

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 27, 2022

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon
Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson
Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Brent Sampson,
Interim CAO, Karen Malcolm

Warden Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 indicated that there were two items previously added to the agenda, a grant request and Curbside Collection Contractors Fuel Price Adjustment.

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

Review of Minutes re:

a) June 1, 2022 (Special Council)

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the minutes of the June 1, 2022 Special Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

b) May 30, 2022 (Special)

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded Councillor Mike Diggdon that the minutes of the May 30, 2022 Special Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

c) May 24, 2022 (Public Hearing)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of the May 24, 2022 Public Hearing be approved as presented. Motion carried.

d) May 24, 2022 (Regular)

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of the April 25, 2022 Special Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of Council that the Notice to be given, agenda item #6, be moved to #9 following the Committee Reports.

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

Ms. Germaine MacDonald addressed Council.

Committee Reports

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the 30 day Clean-up Order issued by the Eastern District Planning Commission regarding PID (75105304) and AAN (10494923) be amended from a 30 day to a 90 day Clean-up Order and that day one of the Order begin on the day the Order is posted. 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 NSFMS Service Exchange Renegotiation and MGA Review Committee survey be completed by Warden Mombourquette and Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson in collaboration with the remaining Councillors and Municipal Staff. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that Staff reach out to other municipal units regarding a Special Events By-Law and complete an analysis/comparison of data to be provided to Committee Members at a future By-Law/Policy Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff be requested to do an assessment/investigation regarding the potential of expanding the Babin's Hill Look-off. Motion carried.

Councillor Brent Sampson declared a conflict of interest regarding Building Permit Fees and removed himself from discussion at 7:17 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the building permit fees be amended as recommended by

the Director of the Eastern District Planning Commission and that the amended fee structure be effective July 1, 2022. Motion carried.

Councillor Brent Sampson returned to the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that PID (75034520), 1/3 owned by the Municipality of the County of Richmond, consisting of the 100 acre municipal property on Plumb Island and 2/3 owned by Barbara Malcolm, be declared surplus to municipal requirements, and the Municipality's interest sold for fair market value. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the request from Marg Herdman for funding for four lighthouses and one governance panel at a cost of approximately \$3,000 each be investigated by Staff in collaboration with MLA Trevor Boudreau regarding funding opportunities which could potentially be available to aid with the project. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that Staff investigate the request from Potlotek First Nation to access Richmond County's garbage and recycling services. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that taxes be written off in the amount of \$356.94 on property AAN 01720872, located at 47 South Side, Petit de Grat, NS, owned by Lillian Gionet, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from May 6, 2022 to March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the fuel price adjustments based on the Truckers Association of Nova Scotia's monthly diesel fuel price be retroactive to April 1, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee recommend to Council that the request from the Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors Club, Type 1-Infrastructure Grant fund in the amount of \$5,000 be approved and allocated as follows:

- Regional/Health/General Grant Funds \$3,500
- District #1 \$ 750
- District #2 \$ 750

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson declared a conflict of interest on the grant request from the St. Joseph Parish and removed herself from discussion at 7:22 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the request from St. Joseph Parish for the Type 4 –

Regional/Health/General Grant Fund in the amount of \$10,000 be allocated and approved from District #1- \$1,500 and District #2 - \$1,500 for a total of \$3,000. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson returned to the meeting at 7:29 a.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the grant request from Pitu'paq Partnership Society in the amount of \$2,000 for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant fund be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Committee recommend to Council that the request from Development Isle Madame Association for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$3,500 be approved for a total of \$1,500 and allocated as follows: District #1 \$750 and District #2 \$750. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee recommend to Council that the Canada Day 2022 Funding request received from Johnston's Harbour Wharf Association in the amount of \$450 be approved. Motion carried.

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

b) By-Law/Policy Committee Report

– Amendment to Private Ways By-Law #66

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that Council give notice to amend the Private Ways By-Law #66 in order to add to section 3.2 the wording "Once an application is deemed complete, the Chief Administrative Officer will forward the application to the Commissioner within 30 days" AND to include an additional section stating: "Once in receipt of the application from the County of Richmond, the Commissioner will make contact with the applicant within 30 days of receiving the application and will communicate the process and potential timelines to the applicant (timelines will be subject to change based on workload and availability of contractors)". Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and that an exemption to the Richmond County Noise By-Law #65 be granted to Development Isle Madame Association for the Codstock 2022 event beginning on July 2nd, 2022 which will extend the 12 AM (midnight) deadline noted in the By-Law (s.4) to 1:30 AM July 3, 2022. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the By-Law Committee Report for the month of JUNE 2022 be adopted. Motion carried.

NOTICE BE GIVEN to Amend the *Private Ways By-Law #66* to add the following clauses: In s.3.2 - Once an application is deemed complete, the Chief Administrative Officer will forward the application to the Commissioner within 30 days AND include an additional section stating: Once in receipt of the application from the County of Richmond, the Commissioner will make contact with the applicant within 30 days of receiving the application and will communicate the process and potential timelines to the applicant (timelines will be subject to change based on workload and availability of contractors).

Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson gave notice that she would introduce a motion at the next Regular Council Meeting to Amend the Private Ways By-Law #66 to add the following clauses: In s.3.2 - Once an application is deemed complete, the Chief Administrative Officer will forward the application to the Commissioner within 30 days AND include an additional section stating: Once in receipt of the application from the County of Richmond, the Commissioner will make contact with the applicant within 30 days of receiving the application and will communicate the process and potential timelines to the applicant (timelines will be subject to change based on workload and availability of contractors).

Warden Mombourquette re:

- a) Nova Scotia Health re: Strait Richmond Hospital New Temporary Model of Care;

Warden Mombourquette welcomed Brett MacDougall, Andrew Heighton and Dr. Don Brien to the meeting.

The group provided a power point presentation to Council regarding a New Temporary Model of Care.

A question and answer period followed.

- b) Airport Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the Town of Port Hawkesbury staff, CAO Terry Doyle and CFO Erin MacEachern be extended an invitation to review/present the Airport Terms of Reference at a Fall Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Action Required

- a) Justin Forbes, Stantec re: Governance and Boundary Review Start-up Meeting Date;

It was the consensus of Council that the CAO follow-up with Justin Forbes of Stantec regarding a potential start-up meeting date regarding the Governance and Boundary Review.

- b) New funding for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations re: Request for Proposals;

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that an Electric Vehicle Charger for the Richmond Arena location be forwarded to budget deliberations for review. Motion carried.

c) Nova Scotia Accessibility Act Review re: Invitation;

It was the consensus of Council that Staff advertise/promote the review of the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act on the Richmond County Website and Richmond County Facebook page.

d) Village of St. Peter's re: Business ACCESS Ability Program;

It was the consensus of Council that Staff forward the information regarding the re-opening of the Business ACCESS Ability Program to the Chamber of Commerce and also that the information be promoted on the Richmond County Website and via Social Media.

e) Cali Kehoe re: Solid Waste Management Concern – Littering in Richmond County;

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that a letter be sent from Municipal Council regarding littering and the return of garbage cans which had previously been located at various provincial parks throughout Richmond County AND that Warden Amanda Mombourquette reach out the RCMP regarding statistics of littering offences over the past number of years. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the possibility of hiring summer students for summer 2023 to deal with the littering issues be forwarded to budget deliberations. Motion carried.

f) Jason Martell, CFO re: Grant Requests

– Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150, Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds (\$5,000);

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the grant request from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 150 be approved and allocated as follows:

District #1 \$500
District #2 \$500
Type 1- Infrastructure Grant Funds \$4,000
Motion carried.

It was the consensus of Council that the Grant Policy be referred to the By-Law/Policy Committee meeting for discussion regarding the question of Registry of Joint Stocks.

Correspondence – For Information Purposes

a) Municipality of the District of Guysborough re; Assignment of Waste Agreement to GFL Environmental Inc.;

For information purposes.

Review of Action Items

a) May 9, 2022 (Special Council)

For information purposes.

Items Added to the Agenda

Correspondence – Jason Martell, CFO re: Grant Request – Lakeside Community Association, Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds (\$8,000)

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the grant request from Lakeside Community Association be approved in the amount of \$5,000, contingent on other confirmed sources of funding and allocated as follows:

District #4 \$1,000
Type 1- Infrastructure Grant Funds \$4,000.
Motion carried.

Correspondence – Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works re: Curbside Collection Contractors Fuel Price Adjustment

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the curbside collection contracts be amended to reflect quarterly fuel price adjustments rather than annual adjustments; AND FURTHER MOVED that the next adjustment be implemented July 1, 2022 and apply for the period from July 1 to September 30, 2022. Motion carried.

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

There were no questions.

“In Camera” Session (Personnel)

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 9:08p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the meeting revert to Regular Session at 10:09 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that Chris Boudreau be appointed as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer, in addition to his Director of Public Works responsibilities from July 1, 2022 until August 31, 2022 or until a permanent Chief

Administrative Officer is hired; AND FURTHER MOVED that the interim appointment be compensated with a Salary Level #11, Step #6 on the current salary scale. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that funding be approved for travel/expenses related to the interview process for two potential candidates for the Chief Administrative Officer position; AND FURTHER MOVED that the approval would be based on pricing by the Warden in consultation with the CFO, Jason Martell. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
