



Regular Council Meeting

Monday, November 20th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers

Present: Warden Amanda Mombourquette, Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, Councillor Michael Diggdon, Councillor Melanie Sampson, Councillor Brent Sampson

Staff: Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

Call to Order

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting 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)

Warden Amanda Mombourquette requested and received unanimous consent to add the following items:

- a) Festival of Trees
- b) Second Reading, Re: 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 dwellings as of right within the Rural General (RG) Zone and Rural Resource (RR) zone and to insert accompanying definitions.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the agenda be approved with the additional items.

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes, Re:

- a) Public Hearing October 23rd, 2023

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the minutes of October 23rd, 2023, Public Hearing be approved.

Motion carried.



b) Regular Council Meeting Minutes, October 23rd, 2023

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Sampson that the minutes of October 23rd, 2023, Regular Council Meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

Question Period:

There were no questions.

Committee Reports:

Committee of the Whole

Calvin Presbyterian Church Grant Application for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$2,147.81

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the Calvin Presbyterian Church Grant Application for the Type 1- Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000 and be fully allocated from the District 5 Funds.

Motion carried.

Destination Cape Breton Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Municipalities

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the MOU among the five Cape Breton Island municipalities and Destination Cape Breton.

Motion carried.

Other

Hearts Ability Society Wreath Fundraiser

The Committee discussed the Hearts Ability Wreath Fundraiser and unanimously agreed to refer the request to staff.

Deer Population

The committee discussed the response from the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables regarding the Deer Population and unanimously agreed to refer the coordination of the meeting to staff.

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

Motion carried.



Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee Meeting

Municipality of the County of Richmond Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Planning Advisory/ Heritage committee forward the proposed Municipality of the County of Richmond Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to Council and recommend the adoption of the documents while simultaneously repealing the former Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law Addressing the Development of Wind Energy, the Sporting Mountain and Shannon Lake Plan area documents with the following amendments:

- a) Zoning map in Louisdale to follow the current extent of servicing,
 - b) Clarify that small accessory buildings do not need a development permit,
- and FURTHER MOVE that Council give First Reading and schedule a Public Hearing.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

First Reading, Re:

- a) Municipality of the County of Richmond Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council give First Reading approval for the Municipality of the County of Richmond Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law and FURTHER MOVE to have staff schedule a public hearing.

Motion carried.

Second Reading, Re:

- a) RCMP Advisory Board By-Law

The purpose of this By-Law 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 Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council give Second Reading approval for the RCMP Advisory Board By-law.

Motion carried.



New Business, Re:

- a) École Beau Port Sidewalk/Driveway Project and Additional Accessibility Projects at Various Municipal Owned Facilities

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council supports the submission of applications for the École Beau Port Municipal Office Sidewalk Extension Project and the Accessibility Municipal Facility Upgrades Project, prioritized in order, for funding consideration under Municipal Capital Growth Program.

Motion carried.

Warden, Re:

- a) Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) *Fall Conference*
For information only.
- b) The Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (CEPI) - Honouring Two - Eye Seeing Conference
For information only.
- c) Richmond Council/Village of St. Peter's Joint Meeting
For information only

CAO, Re:

- a) Reflections on Richmond – Staff Long Service Awards and Recognition
For information only

Correspondence

a) Action Required:

n/a

b) For Information Purposes:

- i. Municipal Council Letter of Support, Re: Richmond River Roots Market Garden Society's Application for Funding Through the Projects Stream of the Age Friendly Communities Program
- ii. Municipal Council Letter of Support, Re: East Richmond ATV Riders Road's Application for Road Access to the Village of St. Peter's

Review of Action Items

- a) Action Items List
For information only

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For information only



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Councillor Melanie Sampson declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council give Second reading approval for 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 dwellings as of right within the Rural General (RG) Zone and Rural Resource (RR) zone and to insert accompanying definitions.

Motion carried.

Councillor Melanie Sampson returned to the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Question Period

There were no questions.

“In Camera” Session

- b) Personnel

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the meeting move to an “In-Camera” session at 7:38 pm.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 8:36 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Municipal Clerk:

Chairperson