

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 25, 2022

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Shawn Samson, Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson
Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor
Brent Sampson (via phone/zoom), Don Marchand, CAO

Absent: Councillor Michael Diggon

Warden Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O’Canada.

Roll Call of Councillors

The Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Warden Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add an amendment to something previously adopted.

Councillor Shawn Samson requested and received unanimous consent to add a Community Acknowledgement.

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

Review of Minutes re:

a) March 28, 2022 (Special Council)

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

b) March 21, 2022 (Regular Council)

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the minutes of the March 21, 2022 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

Question Period (Restricted to Items on the Committee of the Whole Report) (PHONE IN-902-226-9885) (see Question Period Details Below)

Committee of the Whole Report

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality adjust the rates for hauling municipal solid waste and recyclables in accordance with the Truckers Association of Nova Scotia (TANS) monthly diesel fuel price as posted on the Nova Scotia Government website. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality forward correspondence to Nova Scotia Public Works with a copy to Jamie Chisholm, District Director, PW Eastern, Paul Colton, Construction manager, PW Eastern and Laura Cunningham, Capital Program Administration Office, Pw Head Office, notifying them of the municipality's acceptance of the list and cost estimate for the cost shared program for the paving of Langley Lane, from Pulp Mill Road to end for a distance of .36 kilometers. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the minimum acceptable bid be as follows on the listed properties, which did not sell at previous tax sales, and will be listed for the June 2022 Tax Sale:

District #1 - Property #01415298; PID 75011015
Assessed to Mary Gail Rude
Land - 3661 Highway 206, Petit De Grat
Minimum Bid: \$10,000

District #2 - Property #03222241; PID 75100677
Assessed to Household Realty Corporation Limited
Land, Cove Road, West Arichat
Minimum Bid: \$2,000

District #1 - Property #09630309; PID 75003947
Assessed to Gordon Edwin (Jr) Short & Shelley Esther Stewart
Land - Highland Street, Arichat
Minimum Bid: Principal Only

District #5 - Property #09055363; PID 75119214
Assessed to Gary & Kathleen Pretty
Land - St. Peter's Fourchu Road, Framboise
Minimum Bid: Principal Only
Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a \$10,000 Plamu Sponsorship be added to the draft budget for the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Summer Games being hosted by Potlotek First Nation from July 17th to July 24th, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Esther MacDonnell be appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the Municipality of Richmond County sign on as an endorser of the National Coalition for Healthy School Food and that correspondence be forwarded to Coalition for Healthy School Food at Food Secure Canada indicating that the Municipality of Richmond County endorses the Coalition's call for the development of a universal cost-shared healthy school food program. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that a letter be written by Warden Mombourquette to the Honourable Tim Houston, with a copy to the Minister of Finance, Allan MacMaster, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, John Lohr, MLA, Trevor Boudreau and the President of the NSF, Amanda McDougall regarding the proposed non-resident Provincial property tax and the proposed non-residential deed transfer tax announced as part of the Province's 22/23 budget indicating the Municipality of Richmond County's opposition to this initiative. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of APRIL 2022 be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt the Non-Union Salary Administration Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the Non-Union Salary Administration Policy be adopted as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

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 Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that Council 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.

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

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that Municipal Council Adopt the Virtual Meeting Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond. Motion carried.

Warden Mombourquette re:

a) Strait Area Chamber of Commerce Award Nominations

For information purposes

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd. re: Richmond County Strategic Plan Refresh (Additional Services);

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Municipal Council approve the following additional services estimates from FBM:

- Item 1: 3rd in person meeting in the Louisdale/West Bay Area \$1,985 plus HST
- Item 2: Targeted additional 1 hour focus group meetings \$ 880 plus HST

Motion carried. (Nay: Councillor Brent Sampson)

b) Director of Public Works re: PCAP Funding Application;

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that Municipal Council authorize Staff to proceed with application to the Province’s PCAP funding program for the purpose of conducting an Inflow and Infiltration Study on the Arichat sewage collection system. Motion carried.

c) Isle Madame Garden Club re: Year of the Garden 2022 Proclamation;

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Municipality use the color red, wherever possible, in all the gardens and landscapes the municipality maintains and supports, supports the nomination of the Isle Madame Garden Club Garden Hero, Lillian O’Hearn, with an honorary certificate, purchase a flag for the “Year of the Garden 2022” and recognize June 18th, 2022 as Garden Day in the Municipality of Richmond County. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the following proclamation be adopted:

WHEREAS the Year of the Garden 2022 celebrates the Centennial of Canada’s horticulture sector;

AND WHEREAS Gardens and gardening contribute to the quality of life of our municipality and create safe and healthy places where people can come together;

AND WHEREAS The Year of the Garden 2022 will highlight and celebrate the important contribution of gardeners, our local gardening organizations, horticultural professionals and local horticultural businesses which contribute to garden culture and the experience garden of our municipality;

AND WHEREAS Gardens and gardening have helped us face the challenges of the COVID pandemic;

AND WHEREAS Communities in Bloom in collaboration with the Canadian Garden Council, invites all municipalities to celebrate the Year of the Garden;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That I, Warden Amanda Mombourquette, on behalf of the Municipality of Richmond County, do hereby proclaim 2022 as the Year of the Garden in celebration of the contribution of gardens and gardening to the development of our country, our municipality and the lives of our citizens in terms of health, quality of life and environmental challenges, and that;

The Saturday before Father's Day, June 18 in 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the Municipality of Richmond County, and that;

The Municipality of Richmond County is committed to be a Garden Friendly Municipality supporting the development of its garden culture, and that;

All municipalities across Canada be invited to proclaim 2022 to be the Year of the Garden in their respective municipalities, and that a copy of this resolution be provided to the FCM, and for that purpose.

Motion carried.

d) Nova Scotia Lyme Support Group re: Proclamation;

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the following proclamation be adopted:

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a black-legged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*: and

WHEREAS black-legged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick-borne diseases;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Warden Amanda Mombourquette, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Richmond do hereby proclaim May 2022 as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month”. Motion carried.

e) Code of Conduct Report

Warden Mombourquette indicated at the complaint regarding a Code of Conduct breach had been received and Council is in the process of investigating the breach. The Warden also indicated that an update will be provided at a future meeting once the investigation has been completed.

Review of Action Items

a) March 21, 2022 (Regular Council)

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

Motion to Amend Something Previously Approved

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council of Municipality of the County of Richmond amend a previously approved motion approved at the January 24, 2022, Council meeting noted in the Review of Minutes which read as follows:

“Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Diggdon that the minutes of the December 20, 2021 Regular Council meeting be approved with amendments. Motion carried.”

by correcting the vote on Review of Minutes of December 20, 2021 by replacing the words “Motion carried” with “4 in favour, 1 opposed.” Motion carried.

Community Acknowledgments

For information purposes.

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)

Mrs. Claire Doyle approached Council.

“In Camera” Session (Personnel)

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the meeting revert to Regular Session at 8:59 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
