

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 28 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, 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.

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

Item Added to the Agenda:

Warden David indicated that there was an item previously added to the agenda by the CAO regarding correspondence from the Director of Public Works.

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

Review of Minutes: July 27, 2015 (Special Council)

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the minutes of July 27, 2015 (Special Council) be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

a) Dawn Ostrem & Darren Campbell re: Richmond County Legacy Project;

Warden David welcomed Mrs. Dawn Ostrem and Mr. Darren Campbell to the meeting.

Mrs. Ostrem and Mr. Campbell gave a power point presentation.

Warden David thanked Mrs. Ostrem and Mr. Campbell for their presentation.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Director of Economic Development and Tourism proceed with an application to the Legacy Fund, through the Federal Government, with the purpose of accessing any available funding to assist in the Richmond County Legacy Project. Motion carried.

- b) Richmond County Literacy Network (Millie Hatt) re: Update – Community Outreach and Support Worker Project.

Warden David welcomed Mrs. Millie Hatt and Ms. Jennie Comeau to the meeting.

Ms. Comeau and Mrs. Hatt gave a power point presentation.

Warden David thanked Ms. Comeau and Mrs. Hatt for their presentation.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council contribute funding to the Richmond County Literacy Network for the Community Outreach and Support Worker Project in the amount of \$10,000, pending approval of funds in the budget AND FURTHER MOVED that a letter be sent to the Province indicating the importance of the Community Outreach and Support Worker Project noting the support given to the project by the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

Councillor MacNeil re: Stirling Road Bridge

Councillor MacNeil indicated that the Stirling Road Bridge has been condemned and barricaded which is causing difficulty for emergency personnel to access Loch Lomond, Framboise, Forchu and the Stirling area.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Johnson that a letter be sent to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, copied to Mr. Jason Delorey, promoting construction/repairs to the Stirling Road Bridge and indicating the importance of the bridge in the ability of emergency personnel to access the areas of Loch Lomond, Framboise, Forchu and Stirling. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Martell declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussions regarding the Audit Committee Report due to his wife being employed by Grant Thornton.

- a) Audit Committee

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee and that the financial statements of the Municipality for the year ended March 31, 2015 be accepted as presented by the Auditors and the Director of Finance. Motion carried.

b) Committee of the Whole

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to create an 8 month contract position for the Richmond Arena. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to Kazys Nasvytis and Kimberlee Coates, 11 Ben Boudreau Lane, Boudreauville, NS, PID 75008987, AAN 00386804 and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owner instructing that 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.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued to James Ronald Lejeune, 210 Janvrin Harbour Road, St. Marys, NS, PID 75024158, AAN 02521121 and that the Order be a Demolition and Clean Up Order issued from Council to the owner instructing that the barn be demolished, the derelict vehicle be removed and all other derelict 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.

Deputy Warden McNamara declared a conflict of interest and removed herself from discussions regarding a dangerous and unsightly property due to being the owner of the property being discussed.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a sixty (60) day extension be given to Shirley Anne McNamara regarding her property. Motion defeated.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and of the Tax Collector and write off taxes for Robbie Richard's property, Account #04801296, due to a fire, in the amount of \$40.33 which represents taxes on the property from May 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a loan guarantee with East Coast Credit Union for the Louisdale Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$330,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new two door freightliner chassis, tandem axle tanker & equipment truck, be approved. Motion carried.

Councillor Martell declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussions regarding grant approvals due to being a member of the Isle Madame New Horizon's Senior Citizen Club.

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

- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$2,000);
- Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$500);
- East Richmond ATV Riders Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts (\$10,000);
- Isle Madame Community Pig Roast Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$500);
- St. Hyacinth Cemetery Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$300);
- St. Peter's & Area Lions Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$758.96);
- Societé Vitalité Isle Madame, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1 (\$1,500);
- Isle Madame New Horizon's Senior Citizen Club, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts-Island Councillors (\$5,125);

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of September 2015 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Warden re: Municipal Affairs Assistance:

Warden David noted that the audit was complete and requested Council approval to invite Municipal Affairs to come speak with Council regarding certain issues.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Samson that Council extend an invitation to Municipal Affairs to attend a session with Richmond Municipal Council. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes

- a) Strait Regional School Board re: Invitation to Develop Hub School Proposals;
- b) Development Isle Madame Association re: Thank You.

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

The CAO indicated that a memo had been received from the Director of Public Works regarding compost pricing and the end of the season.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that the Municipality revise its compost pricing as follows:

- Tandem truckloads of screened compost be sold for a fixed price of \$200 (including loading fee);
- Tandem truckloads of un-screened compost be sold for a fixed price of \$125 (including loading fee);
- The compost fee be reduced from \$40/tonne to \$30/tonne to account for the moisture content correction that is presently being applied at the site. The loading fee of \$10 will remain except for tandem truckloads as noted above.

Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

“In Camera” session, if required

There was no “In Camera” Session.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden David adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

CHAIRPERSON