

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 21, 2022

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon,
Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette
Councillor Brent Sampson, Don Marchand, CAO

Warden Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 (Approval of Agenda)

Warden Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add the following items:

- Everwind Fuels Letter of Support;
- Community Acknowledgments;
- Notice of Motion to Adopt the Non-Union Salary Administration Policy;
- Request from the Village of St. Peter’s regarding access to the Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax).

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the agenda be approved with the items added. Motion carried.

Review of Minutes re:

a) February 28, 2022 (Regular Council)

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the minutes of the February 28, 2022 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Question Period (Restricted to Items on the Committee of the Whole Report/By-Law/Policy Committee report) (PHONE IN– (902-226-9885) (see Question Period Details Below)

There were no questions.

Committee Reports

a) Committee of the Whole (Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson)

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Municipal Council support (in principle) the formation of a Regional Non-Profit Organization regarding Housing. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the recommendation of the Director of Public Works be accepted and that a tender be issued for 2022 Spring Heavy Collection following the Committee of the Whole meeting in March. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Staff advertise the following:

- Richmond Recreation Outdoor Challenge winners for the month of February 2022
- Volunteer of the Month (Richmond County Recreation) - Andrée Sampson
- Tyler Mattheis as New President & CEO of Cape Breton Partnership
- International Women's Day 2022.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Staff move forward with the Clean Foundation RFP for the Richmond Arena location. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from Friends of St. John's Arichat Society, Type 1-Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000 be approved with the following allocation amounts:

- District #1 - \$1,250
- District #2 - \$500
- Type 4- Regional/Health/General Grant Funds - \$3,250

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from the Little Harbour Pasture Cooperative Ltd, Type 4- Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000 be approved with the following allocation amounts:

- District #5 - \$4,000
 - Type 4- Regional/Health/General Grant Funds - \$6,000
- Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the funding request from the Rocky Bay Irish Club, Type 2-Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$500 be approved and allocated from the District #2 fund. Motion carried.

Councillor Brent Sampson declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from discussions regarding the Village Fitness Centre Cooperative grant request.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from the Village Fitness Centre Cooperative, Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000 be approved and allocated as follows:

- District #1 - \$500
 - District #2 - \$750
 - District #3 - \$2,000
 - District #4 - \$1,500
 - Type 4- Regional/Health/General Grant Funds - \$5250
- Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of MARCH 2022 be adopted. Motion carried.

b) By-Law/Policy Committee

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and that Council give notice to amend the Flag Policy in order to include a yearly review of the flags included. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and that Council give notice to adopt the Virtual Meeting Policy as a policy of the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the By-Law/Policy Committee Report for the month of MARCH 2022 be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt the VFD Payment and Reporting Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that Council adopt the VFD Payment and Reporting Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Motion to Amend the Travel Expense Policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond in order to reduce duplication and further clarify the difference between “In County” and “Out of County” travel claim processes.

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council amend the Travel Expense Policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond in order to reduce duplication and further clarify the difference between “In County” and “Out of County” travel claim processes. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt to the Vaccination Policy as a Policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council adopt the Vaccination Policy as a Policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion defeated.

Notice of Motion to Amend the Flag Policy in order to add the “Review” Section noting that “A review of this policy and the “Flags to be Flown” will be reviewed by Municipal Council on a yearly basis (January) to determine if additional flags are required to be added to the list”

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council give notice that a motion be introduced at the next regular council meeting to amend the Flag Policy in order to add the “Review” Section noting that “A review of this policy and the “Flags to be Flown” will be reviewed by Municipal Council on a yearly basis (January) to determine if additional flags are required to be added to the list”. Motion carried.

Notice of Motion to Adopt the Virtual Meeting Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that Council give notice that a motion be introduced at the next regular council meeting to adopt the Virtual Meeting Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

CAO re: School/Office Driveway Safety Concerns

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the matter of the School/Municipal Office Driveway safety concerns be moved to budget deliberations and that the CSAP be approached about their ability to cost-share any work that may be proposed. Motion carried.

Warden Mombourquette re:

a) Fire Department Governance Support

It was the consensus of Council that fire department governance support be referred for discussion at the Fire Services meeting and to budget deliberations.

b) Honoring Warden Cranton

For information purposes.

c) ACTing Collectively - Age Friendly Grant Approved

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Richmond Municipality contract the ACTing Collectively Project work to the Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre. Motion carried.

Correspondence – For Information Purposes

a) Regional Hospital Foundation re: Thank you;

b) River Bourgeois Mariner Society re: Thank you;

c) Richmond County Early Childhood Education Association re: Thank you;

For information purposes.

Review of Action Items

a) February 28, 2022 (Regular Council)

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

Everwind Fuels Letter of Support

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that a letter of support be provided to Everwind Fuels regarding the green hydrogen and green ammonia project at Point Tupper, Nova Scotia. Motion carried.

Community Acknowledgments;

For information purposes.

Notice of Motion to Adopt the Non-Union Salary Administration Policy;

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson that Council give notice that a motion be introduced at the next regular council meeting to adopt the Non-Union Salary Administration Policy. Motion carried.

Request from the Village of St. Peter’s regarding access to the Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax).

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the request from the Village of St. Peter’s regarding access to the Canada Community Building fund be referred to By-Law/ Policy Committee and also to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

Question Period (Restricted to the remainder of the Agenda following the COW & By-Law Policy Committee Reports) (PHONE IN (902) 226-9885, see Question Period Details Below)

There were no questions.

“In Camera” Session (Sale/Security of Municipal Property & Personnel Matter)
Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting revert to Regular Session at 10:31 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Municipal Council has determined that a breach to the Municipal Code of Conduct Policy has occurred and that the sanctions proposed during the “In Camera” Session will be forwarded to the Solicitor for review. Motion carried.

Councillor Mike Diggdon returned to the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that Gerald Walsh & Associates be contracted to conduct a search for a new Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of the County of Richmond according to the proposal submitted. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
