

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 26, 2018

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office

Present: Deputy Warden James Goyetche, Councillor Alvin Martell
Warden Brian Marchand, Councillor Gilbert Boucher,
Councillor Jason MacLean, CAO, Kent Macintyre,
CFO, Jason Martell, Director of Public Works, Chris Boudreau

Warden Marchand called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 no items added to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the agenda be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes

a) February 26, 2018 (Regular Meeting)

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the minutes of February 26, 2018 (Regular Meeting) be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

a) Policy Committee

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and that the "Hours of Operation" Policy be

amended to replace the Holiday name “Family Day” with “Heritage Day” and to remove the last section regarding Christmas Office Closure, as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and that the “Credit Card” Policy be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and that the “Hiring” Policy be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that Council accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and that “Travel and Expense” Policy be amended as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and that the “Hospitality” Policy be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Policy Committee Report for the month of March 2018 be adopted. Motion carried.

Councillor Boucher thanked the members at large on the Policy Committee for all their work on the policies.

Committee Appointments

a) Policy

Two applications were received from members at large interested in serving on the Policy Committee for the Municipality of Richmond County, Mrs. Germaine MacDonald and Mr. Donald Goyetche.

Deputy Warden Goyetche declared a conflict due to a relative being considered for appointment, as a member at large, on the Policy Committee.

Councillor Boucher nominated Mrs. Germaine MacDonald to be the new member at large chosen to serve on the Policy Committee.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that Mrs. Germaine MacDonald be the new member at large on the Policy Committee for the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

b) Audit

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that Ms. Emma Ferguson be the new member at large on the Audit Committee for the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Give Notice to amend the following policies:

- a) Hours of Operation to replace the holiday name “Family Day” with “Heritage Day” and to remove the last section regarding Christmas Office Closure; (Attached as Appendix “A”)

Councillor Boucher gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to amend the Hours of Operation Policy to replace the holiday name “Family Day” with “Heritage Day” and to remove the last section regarding Christmas Office Closure; (Attached as Appendix “A”).

- b) Travel Expense Policy (Attached as Appendix “B”);

Councillor Martell gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to amend the Travel Expense Policy (Attached as Appendix “B”).

- c) Employee Policy Manual (Attached as Appendix “C”) to remove Section 8.0, (Expenses and Reimbursement), Section 5.0 (Conditions of Employment) (Job Opportunities), Section 17.0, (Recruitment of Non-Management Staff).

Councillor Boucher gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to amend the Employee Policy Manual (Attached as Appendix “C”) to remove Section 8.0, (Expenses and Reimbursement), Section 5.0 (Conditions of Employment) (Job Opportunities), Section 17.0, (Recruitment of Non-Management Staff).

Give Notice to Adopt the following policies:

- a) Credit Card Policy (Attached as Appendix “D”);

Councillor Boucher gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to adopt the Credit Card Policy as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond County (Attached as Appendix “D”);

- b) Hospitality Policy (Attached as Appendix “E”);

Councillor Martell gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to adopt the Hospitality Policy as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond County (Attached as Appendix “E”).

c) Hiring Policy (Attached as Appendix “F”);

Councillor Boucher gave notice that he would introduce a motion at the next Regular Council meeting to adopt the Hiring Policy as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond County (Attached as Appendix “F”).

CAO re: Charter Amendments (CBRM)

The following points were brought forth during discussion:

- The CAO indicated that 2nd Reading took place last week for the proposed “Special Charter” for Cape Breton Regional Municipality;
- There is an inherent danger of creating an un-level playing field among the member Municipalities;
- Correspondence was sent from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Limited and the Strait Area Chamber of Commerce to the Premier;
- The UNSM offered support for the Charter Amendment;
- The UNSM Board is comfortable with the proposed amendment with the checks and balances in place;
- The UNSM should be inclusive and write a letter on behalf of all municipal units;

Correspondence:

For Information Purposes:

- a) Nova Scotia Business re: High Speed Internet Access;

The CAO noted that \$120 million of funding was announced that would be placed in a Trust to support the enhancement of middle and last mile across the Province and that the intent was to cover greater than 95% of the Province. He also noted that there were areas such as Fourchu and Dundee, to name a few, lacking in broadband and cell coverage.

- b) The Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities re: UNSM Priorities

For information purposes.

- c) Cheques issued re: February 2018

For information purposes.

Action Required:

- a) Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia re: Purple Day Proclamation. (Followed by Epilepsy Awareness Day Photo);

Warden Marchand read the following proclamation:

Whereas Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world, and

Whereas Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, an nine year old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone, and

Whereas epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, and more than 300,000 people in Canada, and

Whereas the public is often unable recognize the common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid, and

Whereas Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally,

I therefore proclaim March 26, 2018 Purple Day in Nova Scotia, in an effort to raise epilepsy awareness everywhere.

