

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE 48TH COUNCIL

JUNE 29, 2015

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden V. David, Deputy Warden S. McNamara
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.

Warden David noted that regrets were received by Councillor Samson.

Items Added to the Agenda:

There were no items added.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes: May 25, 2015

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Beaton that the minutes of May 25, 2015 be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations

- a) Strait Regional School Board (SRSB) – Ford Rice re: SRSB Update

Warden David welcomed Mr. Ford Rice to the meeting.

Mr. Rice gave a power point presentation regarding the SRSB Update (Copy attached).

A discussion period ensued.

Warden David thanked Mr. Rice for his presentation.

Motion Required – To amend the Core Funding to Community Organizations Policy (Attached as Appendix “A”) to 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.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell to amend the Core Funding to Community Organizations Policy (Attached as Appendix “A”) to reflect the following changes:

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- Add Section 22 dealing with release of funds.

Motion carried.

Annual Reports:

- a) Departmental Reports (Copy attached)

Mr. Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Mrs. Josette Marchand, Director of Recreation, Leisure and Community Relations, Mr. Jeff Stanley, Director of Economic Development and Tourism and Mr. Jason Martell, Director of Finance presented Power

Point presentations highlighting the activities and accomplishments of each department during the past year. (Copies attached)

b) Chief Administrative Officer

The CAO thanked Council, Directors and Staff for the direction and support provided during the past year.

c) Warden

Warden Sampson presented a report highlighting the accomplishments of the past year.

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 an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Terrance Kelly Turner, 111 MacEachern Road, Port Royal, NS, PID 75023887, AAN 05931002 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 and shed 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 Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Mr. Tony Pierce be appointed to the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Limited’s Board of Directors as a nominee for the Municipality of Richmond County. 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 following grant requests be approved:

- Framboise Community Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$400);
- River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$5,000);
- River Bourgeois Mariners Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7 (\$606);
- Rocky Bay Irish Club, Festival Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$1,000)

- Isle Madame Minor Baseball Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5 (\$200);
- St. Louis Parish-Baracos Days Festival Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,000);
- St. Louis Parish-Canada Day Committee, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$1,000);
- Sacred Heart Ladies Group, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$500);
- Canadian Cancer Society – Relay for Life Arichat, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1 (\$287.50);
- L’Archeveque Wharf Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$12,000);
- Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$400);
- Lennox Passage Yacht Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3 (\$481.85);
- Javrin’s Island Community Centre, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$250);
- Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4 (\$500);
- Louisdale Lions Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 (\$500);
- Sacred Heart Parish, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$2,516.05).

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that taxes, in the amount of \$88 which represent taxes on the trailer for April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016, for K&D Equipment Services Limited, located in Poulamond, be written off, due to a fire. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept Option #2 on the list of requests for new funding. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Marchand) (Memo options attached).

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Council approve the prior year’s Grants to Core Community Organizations List with the following changes: Richmond County Literacy be amended to \$10,000, Leaside Society remain unchanged at \$5,000, La Picasse be added on the list in the amount of \$10,000 and Dorothy’s Pets in Need be increased from \$1,000 to \$5,000. 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 2 and 5 year Capital Investment Plans for the Municipality of Richmond County for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.

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

b) Heritage Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee and extend the advertising period of the sale and removal of the former Stella Maris Pastoral Center, Arichat, by two weeks. Failing an appropriate response, the Diocese may proceed with the divestiture plan and the Heritage Advisory Committee will not recommend placing Municipal Heritage Status on the former Stella Maris Pastoral Center, Arichat. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of Heritage Advisory Committee and allow staff to explore the possibility of hosting the 2016 Provincial Heritage Conference in Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Beaton, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Heritage Advisory Committee report for the month of June 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

Annual Appointments:

- a) Signing Officers (Chief Administrative Officer and Warden; with Chief Financial Officer, Director of Finance and Deputy Warden as alternates);

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council appoint the Chief Administrative Officer and Warden as signing officers, with the Director of Finance and Deputy Warden as alternates. Motion carried.

- b) Clerk/Treasurer (Chief Administrative Officer) and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer (Director of Finance)

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Municipal Council appoint the Chief Administrative Officer as Clerk/Treasurer, with the Director of Finance as the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Motion carried.

CAO re: Memo's from Director of Finance

- i) Capital Investment Plan

The CAO noted that the Capital Investment Plan was previously approved in the Committee of the Whole Report.

ii) Area Rate (Louisdale Sidewalks)

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Finance and that the Louisdale Sidewalk area rate remain at .10 cents as a result of the shortfall being transferred from the accumulated balance of \$20,000 in the District #6 Infrastructure Fund. Motion carried.

iii) Area Rates

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Finance and that the following area rates be approved:

St. Peter's Fire Department	0.09
West Bay Road Fire Dept.	0.10
L'Ardoise Fire Dept.	0.16
Grand River Fire Dept.	0.15
Loch Lomond Fire Dept.	0.12
Louisdale Fire Dept.	0.10
Framboise-Fourchu Fire Dept.	0.15
Isle Madame Fire Dept.	0.11
District Ten Fire Dept.	0.15
Louisdale Sidewalks	0.10
District #2 Community Rate	0.04
District #4 Community Rate	0.05

St. Peter's Village Commission – collect whatever rate they establish, conditional on them providing their rate to the Municipality by July 31, 2015. Motion carried.

Correspondence

For Information Purposes

- a) Nova Scotia Health and Wellness, Office of the Minister re: Homecare;

For information purposes.

- b) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Commission's 2014 – 2015 Annual Report and Financial Statements (Hard copy available at the meeting)

For information purposes.

Action Required

a) Director of Finance re: Final Budget;

Moved by Deputy Warden McNamara, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that Municipal Council give approval to the Municipal Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$14,106,014;

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$8,293,236 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2016, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of .78¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$2.08; which rates said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18 percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30th day of September, 2015 as the day on which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Marchand)

b) Shannon Mury re: Grant Requests

- Lakeside Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$500);
- Camp Rankin, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$300);
- MacAskill House Museum Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$500);
- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$4,898.53);
- Isle Madame ATV Riders Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts (\$10,000);

- Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$2,501.25);
- Societe Petit de Grat Beautification, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$250);
- MacKinnon Cemetery, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$700);
- Loch Side Cemetery, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$300);
- Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$800).

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the following grants be approved:

- Lakeside Community Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$500);
- Camp Rankin, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$300);
- MacAskill House Museum Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8 (\$500);
- River Bourgeois Community Services Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #7 (\$4,898.53);
- Isle Madame ATV Riders Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts (\$10,000);
- Fourchu Development Association, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10 (\$2,501.25);
- Societe Petit de Grat Beautification, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #2 (\$250);
- MacKinnon Cemetery, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$700);
- Loch Side Cemetery, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #10 (\$300);
- Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts (\$800).

Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

“In-Camera” session, if required

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the meeting move to an “In-Camera” session at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Deputy Warden McNamara that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 9:23 p.m.

Moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Municipality of Richmond proceed with the divestiture of a portion of a former Gillies Subdivision street by Quit Claim Deed to Cape Breton Realty at fair market value based on the release not affecting abutting properties. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, Warden Sampson adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/MUNICIPAL CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON