



Regular Council Meeting

May 23rd, 2023

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

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the singing of O'Canada.

Roll Call of Councillors

The Municipal Clerk took roll call of Councillors.

Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Warden Amanda Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to:

- a) Defer agenda item # 18 "In Camera" Session to the June Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- b) Add Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) Policing Survey to Item # 16 Items Added to the Agenda.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes re:

a) April 24, 2023, Regular Council

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the minutes of the April 24, 2023 Regular Council meeting be approved as corrected.

Motion carried.



b) April 24, 2023, Public Hearing

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the minutes of the April 24, 2023 Public Hearing meeting 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)

The Committee discussed raising the Accessibility flag for National Accessibility Week, May 28-June 3rd.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to have staff raise the Accessibility Flag for National Accessibility Awareness week, from May 29th – June 3rd.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Mawio'mi Friendship Gala Sponsorship Opportunities

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to purchase the \$600.00 Friends of Mawio'mi sponsorship level.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the minimum bids for tax sale properties.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to accept the recommendation of the Revenue Manager and CFO and that Council authorize the Revenue Manager and CFO to sell property numbers 00366722, 10534461, and 10534471 for a minimum acceptable bid of principal only and if these properties do not sell for the minimum acceptable bid, to sell these properties for half the principal only amount, and if these properties do not sell for half the principal only amount, to proceed and sell these properties for any bid.

Motion carried with two in favor and one opposed.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the River Bourgeois Mariner Society for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the Amount of \$1,500.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to defer the grant request from the River Bourgeois Mariner Society for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the Amount of \$1500 to the June Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the Cape Breton Fiddlers Association for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the Amount of \$2,000.

The Committee of the Whole unanimously agreed to recommend to Council to defer the Cape Breton Fiddlers Association grant request to the June Committee of the Whole meeting and to have staff reach out to the proponent to gather information regarding what events are taking place in Richmond County.

The Committee discussed Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Week.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to support the request from VON to celebrate VON Week by using blue lights on the Municipal Office building, proclaim VON week from May 21-27, 2023 and further make every effort to recognize VON week on the Municipal Website and local media.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the Richmond Wildlife Association for the Type 3 – C1 Physical Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$172.50.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the grant request from the Richmond Wildlife Association for the Type 3 – C1 Physical Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$172.50 and be allocated at follows: \$ 172.50 from the District 2 funds.

Motion carried.



The Committee discussed the grant request from the Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors & Pensioners Club for the Type 3 – C3 Sponsorship Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the grant request from the Louisdale Fleur de Lis Seniors & Pensioners Club for the Type 3 – C3 Sponsorship Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.00 and be allocated as follows: \$500.00 from the Regional General funds.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Arichat Pedestrian Sidewalk Project

The Committee of the Whole unanimously agreed to recommend to Council to defer the Arichat Pedestrian Sidewalk Project to budget deliberations.

The Committee discussed the infrastructure needs of the Pondville Beach Provincial Park.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole for Council to draft a letter with input from the Save Pondville Beach Provincial Park Group to the MLA and the Minister to address the infrastructure needs of the Pondville Beach Provincial Park.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

b) By-Law / Policy Advisory Committee

The Committee discussed the Budget Release Policy.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee to adopt the Budget Release Policy with the following changes: In Section 4 (a) remove the wording “cost increases” and insert the word “changes”, remove Section 5(a), remove Section 3 and renumber the document accordingly.

Motion carried.

Moved by Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the By-Law/Policy Advisory committee report for May 8, 2023 be adopted.

Motion carried.

c) Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee

The Committee discussed Recreation Vehicles.

Moved by Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee to approve the amendments to the Isle Madame Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to allow for small scale campgrounds and recreational vehicles to be used as seasonal main dwellings or seasonal accessory dwelling as of right within the Rural General (RG) Zone and Rural Resource (RR) Zone and to insert accompany definitions; and to remove the requirement of have coverings for all windows to reduce light pollution and FURTHER MOVE that Council give first reading and schedule a Public Hearing.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed Heritage Plaques.

Moved by Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee to purchase 9 inch x 5 inch bronze plaque, and FURTHER MOVE to defer discussion to budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

Moved by Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee report for the month of May be adopted.

Motion carried.

First Reading, Re: Proposed Amendments to the Isle Madame Municipal Planning Strategy and Land use By-law.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council give First Reading approval for the proposed amendments to the Isle Madame Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law to allow for small scale campgrounds and recreational vehicles to be used as seasonal main dwellings or seasonal accessory dwelling as of right within the Rural General (RG) Zone and Rural Resource (RR) Zone and to insert accompany definitions; and to remove the

requirement of have coverings for all windows to reduce light pollution and FURTHER MOVE that a Public Hearing be scheduled.

Motion carried.

New Business – Richmond County Collaborative Session

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council approve the requested amount of up to \$5,000 to provide catering for the June 23rd Richmond County Collaborative Session with Dough Griffiths.

Motion carried.

Warden, Re: Nova Scotia Community College Lease on Unity Drive for the Heavy Equipment Operator Program

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council approve in principle to have a 5 year lease with an appropriate out clause granted to the Nova Scotia Community College Strait Area Campus and FURTHER MOVE to refer the matter to Port Hawkesbury and the Joint Park Commission.

Motion carried.

Councillor Michael Diggdon, Re: Question Period Procedure

Council unanimously agreed to defer discussions to the June Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Correspondence – Action Required:

a) Nova Scotia Department of Public Works, Re: Three year cost share agreement for subdivision streets

Council unanimously agreed to defer discussions to the June 1, 2023 Special Meeting.

b) Lisa Boudreau, Re: Save Pondville Beach Provincial Park Committee request for letter of support

For information purposes, a motion has been previously made. (See above, Committee of the Whole Report)

c) Becky Tennyson, Telile Community Television, Re: Hanging flower baskets

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council approve the request from Telile Community Television to place and care for



hanging flower baskets on the lampposts that line the Arichat sidewalk conditional on staff approval.

Motion carried.

Correspondence – For Information Purposes:

- a) Honourable John Lohr, Re: 12 Month Notice to Municipalities
For information purposes.

Unfinished Business

a) Arichat Pedestrian Side Walk Project

Council unanimously agreed to defer discussions to the June 1, 2023 Special Meeting.

Review of Action Items: – (For Information Only)

Items Added to the Agenda

a) Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) Policing Survey

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council defer the NSFM Policing Survey to staff to coordinate a response from Council and the Police Advisory Board.

Motion carried.

Question Period: Restricted to the remainder of the Agenda following the Committee Reports.

Tom Stanton and Lisa Boudreau approached Council.

“In Camera” Session - (Personnel)

The “In Camera” Session has been deferred to the June Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson