



Regular Council Meeting

September 25th, 2023

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

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 add the following item:

- a) Speed Radar Units, Item #14(a)

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the agenda be approved with the additional item.

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes re:

a) June 26, 2023, Regular Council

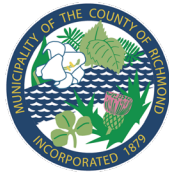
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the minutes of the June 26, 2023 Regular Council meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

b) August 21, 2023, Special Meeting

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the minutes of the August 21, 2023, Special 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 the Active Living Strategy and Recreation Plan.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to defer the decision to adoption the Active Living Strategy and Recreation Plan to the next regular council meeting.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Muiwatmnej Etuaptmuk (Honouring Two-eyed Seeing) CEPI Conference.

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 decision of sponsorship for the Two Eyed Seeing Conference to the next regular council meeting.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed nominations for the Municipal Emergency Management Advisory Committee.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to have Councillor Melanie Sampson and Warden Amanda Mombourquette be appointed to the Municipal Emergency Management Advisory Committee.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed nominations for the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to have Councillor Michael Diggdon and Councillor Shawn Samson be appointed to the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee.

Motion carried.



The Committee discussed nominations for the Fences Arbitration Committee.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to have Deputy Warden Brent Sampson be appointed to the Fences Arbitration Committee.
Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Warden's Council Report.

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 Warden's Council Report.
Motion carried.

The Committee discussed health information fridge magnets for first responders and EHS.

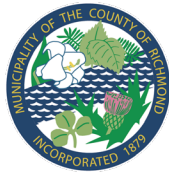
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to have staff investigate if other Municipalities and Emergency Health Services have programs for Health Information Magnets or similar currently in place and report back to Council.
Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the 2024/25 application for Cost-Shared J-Class Road Paving.

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 discussion on selecting J-Class Roads for the application for cost-shared paving to the next Regular Council meeting.
Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the request for support of a province wide voluntary vulnerable person registry.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to support the resolution for a Province wide Voluntary Vulnerable Person Registry and FURTHER MOVE to defer the reading of the resolution to the next Regular Council meeting.
Motion carried.



The Committee discussed the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) proclamation request from Laura Squires, Project Coordinator for fasdNL.

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 to declare the month of September as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month and FURTHER MOVE to defer the reading of the proclamation to the next regular council meeting.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Right to Know Week Proclamation request from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to support the request to declare September 25 to October 1, 2023 as Right to Know Week and FURTHER MOVE to defer the reading of the proclamation to the next regular council meeting.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Food Cycle Science, Municipal Pilot Program.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the to accept the Food Cycle Science - Municipal Pilot Program as information only and defer the discussion to budget time.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of September be adopted.

Motion carried.

b) By-Law / Policy Advisory Committee

The Committee discussed the CAO Employee Success Plan 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 CAO Employee Success Plan as presented with the following changes:

Section 4.1: Add the words "Appendix A" to the end of the sentence,

Section 6.1b: Remove the words "Appendix A" and insert the words "CAO Employee Success Plan".

Motion carried.



The Committee discussed the RCMP Advisory Board By-Law

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee to have staff inquire if the criminal record check can be included in the application process and FURTHER MOVE that the RCMP Advisory Board By-Law be moved to the adoption process and first reading approval.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

c) Planning Advisory / Heritage Committee

The Committee discussed the review of the Recreational Vehicle Provisions within the Isle Madame Planning Area.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Planning Advisory/ Heritage committee recommend to Council 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 a seasonal main dwelling or seasonal accessory dwelling as of right within the Rural General (RG) Zone and Rural Resource (RR) Zone and to insert accompanying definitions; and FURTHER MOVE that Council give First Reading and schedule a Public Hearing.

Motion carried.

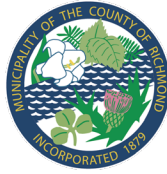
The Committee discussed the road name request for Cannes Pt. Road and Cannes Pt. Extension located in Forchu Richmond County.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the Planning Advisory/Heritage committee recommend to Council to have the EDPC provide guidance on the process of renaming the existing road names of Cannes Pt. Rd and Cannes Pt. Extension to Canns Pt Rd and Canns Pt Extension Rd.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.



Motion to Adopt, Re: CAO Employee Success Plan Policy

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that the CAO Employee Success Plan Policy be adopted as a policy of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Motion carried.

First Readings, Re:

a) RCMP Advisory Board By-Law

The purpose of this bylaw is to establish the Municipality of the County of Richmond RCMP Advisory Board as mandated by the Nova Scotia Police Act, subsection 57(1), a body to provide advice to Council relating to the enforcement of the law, the maintenance of law and order and prevention of crime.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council give First Reading approval for the RCMP Advisory Board By-law.

Motion carried.

b) Isle Madame Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Amendments

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson 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 a seasonal main dwelling or seasonal accessory dwelling as of right within the Rural General (RG) Zone and Rural Resource (RR) Zone and to insert accompanying definitions and schedule a public hearing.

Motion carried.

Warden, Re: Port Hawkesbury Joint Council Meeting Agenda Process

For information only.

Correspondence – Action Required:

n/a

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n/a



Unfinished Business

a) DNRR / ACOA Project Proposal

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council approve the project proposal for the staff position of Energy Transition Manager and pay the share at \$25,000.00 per year over the next three years and FURTHER MOVE that the 2023 payment be allocated from the un-used portion of the IT Technician salary from April 1- Oct 1 and future contributions shall be budgeted and assigned in ongoing budgets over the next two years.

