

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Councillor James Goyetche, Councillor A. Martell  
Warden B. Marchand, Councillor G. Boucher,  
Deputy Warden Jason MacLean

Warden Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

Roll Call of Councillors

The CAO took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were two items previously added to the agenda (personnel) to be discussed "In Camera".

Deputy Warden MacLean requested and received unanimous consent to add a grant request to the agenda.

The CAO requested and received unanimous consent to add a letter of congrats to Lieutenant Governor Art Leblanc.

The Warden requested and received unanimous consent to add heavy garbage pickup to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes

a) September 19, 2017 (Special)

- b) September 11, 2017 (Special)
- c) August 16, 2017 (Special)
- d) July 21, 2017 (Special)
- e) July 17, 2017 (Emergency)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the following minutes be approved as presented.

- a) September 19, 2017 (Special)
- b) September 11, 2017 (Special)
- c) August 16, 2017 (Special)
- d) July 21, 2017 (Special)
- e) July 17, 2017 (Emergency)

Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

Moved by Deputy Warden Maclean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Richmond will work with the CBREN-led Municipal/First Nation Broadband Strategy Initiative to complete the necessary research and public engagement; develop and identify key objectives, including short (three year), mid (seven year) and long-term (ten year), related to broadband communications infrastructure; as well as develop connectivity strategies. This initiative is carried out in recognition that high-speed, accessible and affordable broadband is mission-critical in advancing economic, social and cultural development; enhancing government service delivery including health care, education and municipal services; increasing citizen engagement, government transparency and responsiveness; enhancing business capacity and job creation; increasing sustainability (including reduced carbon emissions) and enhancing safe, connected communities and emergency preparedness. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Maclean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Municipal Council remove privilege and confidentiality on the Organizational Review Report prepared for the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Maclean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Organizational Review Final Report prepared for the Municipality of the County of Richmond be posted on the Richmond County Website. Motion carried.

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

- \$500 to Petit de Grat Red Caps, Municipal District Activity Fund, District #1;
- \$800 to St. Peter's Community Club (Nicolas Denys Museum), Municipal District Activity Fund, District #4.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Maclean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Visa Statements for the Municipality of the County of Richmond be posted on the Richmond County Website, retroactive to November 2016 inclusive. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Maclean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality of the County of Richmond Budget, presented on August 16, 2017, be posted on the Richmond County Website. Motion carried.

Moved by Warden Marchand, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the words "retroactive to January 1, 2017" be added to the motion regarding the posting of the monthly cheque list for the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Maclean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the monthly cheque list, retroactive to January 1, 2017, for the Municipality of the County of Richmond be posted to the Richmond County Website. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of September 2017 be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion Required - To amend the Municipality of the County of Richmond Travel Expense Policy to change section 1.3 (v) Disbursements to read:

"To be eligible for payment, travel expense forms must be presented for approval no later than 90 days after return"

And to add the following to section 1.3 (i), Vehicle Use:

For out of Province travel, reimbursement will be the lesser of:

a) The total cost of economy airfare, airport parking and travel to the airport

Or

b) Mileage at the present provincial rate per kilometer as per section 1.3 (i)

Vehicle use. (Attached as Appendix "A").

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that an amendment to the Travel Expense Policy motion replaces the words “no later than 90 days after return” to “no later than 60 days after return”. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Goyetche).

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean the Travel Expense Policy for the Municipality of the County of Richmond be amended to change section 1.3 (v) Disbursements to read:

“To be eligible for payment, travel expense forms must be presented for approval no later than 60 days after return”

And to add the following to section 1.3 (i), Vehicle Use:

For out of Province travel, reimbursement will be the lesser of:

- a) The total cost of economy airfare, airport parking and travel to the airport
- Or
- b) Mileage at the present provincial rate per kilometer as per section 1.3 (i) Vehicle use. (Attached as Appendix “A”).

Motion carried.

#### Correspondence

#### Action Required

- a) Tracy Martell, RPh (Physician Recruitment Committee Member) re:  
Physician Recruitment Committee

It was the consensus of Council that a Physician Recruitment Meeting be scheduled as soon as possible.

- b) Residents of Loch Lomond re: Road Name Change;

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that approval be given to the road name change request from “Unnamed Private Lane” to “Hummingbird Lane” in District #5, if it meets policy approval and receives approval of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and the Eastern District Planning Commission; AND FURTHER MOVED that this change be recognized for 911 purposes only and without responsibility on the Municipality’s part to provide or maintain services. Motion carried.

c) Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia (Catherine Tully) re: Right to Know Week in Nova Scotia;

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that WHEREAS the **Municipality of the County of Richmond** has adopted the principles of openness, transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS *Part XX* of the *Municipal Government Act* gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the **Municipality of the County of Richmond**; and

WHEREAS access to information ensures citizens of Nova Scotia have the opportunity for meaningful participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS a celebration of the right of citizens to access information will facilitate informed public participation in policy formulation, ensure fairness in government decision-making and permit the airing and reconciliation of divergent views; and

WHEREAS **Municipality of the County of Richmond** joins all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in acknowledging international Right to Know Week;

THEREFORE be it resolved that I, **Warden Brian Marchand, Municipality of the County of Richmond**, do hereby proclaim September 25 to October 1, 2017 to be Right to Know Week in the **Municipality of the County of Richmond**  
Motion carried.

d) Paula Harmon (Gardens of Grace) re: Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day;

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that WHEREAS:

October 15th is recognized worldwide, and in other regions of Canada as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day, to symbolize our support of Nova Scotia's Bill 179, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Act; and

WHEREAS: each DAY in Canada, 5 babies die within their first year and 8 babies are stillborn; as many as 1 in 5 pregnancies end in miscarriage, one family in Nova Scotia per day experience the pain of losing a child as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal loss; and

WHEREAS: there is a need to develop a greater awareness and understanding about the causes of pregnancy and infant loss, so we can improve the healthcare provided for pregnant mothers and their babies; and

WHEREAS: the existence of the babies and infants deserves to be recognized; and

WHEREAS: increased awareness of the causes and impacts surrounding pregnancy and infant loss may lead to greater understanding, support and resources in communities across Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS: this declaration acknowledges the unique grief of bereaved parents and demonstrates support to the many families across Canada who have suffered a loss through miscarriage, medical termination, stillbirth or the death of their infant during delivery or shortly after birth; and

WHEREAS: promoting awareness of pregnancy and infant loss increases the likelihood that these families will receive understanding and support as they face the challenges of their distinctive bereavement; and

WHEREAS: a day of remembrance honors the lives of the children, and supports grieving parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members whose lives are forever altered by the heartbreak of losing a child; and

WHEREAS: such activities emphasize the Municipality's commitment to supporting sensitivity and encouragement to bring this cause to light; and

WHEREAS: the Day is observed with remembrance ceremonies and candle-light vigils, concluding with the International Wave of Light, a worldwide lighting of candles at 7pm; and

WHEREAS: the Municipality of Richmond County wishes to recognize the profound grief experienced by families who lose a baby.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Warden Brian Marchand of the Municipality of Richmond County do hereby declare the day of October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.  
Motion carried.

e) TIR re: Meunier Lane, Cove Road, West Arichat

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor Boucher that staff send a letter to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that Meunier Lane, Cove Road, West Arichat be rebuilt or repaired. Motion carried.

For Information Purposes

a) Office of the Ombudsman re: Recommendations

Items Added to the Agenda

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that the following grant request be approved:

- \$10,000 to the Fourchu Development Associations, Municipal District Infrastructure Fund, District #5.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Martell that correspondence be sent to Lieutenant Governor Art Leblanc, congratulating him on his recent appointment and also extending an invitation to host an event, if needed in the future, in Council Chambers at the Municipality of Richmond County office building. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Goyetche, seconded by Deputy Warden MacLean that staff provide a report outlining the cost of the spring heavy garbage pickup in addition to the cost of foregoing fees for a one or two week period for the residents coming in to the landfill with garbage. Motion carried.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

Mr. Jerry Bourque approached Council.

“In Camera” Session

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:05 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the meeting reconvene to regular session at 8:54 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden MacLean, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Recreation Manager’s placement on the salary scale be corrected and be moved from the Officer Scale to the Manager Scale. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

MINUTES RECORDED BY:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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CHAIRPERSON