

**RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**OCTOBER 24, 2022**

- Location:** Council Chambers
- Present:** Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon,  
Councillor Melanie Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette,  
Deputy Warden Brent Sampson
- Staff:** Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Shannon Mury,  
Recreation Manager, Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works
- Also Present:** Bruce Mans, Upland (Virtual), Nadine Boudreau, Nova Scotia Works
- Regrets:** Jason Martell, Chief Financial Officer

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:01 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:

- a) Strait Area Chamber of Commerce Award Nominations
- b) Langley Lane

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

**Review of Minutes re:**

- a) September 26, 2022 (Regular Council)

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of the September 26, 2022 Regular Council meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried.

### **Election of Warden:**

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called for nominations for the position of Warden.

Councillor Melanie Sampson nominated Amanda Mombourquette for the position of Warden, for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Amanda Mombourquette accepted the nomination for Warden.

There were no further nominations.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that nominations cease. Motion carried.

### **Election of Deputy Warden:**

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called for nominations for the position of Deputy Warden, for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Councillor Melanie Sampson nominated Councillor Brent Sampson for the position of Deputy Warden.

Councillor Brent Sampson accepted the nomination for Deputy Warden.

There were no further nominations.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that nominations cease. Motion carried.

### **Presentations:**

a) Bruce Mans, Upland

Mr. Mans presented the Richmond County Trails Strategy presentation virtually.

b) Nadine Boudreau, Nova Scotia Works

Mrs. Boudreau presented the Nova Scotia Works: Connecting People to Jobs and Jobs to People presentation.

### **New Business:**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council refer the Heritage Property By-Law #49 to the By-Law/Policy Committee. Motion carried.

**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 Brent Sampson)

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole that Staff create and submit an advertisement in the local paper, inviting community members with lived experience to consider applying to become a member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole that taxes in the amount of \$153.15 be written off, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from August 17, 2022 to March 31, 2023, for property AAN 03000672, owned by Sheila Latimer, which was completely destroyed by fire. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to support the Cellular Advocacy Letter as drafted by Glenn Horne, Chief Administrative Officer for the Municipality of the County of Antigonish. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to defer the Isle Madame Historical Society, Type 1 Infrastructure Grant Funds request in the amount of \$4,500.00 to the next Regular Council meeting and FURTHER MOVE that Staff explore funding opportunities related to the project with the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) and report back to Council. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of October 2022 be adopted. Motion carried.

**Councillor Melanie Sampson re:**

a) Strait Area Transit

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council have staff investigate options for improving transit service in Richmond County.

**Director of Public Works re:**

a) Briefing Note: Water Utility – Water Line Relocation

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council have staff explore the Canada Community Building Fund for funding opportunities related to the expenditures from the water main relocation on Whiteside Road and FURTHER MOVE that staff proceed with payment of this non-budgeted expenditure through the Richmond Water Utility if there are no funding opportunities with the Canada Community Building Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that staff contact the department of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss non-budgeted expenditures led by the Province and report back to Council. Motion carried.

b) Report: Hydrant Installation , Langley Lane, Point Tupper

Council unanimously agreed to defer to the next meeting in order to gather additional information.

**Correspondence – Action Required:**

a) Municipality of the District of Guysborough re: Premier Houston’s correspondence to Minister Champagne

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council write a letter of support to Premier Tim Houston regarding the recent correspondence to Honourable Francois-Philippe Champagne for the lack of support and participation from telecommunications companies before, during and after Hurricane Fiona. Motion carried.

b) Mayor Pam Mood, Town of Yarmouth re: Yarmouth Ferry Service

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council write a letter of support to Premier Tim Houston regarding the impact the Yarmouth Ferry has on our community and the Province. Motion carried.

**Correspondence – For Information Purposes:**

For information purposes.

**Unfinished Business:**

a) Private Ways By-Law #66 - Second Reading is deferred to the November 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Council meeting to satisfy publication timeline.

For information purposes.

- b) Jason Martell, CFO re: Isle Madame Historical Society, Type 1 – Infrastructure Grants Funds request ( \$4,500.00)

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Isle Madame Historical Society, Type 1 Infrastructure Grant Fund request in the amount of \$4,500 to upgrade and improve the retaining wall and front and back decks of the Lorenzo building to improve safety and accessibility for visitors and patrons to the site be approved and allocated under the Cultural category from the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF), and taken from the \$50,000 tagged under waterfront developments as approved on our 5 year capital investment plan for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Motion carried.

- c) Terry Smith, Destination Cape Breton re: Request of Support - Provincial Amendments to Marketing Levies

Council unanimously agreed to defer to the next meeting in order to gather additional information.

### **Review of Action Items**

For information purposes.

### **Items Added to the Agenda**

- a) Strait Area Chamber of Commerce Awards

For information purposes.

- b) Langley Lane

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Staff inquire with the Province about the possibility of cost sharing between the Province and the Municipality for upgrades and maintenance for Langley Lane and report back to Council. 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 several questions/comments from the gallery and by telephone.

### **“In Camera”**

There was no In Camera.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON:

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