

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING - VIDEOCONFERENCE

JUNE 28, 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 7:11 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

Deputy Warden Diggdon requested and received unanimous consent to add the purchase of a Barry Marchand, RABA Championship Trophy to the agenda.

Warden Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add a Policing information session and outreach to Potlotek with an update to the agenda.

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes:

a) May 25, 2021 (Regular Council)

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

b) June 2, 2021 (Special Council)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the minutes of the June 2, 2021 Special Council Meeting be approved with corrections. Motion carried.

Question Period (Restricted to Items on the Committee of the Whole Report) (PHONE IN #1 778 907 2071 – see Question Period Details Below)

There were no questions.

Committee Reports:

a) Committee of the Whole

• Posting of Funding Contributions and Tax Exemptions

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the funding contributions and tax exemptions for not profit organizations for the year 2020/2021 be posted to the Richmond County Website, social media and in The Reporter newspaper. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the COW for the month of June 2021 be adopted. Motion carried.

Second 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 Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Second 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.

Councillor Melanie Sampson re: Road Shoulder Condition

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Staff prepare a draft a letter for the Warden and Councillor Melanie Sampson to be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Active Transit (Hon. Lloyd Hines), with a copy to the MLA, Premier of Nova Scotia and local TIR Representatives regarding the level of service in regard to brush cutting, mowing and erosion on the sides of the roads throughout Richmond County. Motion carried.

CAO re:

a) West Richmond Education Centre re: Update

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that a decision regarding the West Richmond Education Centre be tabled until the assessment on the condition of the building be completed. Motion carried.

b) Richmond County Literacy Network Request

It was the consensus of Council that Councillor Melanie Sampson reach out to the Richmond County Literacy Network indicating that the requested support from municipal staff for the coalition could not be provided due to lack of resources.

Warden Mombourquette re:

a) Grant Funding

It was noted that a notification be posted on the website, social media, Facebook and the Reporter indicating that Grant Funding and funding applications are available and how to access them.

b) Local Business Message

The Warden welcomed new businesses to the St. Peter's area.

c) Summer Message

For information purposes.

Correspondence

a) Hon. Minister Lena Metlege Diab re: Traffic Signs Regulations Correspondence – Minister Metlege Diab re Sign Changes

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Staff draft a letter to forward to the Warden addressed to the Hon. Minister Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie, indicating support and accepting the offer, at no cost to the municipality, to enable the replacement of English stop signs with bilingual ones. Motion carried.

Items Added to the Agenda

Purchase of a Barry Marchand, RABA Championship Trophy

It was noted that the group forward a grant application to Chief Financial Officer, Jason Martell, regarding their request for the purchase of a trophy.

Policing Information Session

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon that Staff reach out to Department of Justice liaison Donna Jewers to schedule a policing information session at a Special Meeting of Council in September/October 2021. Motion carried.

Potlotek Update

For information purposes.

Question Period (Restricted to the remainder of the agenda following the COW Report) (PHONE IN #1 778 907 2071 – see Question Period Details Below)

There were no questions.

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“In Camera” Session (Contract Negotiations)

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting revert back to Regular Session at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Diggdon to accept the recommendation of Council regarding contract negotiations. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
