



Regular Council Meeting

April 24, 2023

<u>Location:</u>	Council Chambers
<u>Present:</u>	Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon, Councillor Melanie Sampson, Deputy Warden Brent Sampson
<u>Staff:</u>	Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk
<u>Regrets:</u>	Warden Amanda Mombourquette

Deputy Warden Brent Sampson called the meeting to order at 7:00 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)

- a) Rearrange agenda item #6 to have Eastern District Planning Commission present first.
- b) Add to Correspondence - Action Required, item 14 (d), correspondence from Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Re: Point Michaud Beach Building Briefing Note.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes re:

- a) March 27, 2023, Regular Council
Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of the March 27, 2023 Regular Council meeting be approved.
Motion carried.

Appeal of Clean Up Order Issued to Property PID 75008466

Councillor Shawn Samson declared a conflict of interest regarding the clean up order issued to property PID 75008466 and removed himself from the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Sean Donovan, Special Constable for the Eastern District Planning Commission presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Clean Up Order for property PID 75008466.

Tommy Richard presented to Council.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Eastern District Planning Commission that the 30 day Clean Up order be upheld to remove everything that renders the property dangerous or unsightly as outlined and FURTHER MOVE that the 30 day Clean Up order starts from April 24, 2023.

Motion carried.

Councillor Shawn Samson returned to the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

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 Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the L'Ardoise Acadian Heritage Society grant request for Type 2- Start-up Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$500 for the purpose of supporting the costs of equipment and supplies, be approved and allocated as follows: \$ 500 from District 5 Funds.

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Brent Sampson declared a conflict of interest regarding the St. Peter's Grand River Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Grant Funds and removed himself from the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Councillor Melanie Sampson took the chair at 7:16 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council that the St. Peter's Grand River Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Grant Funds for the purpose of supporting the costs of building repairs, be approved in the amount of \$3,000 and allocated as follows: \$3,000 from the General Grant Funds.

Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Brent Sampson returned and resumed the chair at 7:19 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have the CAO inquire with the CFO regarding whether or not the Strait Area Mutual Aid Association funding request meets the criteria for the grant application process and FURTHER MOVE that the request be referred to budget deliberations if the Association does not qualify for the grant application process.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities resolution opposing the decision of the Federal Government to not absorb retroactive RCMP costs and FURTHER MOVE that the Warden issue a press release. The resolution is as follows:

Prioritizing Municipal Input in Future RCMP Contract Policing Decisions

WHEREAS, The Government of Canada has made the decision in Budget 2023 to make municipalities responsible for all retroactive costs stemming from the latest RCMP collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, These extraordinary one-time costs, which in some jurisdictions amount to millions of dollars, will cause significant hardship for communities and residents across the country, and were negotiated without meaningful consultation or a seat at the table for the municipalities responsible for paying the bill; and

WHEREAS, Municipal governments are already paying a growing share of policing costs, but unlike other orders of government, cannot run deficits to spread out the impact of these extraordinary one-time sums, and have limited revenue tools; and

WHEREAS, Local governments will now be forced to make difficult decisions that will impact residents, such as cutting essential services, reducing policing levels, raising property taxes significantly, and/or cancelling work on local infrastructure, at a time when Canadians' concerns about community safety and the cost of living are already rising; and

WHEREAS, Going forward, it is critical that municipalities be proactively engaged in any forthcoming processes related to contract policing to prevent this occurring again; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Municipality of the County of Richmond joins the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the federal government to commit to ensuring that local governments are meaningfully consulted, fully informed, and at the table on issues related to policing costs given the municipal role in keeping our communities safe; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Municipality of the County of Richmond conveys this support in writing to local Members of Parliament.

Motion carried.



Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to support the letter drafted by the Landrie Lake Water Utility Board to the Minister of Public Works requesting that the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works work with the utility to reestablish water transfer from the Little River Reservoir to Landrie Lake.

Motion carried.

Move by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have staff organize and coordinate a meeting with the Port Hawkesbury Town Council to discuss shared files.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have the CAO and staff pursue a community focused event with Doug Griffiths.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of April 2023 be adopted.

Motion carried.

b) By-Law / Policy Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee that Council form a Fences Arbitration Committee.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the By-Law/Policy Advisory committee report for the month of April 2023 be adopted.

Motion carried.

Second Reading, Re: Proposed Amendments to the West Richmond Plan Area Municipal Strategy and Land Use By-law.

Move by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council give Second Reading approval for 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 (1-4) 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 portion of the property identified by PID 7511767 from the Light Industrial (1-1) Zone to the new 1-4 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 (1-3) Zone subject to existing zone provisions;
- e) The addition of rezoning Policy for the new Heavy Industrial Restricted (1-4) 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 (1-4) Zone.

Motion carried.

Second Reading, Re: Special Event By-Law, By-Law #67

The municipality recognizes that special events have a very positive impact on the community. Events help foster community involvement, improve quality of life, and provide many economic benefits. At the same time large events, if not adequately planned, have the potential to impact public safety, and negatively impact the community. Therefore, the purpose of this By-law is to be proactive in working with businesses and event organizers to attract and implement new special events while supporting and building on the successes of the many existing events held throughout the municipality.

Move by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council give Second Reading approval for the Special Event By-Law, By-Law #67 as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt, Re: Comfort Centre’s and Emergency Shelter Policy

The purpose of this policy is to outline the overview of procedures and responsibilities regarding the activation of one or more of the Centres or Shelters to ensure residents have adequate access to temporary sheltering following an emergency.

Move by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Michael Diggdon that Council adopt the Comfort Centre’s and Emergency Shelter Policy as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Motion carried.

New Business

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Melanie Sampson that Council have the appropriate Gaelic flag replace the Municipal flag for a date in May in recognition of Gaelic Awareness Month.

Motion carried.



Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson to refer the Municipal Flag Policy to the By-Law/Policy Committee for revisions.

Motion carried.

Warden (Councillor M. Sampson), Re: Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health Community Care Awards.

For information purposes.

Correspondence – Action Required

a) Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Re: Arichat Pedestrian Sidewalk Briefing Note

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Michael Diggdon that Council not proceed with the Arichat Pedestrian Sidewalk this season and FURTHER MOVE to defer the Arichat Pedestrian Sidewalk project to budget deliberations.

Motion carried with three in favor and one against.

b) Riverdale Senior Club, Re: Financial Assistance for Senior Club Dinner Party

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Melanie Sampson that Council have staff contact the Riverdale Senior Club to provide information on the Grant Application Process for requesting funds.

Motion carried.

c) Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Re: 2023/24 Cost Shared Road Upgrades (J-Class Roads)

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council enter into the cost shared paving agreement with the Province for Marchand Land for the 2023/24 fiscal year at the estimated Municipal portion of approximately \$43,000 net of HST rebate.

Motion carried.

d) Correspondence A/R – Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Re: Point Michaud Beach Building Briefing Note

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council pre approve an additional \$28, 100 from CCBF funds in the 2023/24 budget in order to cover the costs of the new Point Michaud beach building.

Motion carried.



Correspondence – (For Information Only)

- a) Holy Guardian Angels Parish 200th Anniversary Planning Committee, Re: Invitation
- b) Scott Farmer, Deputy Minister Economic Development, Re: Regional Enterprise Networks Review Update
- c) Seniors Take Action Coalition, Re: Better with Age - Spring 2023 Newsletter

Unfinished Business

- a) Question Period Response, Re: Summary Offence Tickets for Land Use By-Law
 - i. What is the process that the Eastern District Planning Commission uses to issue summary offence tickets?
See attached (Eastern District Planning Commission, Reference Summary Offense Tickets – Richmond County)
 - ii. What is the appeal process of summary offence tickets?
Summary offence tickets are appealed in Provincial Court.

Review of Action Items: – (For Information Only)

Items Added to the Agenda

Amendment to the agenda item #6
Item added to the agenda, item 14 (d)

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 (no in camera session)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

CHAIRPERSON