Motion carried.

b) The 2024/25 Application for Cost-Shared J-Class Road Paving

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council submit the following application to the Province for cost-shared paving of J-class roads in order of priority as follows: Lobster Plant Road, Sampson Road, Kings Road, and Forgeron Road.

Motion carried.

c) Active Living Strategy and Recreation Plan

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council approve the Active Living Strategy and Recreation Plan as presented by Upland REConsulting Group.

Motion carried.

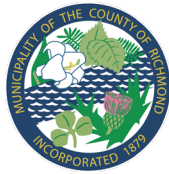
d) Muiwatmnej Etuaptmumk (Honouring Two-eyed Seeing) CEPI Conference sponsorship opportunity.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council refer the CEPI Conference sponsorship opportunity to staff and FURTHER MOVE that staff provide a recommendation for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried.

e) Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) - Reading of Proclamation

WHEREAS: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is a diagnostic term used to describe impacts on the brain and body of individuals prenatally exposed to alcohol. FASD is a lifelong disability. Individuals with FASD will experience some degree of challenges in their daily living, and need support with motor skills, physical health, learning, memory, attention, communication, emotional regulation, and social skills to



reach their full potential. Each individual with FASD is unique and has areas of both strengths and challenges.

WHEREAS: fasdNL is a pan-provincial organization that educates, provides supports and resources, and raises awareness about fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) in Newfoundland and Labrador and Atlantic Canada; and

WHEREAS: fasdNL is leading a three-year FASD prevention, awareness, training, and collaborative action project in the four Atlantic provinces; and

WHEREAS: FASD Awareness month is devoted to raising awareness of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) to improve prevention of FASD and diagnosis and support for individuals with FASD and broad public awareness helps to put FASD the 'map'; and

THEREFORE: I, Warden Amanda Mombourquette, on behalf of Richmond County Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2023 to be FASD Awareness Month in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council support the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Month proclamation.

Motion carried.

f) **Right to Know Week - Reading of Proclamation**

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Richmond has adopted the principles of openness, transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS *Part XX* of the *Municipal Government Act* gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality of the County of Richmond; and

WHEREAS access to information ensures citizens of Nova Scotia have the opportunity for meaningful participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS a celebration of the right of citizens to access information will facilitate informed public participation in policy formulation, ensure fairness in government decision-making and permit the airing and reconciliation of divergent views; and



WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Richmond joins all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in acknowledging international Right to Know Week;

THEREFORE be it resolved that I, Warden Amanda Mombourquette, on behalf of Richmond County Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim September 25 to October 1, 2023 to be Right to Know Week in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council support the Right to Know Week proclamation.
Motion carried.

Volunteer Vulnerable Persons Registry - Reading of Resolution

WHEREAS the climate emergency is here (recent wildfires and Fiona) and climate change has been identified as a priority area of municipal interest; and

WHEREAS all Nova Scotians have a right to public safety and this area is identified one of six priority areas of municipal interest; and

WHEREAS the United Nations identified people with disabilities are two to four times more likely to die in a disaster; and

WHEREAS equity and community well-being is another priority area to serve the 30% of Nova Scotians, and 41% of seniors identify as having a disability and aging in place is being encouraged; and

WHEREAS First Voices are advocating for better emergency management and planning for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS disasters do not respect administrative boundaries; and

WHEREAS all forty-nine municipalities may not have the same technical capacity or paid staff (and rely on volunteers) to respond to these needs and it's important for all Nova Scotians to have access to the same level of public safety; and

WHEREAS a Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry (VVPR) is recognized best practice in the emergency field. This is a voluntary registry so those with privacy concerns need not register and only location and accommodation needs are required data. A paid coordinator who manages the Registry ensures it is constantly updated; and



WHEREAS HRM's Chief of Emergency Management, in her report to HRM asking for a VVPR (recently passed by HRM) identified that the risk of not doing a VVPR (death and injuries) outweighs the risk (managing expectations) of doing one; and

WHEREAS a leading expert in disaster planning and managements Paul Kovacs, (Executive Director of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss, Univ. Of Western Ontario) says "all mechanics of a Registry have been sorted out and every question that can be asked, there is an answer for."; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we at *The Municipality of the County of Richmond* ask the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, newly formed Public Safety Advisory Committee to prioritize collaboration and partnership between municipal governments with possible support from the provincial government to ensure implementation of Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registries province-wide that are integrated into the 911 system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a copy of the resolution be sent to the NSFM and the Minister responsible for Emergency Management Office.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Michael Diggdon that Council approve the resolution and forward it to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. Motion carried.

Review of Action Items: – (For Information Only)

Items Added to the Agenda

a) Speed Radar Unit

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council refer the Speed Radar Unit discussion to the By-law and Policy Committee. Motion carried.

Council unanimously agreed to recommend to staff that the speed radar unit located in West Arichat be moved to the Northside area and to place the currently unused unit along Hwy 206 in the Arichat area.

Question Period:

Restricted to the remainder of the Agenda following the Committee Reports.

Lisa Boudreau approached Council.
Robbie Fougere approached Council by phone-in.



“In Camera” Session: Personnel

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the meeting move to an “In-Camera” session at 8:15 p.m.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 8:26p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson



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Dated at Arichat, Nova Scotia, September 25th, 2023.


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Troy MacCulloch
Chief Administrative Officer