

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**DECEMBER 14, 2015**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Warden V. David, Councillor S. McNamara,  
Councillor R. Samson, Deputy Warden 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.

Warden David requested a moment of silence in honor of the following people who passed away in the previous weeks: Mrs. Theresa Digout (mother of former CAO, Louis Digout), Gilbert (Gibby) Martens (nephew of Councillor Gilbert Boucher), Kayla Cotton (granddaughter of former Warden Richie Cotton, Sarah Poirier, a student at Richmond Education Centre/Academy and 13-year-old Sara Cecena of Monterrey, Mexico, who was also an exchange student at Richmond Education Centre/Academy.

Items Added to the Agenda:

Councillor McNamara requested and received unanimous consent to add an "In Camera" Session to discuss a personnel issue associated with the Eastern Counties Regional Library.

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

Review of Minutes: October 26, 2015

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Sampson that the minutes of October 26, 2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Presentations re: Presentations to Local Food Banks

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that annual donations in the amount of \$2,000 each be made to the Isle Madame, Louisdale, St. Peter's, L'Ardoise and Port Hawkesbury Food Banks. Motion carried.

Presentation of cheques took place.

Warden David re:

- a) The Strait Richmond Healthcare Foundation;

It was the consensus of Council that a grant request be circulated regarding the request for support for the "Lights for Life" from the Strait Richmond Healthcare Foundation.

- b) Unama'ki Voyageurs Métis Nation

It was the consensus of Council that the Warden write a letter in response to correspondence received from the Unama'ki Voyageurs Métis Nation Association regarding their requests to fly the Acadian-Métis Flag at the Municipal Building in Arichat and for Council to consider the provision of office space to the organization at the Municipal Office or somewhere in Richmond County.

Committee Reports:

- a) Committee of the Whole

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 from Council to Kazys Nasvytis and Kimberlee Coates, 11 Ben Boudreau Lane, Boudreauville, Richmond County, (PID 25008987 and AAN 00386804), and notice having been given, that 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 (Nays: Councillor Boucher, Councillor McNamara, Councillor Marchand).

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Martell that an extension be granted until the end of June 2016 contingent on the work being completed by the property owner by the end of June 2016 and FURTHER MOVED that should the property owner not comply with this agreement that Council accept the recommendation 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 notice having been given, that the Order should state to the owners that the barn is to be demolished and the derelict vehicle, tank 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.

Councillor McNamara declared a conflict of interest due to the review of her property and removed herself from the discussion.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Sampson that an “Order to Remedy Condition” be issued to Shirley Anne McNamara, Evanston Road, Evanston, NS (PID 75108720 and AAN 00835498), subject to notice of proposed demolition in accordance with the legislation. The Order should state to the owner that the dwelling unit 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. (Nays: Councillor Boucher, Councillor Marchand, Councillor Johnson).

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Marchand that Council approve the following grant requests:

- \$9,000 to West Bay United Church, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;
- \$2,850 to Société Vitalité Isle Madame, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #1;
- \$500 to Village on the Canal Association (VOCA), Municipal District Activity Fund, District #8;
- \$18,585 to Acadiaville Community Centre Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #4;
- \$700 to Richmond County Early Childhood Education Centre, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #3;
- \$4,200 to Development Isle Madame Association, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$700 to Isle Madame Trade & Tourism Association (IMTTA), Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$500 to St. John the Baptist Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #7;
- \$668.35 to Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #10;
- \$300 to Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$400 to D’Escousse Civic Improvement Society, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #3;
- \$4064.10 to Whiteside Church Preservation Society, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5;

- \$800 to West Bay Pastoral Charge, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #5;
- \$1,283.32 to Royal Canadian Legion Branch #47, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$300 to CITU Radio Richmond, Municipal District Activity Fund, Multiple Districts;
- \$500 to Richmond Figure Skating Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6;
- \$500 to St. Louis Catholic Women’s League, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6 ;
- \$1,000 to Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors Club, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #6.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor McNamara that the request by Maris Freimanis, CAO, Town of Port Hawkesbury to partner with Richmond County in delivering fire services for Point Tupper be sent to the Fire Protection Services Committee for review and recommendation to Council. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Deputy Warden Beaton that a Code of Conduct Committee be formed consisting of the Warden, Deputy Warden and two Councillors. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil that staff contact the Village of St. Peter’s and move forward with the engineering work for pre-design of the extension and provision of sewer on Toulouse Street in St. Peter’s. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Boucher that a forensic audit be completed of the municipal credit cards and travel expenses associated with the credit cards from January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2015. Motion defeated. (Ayes: Warden David, Councillor Johnson, Councillor McNamara, Councillor Boucher, Councillor Marchand Nays: Councillor Sampson, Councillor MacNeil, Councillor Samson, Councillor Martell, Deputy Warden Beaton).

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

First Reading: To approve the rezoning of five (5) properties in Louisdale, Richmond County from Watershed Protection (WSP) to Wellhead Protection (WHP) to carry out the intent of the Shannon Lake Wellhead Protection Area Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS).(Attached as Appendix “A”)

Moved by Councillor Marchand, seconded by Councillor McNamara that Council give First Reading approval for the rezoning of five (5) properties in Louisdale, Richmond County from Watershed Protection (WSP) to Wellhead Protection (WHP) to carry out the

intent of the Shannon Lake Wellhead Protection Area Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS).(Attached as Appendix “A”). Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Item will be dealt with “In Camera”.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mrs. Germaine MacDonald approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

Ms. Linda Crawford approached Council regarding an item on the agenda.

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

“In Camera” session, if required

Moved by Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Samson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 7:59 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Johnson that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Marchand that the estimated fees associated with the FOIPOP requests received by the Municipality be waived. Motion defeated.

Adjournment

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

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

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CAO/CLERK

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CHAIRPERSON