

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

- Location:** Council Chambers
- Present:** Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon (Virtually),
Councillor Melanie Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette,
Deputy Warden Brent Sampson
- Staff:** Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Shelley David,
Municipal Clerk

Warden Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add:

- Special Event By-Law
- Abutting Municipal Participation Program

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

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes re:

- a) January 23, 2023, Regular Council
Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of the January 23, 2023 Regular Council meeting be approved.
Motion carried.
- b) January 23, 2023, Public Hearing
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the minutes of the January 23, 2023 Public Hearing be approved.
Motion carried.

c) January 31, 2023, Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the minutes of the January 31, 2023 Public Hearing be approved.

Motion carried

Question Period: (Restricted to Items on the Committee Reports)

There were no questions.

Committee Reports:

a) **Committee of the Whole (Deputy Warden Brent Sampson)**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson to strike out the words “listing concerns to” and inserting the words “requesting a meeting with”, for the motion to read as follows:

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that staff request a meeting of Council and Department of Public Works in our region to discuss concerns regarding provincial snow clearing and FURTHER MOVE that the Warden draft a letter requesting a meeting with the Minister of Transportation.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to have the Warden draft a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing acknowledging that we are confident Bill 225 was passed with positive intentions to address the housing crisis, but that Council has concerns about the process and requests that the Province consider repealing the Bill which grants Ministerial authority to override lawfully established by-laws of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Motion carried with 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole that the request for funds to support activities in recognition of AccessAbility Week from May 29th – June 4th, 2023 be deferred to budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole that Council approve the Administration Portuaire de Petit De Grat Grant request in the amount of \$15,000 to install water and sewer connections as eligible projects and allocated under the drinking water/wastewater categories respectively 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.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole that Council approve the Bonnie Brae Seniors Club Grant request for purchasing and installing an automated external defibrillator (AED) in the amount of \$ 1,000.00 and allocated as follows: District 1: \$150.00, District 2: \$150.00, District 4: \$ 337.78, Regional Fund: \$362.22.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the report of the Committee of the Whole for the month of February 2023 be adopted.

Motion carried.

b) Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee Report

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee to pursue the idea of having plaques made and given to heritage buildings upon designation.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee to have staff explore funding options for the support of interpretive panels for lighthouse heritage properties on Isle Madame and FURTHER MOVE that staff contact the proponent to inquire on the progress of the project.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councilor Melanie that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee to accept the recommendation from the Eastern District Planning Commission to adopt the Municipal Heritage Property Designation Scoring Criteria as presented and FURTHER MOVE that the Planning Commission carry out the scoring, which can then be reviewed, revised as necessary, and agreed to by the Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee.
Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councilor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee to refer the public participation program regarding engagement with abutting municipalities staff report as presented by the Eastern District Planning Commission to the By-Law/Policy Committee for review.
Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the report of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee for the month of February 2023 be adopted.
Motion carried.

First Reading, Re: Amendment of Private Ways By-Law, By-Law 66

The object of the amendment to the Private Ways By-Law #66 is to add Section 5 Repeal and Replace, and shall read as follows: The previous version #1, dated June 28, 2021, and all other versions of the By-Law 66, Private Ways By-Law, are repealed and replaced by this By-Law.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the First Reading to amend the Private Ways By-Law, By-Law 66 be approved.
Motion carried.

Warden, Re:

a) Richmond Villa Board Member Appointment

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson to accept Robert Wambolt as the appointed community member to the Richmond Villa Board.
Motion carried.

CAO, Re:

- a) Spring 2023 Heavy Collection

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Director of Public Works to issue a tender for collection services for the 2023 Spring Heavy Collection.

Motion carried.

Correspondence – Action Required

- a) Dan Christmas, Re: Bras d’Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the CEIP request for financial support for the Etuaptmumk (Two-Eyed Seeing) Conference being held in October 2023 be deferred to budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

Correspondence – For Information Only

n/a

Review of Action Items:

- a) Action Item List (For information purposes.)

Items Added to the Agenda

- a) Special Event By-Law

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council move the Special Event By-Law to the adoption process as presented with amendments to section 8.5, adding item iii for school based events and to section 6.3 c adding, unless exempted through section 8.1.

Motion carried.

- b) Abutting Municipal Participation Program

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council adopt, by policy, the Municipality of the County of Richmond public participation program regarding engagement with abutting municipalities, as set out in Appendix A of the Eastern District Planning Commission report dated February 14, 2023.

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 (Contract Negotiations)

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” session at 7:39 p.m.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the meeting revert to a “Regular Session” at 8: 14 p.m.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

CHAIRPERSON