- b) Purple Day Ambassador Conference – June 9, 2018 – Recommend an Ambassador to attend the conference;

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council recommend that Rodney Leblanc of Arichat be chosen as the ambassador for Richmond County and attend the Purple Day Ambassador Conference on June 9, 2018 in Halifax. Motion carried.

- c) Walk for Values re: Human Values Day – April 24, 2018 Proclamation;

Whereas raising and increasing the AWARENESS of **Human Values** of truth, right conduct, peace, love and nonviolence, and all the multiple sub values like honesty, integrity, kindness and caring in the Municipality of RICHMOND COUNTY is a primary goal of this wonderful Municipality

Whereas these are values inherent in all creeds, countries, cultures and communities, making these values truly **“Values without Borders”**

Whereas making the Municipality of RICHMOND COUNTY '*A Municipality of Character*' is for the greatest benefit of all our citizens

Whereas reducing and even erasing the incidents of violence of all types in our communities and our Municipality will bring PEACE and PROGRESS in all aspects and activities of this Municipality

Whereas unlike other walks, Walk for Values is not a fund-raiser, but a way to make the Municipality richer and healthier by pledging our commitment to practice human values, and be motivated to serve our community through volunteer work, or by donating blood or food for the needy

Whereas "Walk for Values" is designed to raise the awareness of Human Values and to promote individual responsibility towards collective future of Humanity. Walk for Values is a platform to educate people on the importance of practicing these five Human Values in daily life and the awareness it creates in making of enlightened citizens for universal peace.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Warden Brian Marchand, on behalf of RICHMOND COUNTY Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim **24th April 2018 as "Human Values Day"** in the Municipality of RICHMOND COUNTY

- d) Mr. Barry Landry re: Richmond Villa Board Member resignation (Motion to advertise for another Member at Large for the Richmond Villa Board);

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that an advertisement be placed in the local newspaper for a member at large to serve on the Richmond Villa Board. Motion carried.

- e) Saltscapes 2018, SPEDO and St. Peter's Pirate Days re: Funding Request;

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the Municipality of Richmond County sponsor one individual, up to \$1,100, to attend the 13th Saltscapes Expo being held from April 19th to April 22nd, 2018 in Halifax. Motion carried.

- f) Chief Financial Officer re: Write off of Inactive Accounts

Moved by Deputy Warden Goyetche, seconded by Councillor Boucher that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and write off the principal and interest associated with the inactive accounts in the total amount of \$10,118.91. Motion carried.

g) Director of Public Works re: PCAP Application

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Councillor MacLean that Council accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and approve an application to the Provincial Capital Assistance program (PCAP) for the purpose of conducting pre-Engineering work for modifications required to the Arichat and Petit de Grat Sewage Treatment Plants in order to meet the effluent quality requirements in its Operating Approvals issued by Nova Scotia Environment. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Fifteen Minute Question Period

There were no questions from the gallery.

“In Camera” Session (Municipal Property/Legal)

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 7:42 PM.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor Martell that the meeting reconvene to Regular Session at 9:05 PM.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that the property located at 9856 Grenville Street, St. Peter’s, Richmond County Nova Scotia (PID 75052977), commonly referred to as the Old Fire Hall, be tendered for sale. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Martell, seconded by Deputy Warden Goyetche that Council accept the recommendation of the Revenue Manager and that the Municipality proceed with the sale of municipal property located on Alderney Point Road, AAN 01893637, PID 75010983 to Dorey’s Ledge Fisheries Ltd., at the appraised value, plus applicable HST, to be determined by a market value appraisal; AND FURTHER MOVED that the sale be conditional on Dorey’s Ledge Fisheries Ltd. paying the appraisal fee, migration costs and any survey related costs, as determined by our solicitor and also that a Release and Indemnity be prepared and executed. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor MacLean, seconded by Councillor Goyetche that the Municipality enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the counties of Victoria, Inverness, Membertou First Nation and Waycobah First Nation and Cape Breton Business Partnership Incorporated. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Boucher, seconded by Councillor MacLean that Council accept the recommendation of the Revenue Manager and that municipal property located on Lion's Avenue in St. Peters (a portion of the property identified as AAN 09844082 and PID 75190488, be sold to BGC Consulting Ltd. at the appraised value, plus applicable HST, to be determined by a market value appraisal. AND FURTHER MOVED the sale should be conditional on BGC Consulting Ltd. Paying the appraisal fee, migration costs and any subdivision, rezoning and survey related costs as required and that a Release and Indemnity be prepared and executed. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
