

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 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 7:01 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**

Warden Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add a request from the West Richmond Riders Association regarding a funding extension request.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the agenda be approved with the item added. Motion carried.

**Review of Minutes:**

**a) March 15, 2021 (Emergency Council)**

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Emergency Council Meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**b) March 8, 2021 (Special Council)**

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Samson that the minutes of the March 8, 2021 Special Council Meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

**c) February 22, 2021 (Regular Council)**

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the minutes of the February 22, 2021 Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

## **Presentations**

### **Eastern District Planning Commission re: Property of Lester Morgan and Elizabeth Morgan, 2011 Whiteside Road, Whiteside Richmond County, PID (75026898) and AAN (03304582).**

#### **(i) EDPC re: Update on Property**

Mr. John Bain provided an update on the property and indicated that based on the lack of information provided and work completion, the recommendation for demolition remained.

#### **(ii) Opportunity for the Above Property Owner to Address the Committee**

Mr. Lester Morgan and Mr. Terrance Graham approached Council.

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.

### **CAO re: Update/Staff Report – Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre**

The CAO provided information from a Staff Report submitted by Chief Financial Officer, Jason Martell following additional financial information provided by the Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre. The recommendation, based on the information provided, was that it was not recommended to provide emergency funding to this organization.

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

Mark Vanderhoden approached Council.

Clair Rankin approached Council.

Warden Mombourquette relinquished the Chair to Deputy Warden Diggdon.

Warden Mombourquette spoke regarding an item on the Committee of the Whole Report re: River Tillard to St. Peter's Trail.

Deputy Warden relinquished the Chair to Warden Mombourquette.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **a) Committee of the Whole**

- **Accessibility Committee;**
- **River Tillard to St. Peter's Trail**
- **Request from Arichat Development Commission**

- **Request from Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre**

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the following applicants be appointed to the new Accessibility Committee for the Municipality of Richmond County, Natalie Groom, Kelly Hibbert, Marcilyn Cianfarani and Maxine David. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Richmond County reaffirm Council's support for the Province to designate the River Tillard to St. Peter's 3 km of trail as multi-use, to issue the East Richmond ATV Riders a Letter of Authority to assume management of the trail and for the municipality to advocate on their behalf. Motion carried. (Nay: Deputy Warden Diggdon).

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter of support be provided to the Arichat Community Development Commission indicating that the addition of the park project to Richmond County aligns with the Department of Recreation strategies to increase opportunities and enhance support for physical activity. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the request from the Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre for emergency funding in the amount of \$3,000, to cover any deficits, be approved. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Melanie Sampson)

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of MARCH 2021 be adopted. Motion carried.

**Second 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 Samson that Second 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.

**First Reading Approval - To amend By-Law #29, Capital Cost of Sewer Construction in order to clarify the responsibilities of the Municipality and private property owner as it relates to sewer back-ups and maintenance of building sewer service connections.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Samson that First Reading Approval be given to amend By-Law #29, Capital Cost of Sewer Construction in order to clarify the responsibilities of the Municipality and private property owner as it relates to sewer back-ups and maintenance of building sewer service connections. Motion carried.

**CAO re:**

**a) West Richmond Education Centre re: Update;**

It was the consensus of Council that that the cost of completing a building condition assessment on the West Richmond Education Centre be moved to budget deliberations.

**b) Richmond Housing Corporation Resolution;**

Councillor Brent Sampson declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussions.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that the following resolution be adopted:

**WHEREAS** The Richmond Housing Corporation (the “Corporation”) proposes to enter into a mortgage of it property at 9361 Pepperell Street, St. Peter’s with Housing Nova Scotia (“HNS”) for the purpose of financing the Sloped Roof Replacement Project for the Richmond Villa in the amount of \$1,125,770.

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the Section 12 ( c ) of the Municipal Housing Corporation Act, R.S.N.S. 1989, Chapter 304, the approval of the Municipality is required.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality of the County of Richmond does hereby approve the mortgaging by the Corporation of the property located at 9361 Pepperell Street, St. Peter’s to Housing Nova Scotia (HNS) for the purpose of financing the Sloped Roof Replacement Project for the Richmond Villa and, as well, the granting of any and all other security required by HNS for this purpose. Motion carried.

**c) Revenue Manager re: Property Destroyed by Fire;**

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Revenue Manager and that taxes on the property of Gerald Sampson, located at 53 Bona Rd, Lower L'Ardoise, which was completely destroyed by fire, be written off in the amount of \$201.77, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from June 23, 2020 to March 31, 2021. Motion carried.

**d) Waste Management Contract**

For information purposes.

**Warden Mombourquette re:**

**a) Strait Area Transit Board Member;**

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Warden Amanda Mombourquette be appointed as member on the Strait Area Transit Board. Motion carried.

**b) Moratorium on oil and gas exploration on Georges Bank;**

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Staff reach out to the Province in order to gather additional information regarding the request from Clean Ocean Action Committee. Motion carried.

**c) Eastern Counties Regional Library re: Council Update on Equitable Funding;**

For information purposes.

**d) Question Period;**

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that an additional 10 minute question period be added to the end of the Committee of the Whole Agenda, prior to In Camera and open to questions on the agenda; AND FURTHER MOVED that question period prior to the Committee of the Whole Report be restricted to 10 minutes. Motion carried.

**e) Point Tupper Fire Protection**

For information purposes.

**Correspondence – Action Required**

**a) Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes re: Purple Day – March 26, 2021  
(Proclamation)**

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the following proclamation be approved:

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

Whereas epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect over 50 million people worldwide and 42 people in Canada are diagnosed every day, AND

Whereas one in ten persons will have at least one seizure during his or her lifetime, AND

Whereas the public is often unable to recognize 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.

Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim March 26, 2021, “Purple Day”, in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in Canada.

Motion carried.

**Items Added to the Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the request from West Richmond Riders Association for an extension on their 2020 Richmond County Funding be approved. Motion carried.

**“In Camera” Session (If Required)**

There was no “In Camera” Session.

**Adjournment**

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON

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