



Regular Council Meeting

June 26th, 2023

- Location:** Council Chambers
- Present:** Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Michael Diggdon, Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, Councillor Melanie Sampson,
- Staff:** Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer
Shelley David, Municipal Clerk & Communications Officer, Shannon Mury, Recreation & Community Relations Manager
- Regrets:** Councillor Shawn Samson,

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 Amanda Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to:

- a) Add Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Strait Area Mutual Aid Funding Request for Equipment in the amount of \$5,000 to Unfinished Business 12(b).
- b) Add Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Grant application from the Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000 to Correspondence Action Required 11 (c).
- c) To remove the word “amendments” in Section 9 to read as follows: First Reading, Re: Marketing Levy By-Law.
- d) Add Contract Negotiations to “ In Camera” Session 16 (a) & (b).

Councillor Melanie Sampson requested and received unanimous consent to:

- a) Add Supporting Affordable Housing for discussion to Items Added to the Agenda 14 (a).

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

Motion carried.



Review of Minutes re:

a) May 23, 2023, Regular Council

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the minutes of the May 23, 2023 Regular Council meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

b) June 20, 2023, Public Hearing

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the minutes of the June 20, 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 Waste Receptacles.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to refer the topic of Waste Receptacles to the By-Law / Policy Committee for further discussion.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Arichat Community Development Association grant extension request.

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 Arichat Community Development Association request for a grant extension for an additional year, to March 31, 2024.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the correspondence from the Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department regarding piles of brush left in fields.

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 draft a letter to the Isle Madame Volunteer Fire Department (IMVFD) to outline the limitations to private property.

Motion carried.

Councillor Melanie Sampson declared a conflict of interest with the grant request from the Louisdale & Area Food Bank Society and removed herself from the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the Louisdale & Area Food Bank Society for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 5,000.

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 & Area Food Bank Society for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 5000 and be allocated from the Regional Grant Funds.

Motion carried.

Councillor Melanie Sampson returned to the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the River Bourgeois Community Services Society for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 10,000.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to have staff reach out to the proponent for further information on the designated funds listed in the financials and FURTHER MOVE that the decision be deferred to the June Council meeting.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the Re-Nest Furniture Society for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 600.

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 Re-Nest Furniture Society for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 600.00 and be allocated from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the Little Harbour Community Pasture for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the grant request from the Little Harbour Community Pasture for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 5000 and be allocated at follows: \$2000 District 5, \$3000 Regional Funds.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the Strait Area Mutual Aid Association for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5000.

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 reach out to the proponent to gather more information on what other Municipalities have granted funding and FURTHER MOVE that Council have the Emergency Services Coordinator provide a staff report for the next meeting.

Motion carried.

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.

Main Motion

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the River Bourgeois Mariner Society grant request for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the Amount of \$1000 and be allocated as follows: \$500 District Four, \$500 Regional Funds.

Proposed Amendment to Main Motion

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the grant request be increased to \$1500.00 and be allocated as follows: \$ 500.00 from the District Four Funds and \$1000.00 from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried with 3 in favor and 1 opposed.

Amended Motion

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the River Bourgeois Mariner Society grant request for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the Amount of \$1500 and be allocated as follows: \$500 from District Four Funds and \$1000 from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried with 3 in favor and 1 opposed.

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.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the Cape Breton Fiddlers Association grant request for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 2000 and be allocated from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed question period procedures.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to refer the revision of the procedures for question period to the Warden and CAO.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the CSAP Discussion.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to have staff proceed with exploring options for the exit side paving and report back to Council.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

b) By-Law / Policy Advisory Committee

The Committee discussed the Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) policy.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee to change the allocation in Section 4(a) to 10% and FURTHER MOVE that the CCBF policy be moved to the adoption process.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Marketing Levy By-Law (4th Draft).

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee to move the Marketing Levy By-Law to the adoption process and FURTHER MOVE to schedule the first reading approval.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the By-Law/Policy Committee report for the month of June be adopted.

Motion carried.

c) Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee

The Committee discussed wind turbine overlay mapping.

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 Municipal Planning Land Strategy Wind Turbine Development Overlay Zoning Map as presented by the Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC), with the only amendment that the western boundary of the zone follow the municipal boundaries with the County of Inverness and the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee to have EDPC review the Wind Turbine Policy and report back to the Committee in the fall of 2023.

Motion carried.



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

Motion carried.

Motion to Adopt: Re: Canada Community Building Fund (CCBF) Policy

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the CCBF Policy be adopted as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.
Motion carried.

First Reading, Re: Marketing Levy By-Law

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council give First Reading approval for the Marketing Levy By-Law.
Motion carried.

Warden, Re: Strait Area Chamber Housing Association Request

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council support, in principle, the Strait Area Chamber of Commerce in the formation of a not-for-profit entity with the mandate to create and execute a housing action plan for Richmond County and the Town of Port Hawkesbury and FURTHER MOVE that staff organize a joint council meeting.

Motion carried.

Correspondence – Action Required:

- a) Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Re: Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP)

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council support an application to the Province's Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) for the purpose of the Arichat and Evanston water towers.

Motion carried.

- b) Jacqueline Gerrior, Isle Madame Food Bank, Re: Seeking Permanent Location

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council have staff work with the society to bring awareness to the issue.

Motion carried.

- c) Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Grant application from the Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council approve the grant request from the Loch Lomond Volunteer Fire Department for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 5000 and be allocated as follows: \$1000 from the District 5 Funds and \$4000 from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.

Correspondence – For Information Purposes:

n/a

Unfinished Business

- a) Jason Martell, CFO, Re: River Bourgeois Community Services Society for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council approve the grant request from the River Bourgeois Community Services Society for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$5000 and be allocated as follows: \$ 1000 from the District Four Funds and \$4000 from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.

- b) Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Strait Area Mutual Aid Funding Request for Equipment in the amount of \$5,000.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council approve the grant request from the Strait Area Mutual Aid Association for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5000 and be allocated from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.

Review of Action Items: – (For Information Only)



Items Added to the Agenda

a) Supporting Affordable Housing

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council have staff explore what other Municipal units are doing to support affordable housing and report back to council.

Motion carried.

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

There were no questions.

“In Camera” Session

- a) Contract Negotiations
- b) Contract Negotiations

Moved by Council Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the meeting move to an “ In-Camera session at 8:09 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 8:45p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson