



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 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 7:03 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)

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes re:

- a) February 27, 2023, Regular Council

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the minutes of the February 27, 2023 Regular Council meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

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

Buddy MacDonald approached Council.

Committee Reports:

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the following EDPC Commission staff appointments and the positions for 2023-2024, effective April 1, 2023 as follows:



Building Inspectors: Harry Martell, André Samson and Sean Donovan

Alternates: David MacKenzie, Johnathan Martin and Luke Ross

Special Constable: Sean Donovan and Johnathan Martin

Development Officer: Andrew Jones

Alternates: John Bain; Wanda Ryan; Dawn Sutherland; Kristen Knudskov and Mikayla Tait

Fire Inspectors: Harry Martell and André Samson

Alternates: Sean Donovan, David MacKenzie, Jonathan Martin and Luke Ross

Dangerous or Unsightly Premises

Administrators: Jonathan Martin and John Bain

Alternates: Luke Ross, Harry Martell and André Samson

Special Constable: Sean Donovan and Jonathan Martin

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have staff organize the Autism Acceptance Month flag raising and proclamation ceremony on April 3rd, 2023, and FURTHER MOVE that staff advertise an invitation to residents in local media.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have staff organize the Gaelic Nova Scotia Month flag raising and proclamation ceremony for a date in May and FURTHER MOVE that staff advertise an invitation to residents in local media.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the proclamation request from the Epilepsy Association of the Maritimes, to proclaim March 26, 2023 be “Purple Day” in the Municipality of Richmond County in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in Canada, be approved.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the Raising the Villages Cooperative Ltd. grant request be approved in the amount of \$ 3,000 for the purpose of supporting the costs of communications and network development, and allocated as follows: \$150 from District 1, \$350 from District 2, \$1,000 from District 5 and \$ 1,500 from the Type 4 General Fund.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the report of the Committee of the Whole for the month of March 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 accept the recommendation from the Eastern District Planning Commission to approve the proposed amendments to the West Richmond Plan Area Municipal Strategy and Land Use By-law to allow:

- a) The creation of a new Heavy Industrial Restricted (I-4) zone which allows a limited number of industrial uses including Green Energy Facilities subject to special provisions specifically designed to address the protection of the Landrie Lake Water Supply Area;
- b) A concurrent rezoning of a portion of the property identified by PID 7511767 from the Light Industrial (I-1) Zone to the new I-4 Zone;
- c) The addition of Green Energy Facilities as permitted use within the Watershed Protection Periphery (W-2) Zone subject to special provisions;
- d) The addition of Green Energy Facilities as permitted use within the Heavy Industrial (I-3) Zone subject to existing zone provisions;
- e) The addition of rezoning Policy for the new Heavy Industrial Restricted (I-4) Zone;
- f) The addition of a definition of “ Green Energy Facility/Facilities” in the Land Use By-law and;
- g) Removal of single unit dwellings as permitted use within the Heavy Industrial (I-4) Zone;

and FURTHER MOVE that Council give first reading and set a public hearing date.

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 approve the Eastern District Planning Commission appointment of staff as Special Constables for Land Use By-law enforcement for 2023-2024, effective April 1, 2023; Sean Donovan, Manager of Inspection Services and Jonathan Martin, Senior Building Official.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the report of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee for the month of March 2023 be adopted.

Motion carried.

First Reading, Re: Special Event By-Law, By-Law 67

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that First Reading approval be given to adopt the Special Event By-Law, By-Law 67.

Motion carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Second Reading approval be given to adopt the amendments to the Private Ways By-Law, By-Law 66 to add Section 5 Repeal and Replace.

Motion carried.

Warden, Re:

a) Welcoming Food Trucks

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson to refer Food Trucks to the By-Law / Policy Committee and FURTHER MOVE that staff explore examples of how Food Trucks are welcomed in other communities.

Motion carried.

b) Regional/Shared By-Law Enforcement Officer Update

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the agenda item “Regional/Shared By-Law Enforcement Officer Update be added to the next By-Law/Policy Committee for discussion.

Motion carried.

c) Dolly Parton Imagination Library

For Information Only

d) Travel for WindEurope

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council preapprove the Wardens travel to cover the costs to accompany the Nova Scotia Delegation on their mission to Copenhagen, including WindEurope 2023, as per our current travel policy and FURTHER MOVE that Council support 25% of the costs for the Economic Development and Innovation Officer to attend subject to securing the additional funds required.

Motion carried.

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Donna Lugar, Nova Scotia Lyme Support Group, Re: Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the following Proclamation be approved:



WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a black-legged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*: and

WHEREAS black-legged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick borne diseases;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Warden Amanda Mombourquette, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Richmond do hereby proclaim May 2023 as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month”.

Motion carried.

b) Blair Sampson, Bee Keeper, Re: No Mow May

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Samspon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Samspon that the Municipality support the campaign launched by Plantlife called “No Mow May” by erecting signage at Municipal sites and advertising on the Municipal Website and Facebook page.

Motion carried.

c) Chris Boudreau, Department of Public Works, Re: Briefing Note - Multi-Use Facility Feasibility Study

Council unanimously agreed to have staff explore additional sources of funding opportunities and report back at the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

Correspondence – (For Information Only)

- a) Fisheries and Aquaculture, Re: Notification of New Marine Applications
- b) Municipal Affairs and Housing, Re: Rent Supplement Program
- c) Offshore Wind Task Force Press Release

Unfinished Business

- a) Special Constables for Land use By-Law Enforcement
For information only.

Review of Action Items: – (For Information Only)

Items Added to the Agenda: (n/a)



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 Councillor Michael Diggdon that the meeting move to an “In Camera” session at 8:27 p.m.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the meeting revert to a “Regular Session” at 9:17 p.m.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

MUNICIPAL CLERK

CHAIRPERSON