

RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 24, 2022

Location: Council Chambers

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

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 a Noise By-Law Exemption Application regarding the Zenergy Event to the agenda.

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

Review of Minutes re:

a) May 13, 2022 (Special Council)

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the minutes of the May 13, 2022 Special Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

b) May 9, 2022 (Special)

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the minutes of the May 9, 2022 Special Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

c) May 2, 2022 (Special)

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that the minutes of the May 2, 2022 Special Council meeting be approved as presented. Motion carried.

d) April 25, 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.

Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson declared a conflict of interest on the Second Reading Amendment and removed herself from discussion.

Second Reading to amend the Isle Madame Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to add Craft Beverage Facilities as permitted use in the Village Commercial (VC) Zone and insert accompanying definitions.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Municipal Council give Second Reading and approve the amendments to the Isle Madame Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to add Craft Beverage Facilities as a permitted use in the Village Commercial (VC) Zone and insert accompanying definitions. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson returned to the meeting.

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

There were no questions.

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 a letter be written to the Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing encouraging the department to take an active role on making a determination on reported breaches and whatever new standards are developed and to develop training material related to it. Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the motion previously adopted at the April 25, 2022 Council meeting which read:

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 NSFAM, 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.

BE AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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 NSFM, 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 that Municipal Council is thankful for the removal of the proposed non-resident Provincial property tax and their willingness to listen to the feedback received on the issue. 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 grant request from the River Bourgeois Community Services Society be approved in the amount of \$9,000 with the following allocation:

- Regional /Health/General \$5,000
- District #4 \$2,500
- District #1, 2 and 3 \$ 500 each

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 the grant request from the St. Peter’s RCL Branch 47 be approved in the amount of \$3,924.44 and be allocated as follows:

- Regional /Health/General \$3,000
- District # 3 and 4 \$ 462.22 each

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and that the grant request from the South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association in the amount of \$5,000 be approved from the Regional /Health/General Fund contingent on securing other sources of funding. Motion carried.

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

Warden Mombourquette re:

a) Letter to Bell Aliant re: Update

For information purposes

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Nova Scotia Access Awareness Week 2022 re: Provincial Access Awareness Week – May 29 to June 4, 2022;

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the following proclamation be approved:

WHEREAS, the week of May 29th – June 4th, 2022 is recognized as Access Awareness Week; and

Access Awareness Week aims to celebrate achievements made both by and for persons with disabilities in the areas of accessibility, transportation, housing, employment, recreation, education and communication; and

This is the 35th year that this public awareness initiative has taken place in Nova Scotia; and

Access Awareness Week promotes the inclusion of all Nova Scotians with disabilities as full citizens within our communities; and

Through public awareness, community partnerships and education, this campaign aims to foster an environment of equal participation for persons with disabilities within Richmond County

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Warden Amanda Mombourquette on behalf of the Richmond Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim May 29th – June 4th, 2022 as “Access Awareness Week” in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Motion carried.

b) Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Limited re: Richmond County Nomination to the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Board of Directors.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that Mr. Richie Cotton be re-nominated by the Municipality of Richmond County to serve his second term on the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Correspondence – For Information Purposes

a) Make a Wish Atlantic Provinces Canada re: Thank You;

For information purposes.

Review of Action Items

a) May 9, 2022 (Special Council)

Items Added to the Agenda

Noise By-Law #65 Application for an exemption during Zenergy Event

Moved by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Municipal Council accept the Noise By-Law Exemption Application from Epic Trip Productions and Inspiration Point Lodge. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Mike Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Melanie Sampson that an exemption to the Richmond County Noise By-Law #65 be granted to Epic Trip Productions and the Inspiration Point Lodge for June 18th and 19th, 2022 which will extend the 12 AM (midnight) deadline noted in the By-Law (s.4) to 3 AM to allow the event to engage in any activity until 3 AM which tends to disturb the peace and tranquility of a neighborhood to which the By-Law applies. Motion carried.

Question Period (Restricted to the remainder of the Agenda following the COW 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 Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” Session at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Mike Diggdon that the meeting revert to Regular Session at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

CLERK:

CHAIRPERSON
