



Special Meeting

June 1st, 2023

- Location:** Council Chambers
- Present:** Councillor Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon, Councillor Melanie Sampson, Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Deputy Warden Brent Sampson
- Staff:** Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Jason Martell, Chief Financial Officer, Shannon Mury, Recreation Manager, Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Councillors

The CAO took roll call of Councillors.

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion carried.

CAO, Re: Memo's from Chief Financial Officer

a) 5 Year Capital Investment Plan

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council approve the 5 year Capital Investment Plan for the Municipality of the County of Richmond for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, conditional pending further conversations with the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) regarding the Arichat Sidewalk Project and a final decision by Council.

Motion carried.

b) Area Rates

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer and that the following area rates be approved:



- St. Peter's Fire Department 0.11
- West Bay Road Fire Dept. 0.15
- L'Ardoise Fire Dept. 0.16
- Grand River Fire Dept. 0.15
- Loch Lomond Fire Dept. 0.15
- Louisdale Fire Dept. 0.10
- Framboise-Fourchu Fire Dept. 0.15
- Isle Madame Fire Dept. 0.11
- District Ten Fire Dept. 0.13
- Former District #2 Community Rate 0.04
- Former District #4 Community Rate 0.01
- St. Peter's Village Commission – collect whatever rate they establish, conditional on them providing their rate to the Municipality by July 31, 2023.

Motion carried.

c) Final Budget for year ending March 31, 2024

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Municipal Council give approval to the municipal estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$16,883,170;

AND FURTHER MOVED THAT WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Richmond estimates that sums amounting to \$10,542,820 are required for the lawful purpose of the said Municipality for the year ending March 31, 2024, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than rates for the said year and making due allowance for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of the taxes and for taxes for the said year which may not be collectible or collected;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby authorizes the levying and collection of a residential rate of 0.85¢ on each \$100 of the assessed value of residential property assessed on the assessment roll and a commercial rate of \$2.15; which rates said Council deems sufficient to raise the sums required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality for this year, and any deficit from the preceding years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby imposes an additional percentage charge of 18 percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid;



AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Richmond Council hereby fixes the 30th day of September, 2023 as the day on which the Tax Collector or Treasurer may proceed to issue warrants for the collection of all rates and taxes then unpaid.

Motion carried.

d) Final Water Budget for year ending March 31, 2024

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Micheal Diggdon that Council give approval to the estimates of revenues and expenditures for the year ending March 31, 2024 for the Richmond County Water Utility.

Motion carried.

Jason Martell, CFO, Re: Canada Day Funding

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council approve the following Canada Day Funding Applications as follows:

a) DIMA	\$	5000	District	1&2
b) St. Louis Parish	\$	2500	District	3
c) St. Peter's Lions Club	\$	5500	District	4
d) L'Ardoise Mens Club	\$	1490	District	5
e) Bras d'Or Lakes Seniors Association	\$	300	District	5
f) Johnston's Harbour Wharf Association	\$	700	District	5

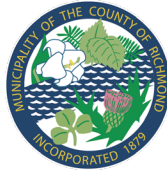
Total: \$ 15,490

Motion carried.

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

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Warden and CAO be authorized to sign Cost Share Agreement No. 2023-018.

Motion carried.



Economic Development Officer, Re: Shared Travel Expenses

Moved by Councillor Michael Digdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council approve up to 25% of the costs for the Economic Development Officer to attend the Wind Knowledge Exchange in Germany: Delegation Tour June 26-29.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson