

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

- Location:** Council Chambers
- Present:** Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon,  
Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette,  
Councillor Brent Sampson
- Staff:** Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Jason Martell, Chief  
Financial Officer, Shannon Mury, Recreation Manager, Chris Boudreau,  
Director of Public Works,
- Also Present:** D. James Leier, Preferred Choice (Virtual)

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. 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 Amanda Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add National Seniors Day to the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the agenda be approved with the item added. Motion carried.

**Review of Minutes re:**

- a) June 27, 2022 (Regular Council)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the minutes of the June 27, 2022 Regular Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

## **First Reading By-law #66**

First Reading: 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).

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon to approve the first reading of By-Law #66. Motion carried.

## **Presentations:**

a) D. James Leier, Preferred Choice

Mr. Leier provided time to answer questions from Council and the public during question period.

## **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)**

There were no questions.

## **Committee Reports**

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 to approve the Strategic Plan Refresh as presented by Preferred Choice. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to refer the Awards of Recognition policy to the Bylaw and Policy Committee for review. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to refer the Heritage submissions to the Heritage Advisory Committee for review. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to offer Nova Scotia Community College a 15 month lease for their Heavy Equipment Operator course starting on October 1st, 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 to write a letter of support to the advancement of the Broadband agenda to MP Kelloway AND FURTHER MOVE that staff continue to explore funding opportunities. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to have staff explore the feasibility of installing a hydrant on Langley Lane. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to request to have a staff member and a councillor attend future Offshore Wind and Ongoing Point Tupper Energy Developments meetings. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to provide financial support, in the amount of \$669.00, to fund a mail out to seniors. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to have staff explore funding opportunities for the washrooms being used by patrons of the recreation facilities located at the Louisdale Lions Club AND FURTHER MOVE that staff contact the Louisdale Lions Club regarding the request put forward. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to write a letter of concern to MP Kelloway regarding retroactive pay for the RCMP. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to declare the month of September as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FDAS) Awareness Month. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to provide funding to the Holy Guardian Angels Parish in the amount of \$3,750.00, with the allocation of funds as follows, \$2,000.00 from the District 5 Activity Fund and \$1,750.00 from the Regional Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to provide funding from the Regional Fund to the Rural Communities Foundation in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee of the Whole report for the Month of September 2022 be adopted. Motion carried.

**Warden Mombourquette re:**

- a) Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointments

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson to approve Ashley Lavandier and Shelley Dorey as members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Motion Carried.

- b) Motion to designate the business day prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year as the flag raising ceremony in honor and recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson to designate the business day prior to September 30<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year as the flag raising ceremony in honor and recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day. Motion carried.

- c) Hurricane Fiona

For information purposes.

**Director of Public Works re:**

- a) J-Road Classification List for 2023/2024

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that staff notify the Province that the Municipality does not wish to proceed with the cost-shared road upgrades for Langley Lane in Point Tupper. Motion carried.

Moved by Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that staff inquire with the Province about the possibility of three-way cost sharing between the Province, Municipality and a Commercial enterprise for upgrades to Lobster Plant Road and FURTHER MOVED that, in order of priority, Marchand Lane and Sampson Road be submitted to the Province for the cost-shared upgrades to J-class roads for the 2023-24 construction season and FURTHER MOVED that Lobster Plant Road be included in the application subject to approval by the Province for three-way cost sharing. Motion carried.

**Correspondence – Action Required**

- a) Tricia Ralph, Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia re: International Right to Know Day, September 28th, 2022.

Council unanimously adopted the Right to Know Week proclamation as follows:

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Richmond has adopted the principles of openness, transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Government Act gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality of the County of Richmond; and

WHEREAS access to information ensures citizens of Nova Scotia have the opportunity for meaningful participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS a celebration of the right of citizens to access information will facilitate informed public participation in policy formulation, ensure fairness in government decision-making and permit the airing and reconciliation of divergent views; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Richmond joins all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in acknowledging international Right to Know Week;

THEREFORE be it resolved that I, Amanda Mombourquette, do hereby proclaim September 26 to October 2, 2022 to be Right to Know Week in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

b) Council Chambers Upgrade

Council unanimously agreed to have staff explore the current priorities and needs of the upgrade and contact Backman Vidcom for a requote.

**Correspondence – For Information Purposes**

No correspondence

**Review of Action Items**

a) June 27, 2022 - Regular Council Meeting

**Items Added to the Agenda**

a) National Seniors Day, October 1, 2022 – Better with Age Newsletter Fall 2022  
For information purposes.

**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”**

**Personnel – Committee Structure**

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson, that the meeting revert to Regular Session at 9.01 p.m. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9.02 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON:

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