

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING - VIDEOCONFERENCE
MAY 25, 2021

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Shawn Samson, Deputy Warden Michael Diggdon,
Councillor Melanie Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette
Councillor Brent 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 Quality of Life Regional Gathering for Strait Area and Western Cape Breton.

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) May 13, 2021 (Special Council)

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the minutes of the May 13, 2021 Special Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

b) May 10, 2021 (Special Council)

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the minutes of the May 10, 2021 Special Council Meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

c) April 26, 2021 (Emergency Council)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Emergency Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

d) April 26, 2021 (Regular Council)

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the April 26, 2021 Regular Council Minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

First Reading Approval – To adopt By-Law #66, Private Ways, to clarify the authority as set out in section 29A of the Private Ways Act, RSNS 1989, c 358, amended 2011.

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon that First Reading Approval be Given to adopt By-Law #66, Private Ways, to clarify the authority as set out in section 29A of the Private Ways Act, RSNS 1989, c 358, amended 2011. Motion carried.

Motion to Repeal the Internal Procedures – Sewer Service Charge Appeals Policy

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Internal Procedures – Sewer Service Charge Appeals Policy be repealed. Motion carried.

CAO re: Memo’s from Chief Financial Officer

- a) 5 Year Capital Investment Plan
- b) Area Rates
- c) Final Budget for year ending March 31, 2022
- d) Final Water Budget for year ending March 31, 2022.

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Sampson that the approval of the 5-year Capital Investment Plan, Area Rates, Final Budget for year ending March 31, 2022 and the Final Water Budget for year ending March 31, 2022 be deferred pending one additional Budget Meeting. Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Brent Sampson)

Warden Mombourquette re:

- a) In Memory of Jim St. Clair;**

For Information Purposes

- b) Brezo Energy Inc. re: Letter of Support;**

It was the consensus of Council that Warden Amanda Mombourquette reach out to Brezo Energy regarding a Letter of Support and gather additional information in order to ensure that the environment will be protected and that there will be no/low impact on our inshore fisheries

- c) Virtual Meeting Policy;**

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that Staff draft a Virtual Meeting Policy to be presented at a future By-Law/Policy Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

d) Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal re: Update;

For information purposes.

e) Cape Breton Island Housing Authority re: Update;

For information purposes.

f) Mountain Bike Strategy - Richmond Expansion;

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that Richmond Council accept the offer from the Cape Breton Partnership to amend the Mountain Bike Strategy Plan to include Richmond County locations, at NO extra cost. Motion carried.

g) Proclamation World Elder Abuse Awareness Day;

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

**MUNICIPAL PROCLAMATION
WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY
June 15, 2021**

WHEREAS: Richmond County seniors are valued and recognized as contributing members of society. Seniors impart a wealth of experience and wisdom in our communities. They deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. It is our collective responsibility to ensure they live safely and fully engaged within the community that cares about them.

WHEREAS: The **International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse**, in support of the **United Nations International Plan of Action**, proclaimed this day to recognize the significance of elder abuse as both a public health and human rights issue; and

WHEREAS: **2021** Marks the **16th Anniversary of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**. Its recognition will foster a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older adults; and

WHEREAS: Elder abuse is not limited to race, gender, culture, or circumstance, and regardless of whether the abuse is physical, emotional, or financial, it has a significant impact on the lives of individuals and families; and

WHEREAS: Seniors are at risk of being abused and **social isolation and ageism** are contributing risk factors; and

WHEREAS: Municipality of the County of Richmond recognizes the importance of taking action by funding the Richmond County Seniors' Safety & Social Inclusion Program which works to create social change, prevent elder abuse and raises awareness, through education about the Rights of older adults; and

WHEREAS: Preventing abuse of older adults will help improve their quality of life and allow them to live independently and contribute to the vibrancy of Nova Scotia for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS: Where there is **Respect** there can be no abuse; therefore, residents of Richmond County, Nova Scotia are urged to join this global movement to ***Stop Abuse and Restore Respect.***

Motion carried.

h) Nova Scotia's 2021 Access Awareness Week

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that the following proclamation be approved:

Proclamation - Access Awareness Week

May 30th – June 5th, 2021

WHEREAS, the week of May 30th – June 5th, 2021 is recognized as Access Awareness Week; and

Access Awareness Week aims to celebrate achievements made both by and for persons with disabilities in the areas of accessibility, transportation, housing, employment, recreation, education and communication; and

This is the 34th year that this public awareness initiative has taken place in Nova Scotia; and

Access Awareness Week promotes the inclusion of all Nova Scotians with disabilities as full citizens within our communities; and

Through public awareness, community partnerships and education, this campaign aims to foster an environment of equal participation for persons with disabilities within the **County of Richmond.**

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, **Warden Amanda Mombourquette** on behalf of the **County of Richmond**, do hereby proclaim May 30th – June 5th, 2021 as "Access Awareness Week" in the **County of Richmond.** Motion carried.

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Eastern District Planning Commission re: Revised Appointments;

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that the Revised Appointments for the Eastern District Planning Commission be approved. Motion carried.

b) Richmond County Literacy Network re: Partnership Coalition

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Councillor Melanie Sampson reach out to Millie Hatt regarding the Richmond County Literacy Coalition’s expectations of a Council role in the Coalition. Motion carried

Items Added to the Agenda

For information purposes.

Question Period (Restricted to the Agenda) (PHONE IN #1 647 558 0588 – see Question Period Details Below)

There were no questions.

“In Camera” Session (If Required)

No “In Camera” Session required

Adjournment

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
