opportunity for there to be voluntary compliance. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the Planning Advisory Committee Report for the month of May 2015 be adopted. Motion carried.

c) Core Funding to Community Organizations

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Core Funding to Community Organizations Committee and that the Core Funding to Community Organizations Policy be amended to reflect the following changes:

- Financial statements submitted must include a balance sheet and income & Expense sheet;

- Section 6 - Add a section to include proof of need, cost projections, available capital, other funding applications and funding available or received from other sources;
- All organizations be required to submit an annual application;
- Enforcement of Section 19 with the intent that any organizations receiving core funding would not be eligible for any Municipal Grant funding other than Infrastructure Grants;
- Add Section 22 dealing with release of funds

AND FURTHER MOVED that that notice be given to amend the policy at the June Committee of the whole and that the lists and amounts to be approved in 2015-2016 budget year be discussed at May 26, 2015 budget deliberations. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Core Funding to Community Organizations Committee Report for the month of May 2015 be adopted. Motion carried.

d) Heritage Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Heritage Advisory Committee and that notice of registration of the St. John's Anglican Church, Arichat property (PI D 75084517) be placed on the Municipal Registry of Heritage Property and notice of such registration shall be sent to the Strait-Chedabucto Parish and to the Friends of St. John's Anglican church and that a copy of the registration shall be deposited in the Registry of Deeds for the district in which the municipal heritage property is located. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Heritage Advisory Committee and that the former Stella Maris Pastoral Centre 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 Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Heritage Advisory Committee Report for the month of May 2015 be adopted. Motion carried

Councillor Marchand re: Road Widening - Louisdale

Warden David noted that a meeting took place with Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) regarding the Louisdale Road Widening. NSTIR had indicated that they would consider the asphalt widening if Council agreed to pay the extra associated costs. They also indicated that they may be willing to fund 50% of the said costs with the remainder being funded by the Municipality through the Gas Tax reserve.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Municipality proceed with 50-50 cost sharing for road widening in Louisdale with

Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and that the widening run from the intersection of Highway 320 and Main Street in Louisdale up to the existing sidewalks, a distance of approximately 900 meters and monies would be used from the Gas Tax Reserve, subject to TIR providing 50% funding. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden McNamara re:

- a) Thank You

For information purposes.

- b) Dundee Beach Assistance

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that a letter be sent to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding limited access for seniors and persons with disabilities to the Dundee Beach. Motion carried.

UARB re: Decision

Warden David indicated that Council had 30 days from the date the order is issued to appeal the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board decision regarding the Boundary Review.

Correspondence

Action Required:

- a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Property of Terrance Kelly Turner, 111 MacEachern Road, Port Royal, NS, PID 75023887, AAN 05931002;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Terrance Kelly Turner, 111 MacEachern Road, Port Royal, NS, PID 75023887, AAN 05931002, subject to notice of proposed demolition in accordance with the legislation. The Order should state to the owners that both the dwelling unit 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) The Monarchist League of Canada re: Tribute to The Queen;

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Samson that Richmond Municipality honour the request from the Monarchist League of Canada and organize a brief ceremony on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 to celebrate the Queen’s reign, which

is the longest in our modern history; AND FURTHER MOVED that a draft message and Proclamation be sent to the Queen. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Item was previously dealt with.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Richard Cotton approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

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

“In Camera” session, if required

There was no “In Camera” Session.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden David adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON