

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2021

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Councillor S. Samson, Deputy Warden M. Diggdon,
Councillor M. Sampson (via telephone), Warden A. Mombourquette
Councillor B. Sampson, Don Marchand, CAO

Warden Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the agenda be approved as presented.

Review of Minutes:

a) January 27, 2021 Special Council

Moved by Deputy Warden M. Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the minutes of the January 27, 2021 Special Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

b) January 25, 2021 Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Councillor M. Sampson - Motion to rescind the following motion which was adopted on January 25, 2021, considering new information brought to Council's attention:

January 25, 2021: Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that a 10 day demolition order be issued on the property of Lester

Morgan and Elizabeth Morgan, 2011 Whiteside Road, Whiteside Richmond County, PID (75026898) and AAN (03304582). Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the following motion which was adopted on January 25, 2021 be rescinded considering new information brought to Council's attention:

January 25, 2021: Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that a 10 day demolition order be issued on the property of Lester Morgan and Elizabeth Morgan, 2011 Whiteside Road, Whiteside Richmond County, PID (75026898) and AAN (03304582). Motion carried.

Question Period (Restricted to Items on the Committee of the Whole Report)

There were no questions from the gallery.

Committee Reports:

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and the Revenue Manager and write off taxes in the amount of \$297.70, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from August 30, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor S. Samson that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of FEBRUARY 2021 be adopted. Motion carried.

First Reading Approval – To amend By-Law #52, Sewer Service Charge By-Law in order to amend the following:

- **Change the method of billing for sewer services so that sewer billings are based on real-time water billings rather than calculated based on the prior year's water billings.**
- **Make provisions for metered sewer connections for institutional, commercial or industrial (ICI) customers with water consumption that varies significantly from sewage discharge volumes**
- **Provide for a mechanism to adjust a sewer bill in certain instances where a customer's water consumption is unusually high due to a water leak or other unusual activity.**
- **Combine the four sewer systems into a single sewer system (similar to the Richmond Water Utility) to allow for a single sewer ratio among all four sewer systems.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that First Reading Approval be given to amend By-Law #52, Sewer Service Charge By-Law in order to amend the following:

- Change the method of billing for sewer services so that sewer billings are based on real-time water billings rather than calculated based on the prior year's water billings.

- Make provisions for metered sewer connections for institutional, commercial or industrial (ICI) customers with water consumption that varies significantly from sewage discharge volumes
- Provide for a mechanism to adjust a sewer bill in certain instances where a customer's water consumption is unusually high due to a water leak or other unusual activity.
- Combine the four sewer systems into a single sewer system (similar to the Richmond Water Utility) to allow for a single sewer ratio among all four sewer systems. Motion carried.

CAO re:

a) Manager of Accounting and Finance, Kathleen Jeffrey re: Write off of Inactive Accounts;

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor S. Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Manager of Accounting and Finance and write off the Principal and Interest associated with the inactive accounts in the total amount of \$3670.30. Motion carried.

b) Staff Report, Brett Hershey re: Dry Hydrants

It was the consensus of Council that a discussion regarding a hybrid model for dry hydrants in Richmond County be moved to budget deliberations in order to discuss the various funding options available.

It was the consensus of Council that a discussion regarding the creation of a policy for the development, installation and ongoing concerns around dry hydrants be moved to a By-Law/Policy Committee meeting.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Staff request policies from other municipal units who currently use the hybrid system for the installation and maintenance of dry hydrants in order to acquire information which will aid Richmond County in the creation of a similar policy. Motion carried.

Warden Mombourquette re: Snow Removal for By Roads

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Staff schedule a meeting/information session between Council and the local Supervisor from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding a discussion about snow plowing in Richmond County. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

“In Camera” Session (Contract Negotiations)

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:10 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson the meeting revert to Regular Session at 9:40 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the meeting be adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
