

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, December 18th, 2023, 5:30 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 5:39 p.m. and asked for a motion to move in-Camera.

“In Camera” Session

a) Contracts

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the meeting move to an “In Camera” session at 5:39 p.m.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the meeting revert to Recess at 6:31 p.m., followed by “Regular” session at 7:00 p.m.
Motion carried.

Recess (6:31 -7:00 pm)

O’Canada

Warden Amanda Mombourquette resumed the meeting at 7:00 pm 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)

Councillor Brent Sampson requested and received unanimous consent to add the following item:

a) Christmas Greeting, Item #16 (a)



Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the agenda be approved with the additional item.
Motion carried.

Review of Minutes, Re:

a) Public Hearing December 14th, 2023

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the minutes of December 14th, 2023, Public Hearing be approved.
Motion carried.

b) Regular Council Meeting Minutes, November 20th, 2023

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the minutes of November 20th, 2023, Regular Council Meeting be approved.
Motion carried.

Question Period:

There were no questions.

Committee Reports:

Committee of the Whole

The Committee discussed the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging-Like Products (PPP) regulations.

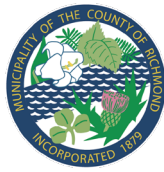
Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to support the recommendation from staff to register for the new industry-led EPR for PPP program.
Motion carried.

Councillor Melanie Sampson declared a conflict of interest regarding the Isle Madame Food Bank grant request and left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the Isle Madame Food Bank (Stella Maris Pastoral Unit) for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,000-\$2,000.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the grant request from the Isle Madame Food Bank (Stella Maris Pastoral Unit) for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,500 and be allocated as follows: \$750 from the District 1 funds, and \$750 from the District 2 funds.
Motion carried.

Councillor Melanie Sampson returned to the meeting at 7:11 p.m.



The Committee discussed the sale of property PID 750144654 / AAN 01525956.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by 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 number 01525956 at the February 9th, 2024 tax sale for the minimum acceptable bid(s) as discussed in camera.

Motion carried with 4 in favor and 1 opposed.

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

Motion carried.

By-Law/ Policy Committee

The Committee discussed the members at large applications.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon to accept Stacey Morrison as the appointed community member to the By-Law/Policy Committee.

Motion carried

Second Reading, Re:

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

It was the consensus of Council to not proceed with second reading approval and have revisions made to the Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law as discussed during the Public Hearing on December 14th, 2023.

New Business, Re:

a) Gilles Subdivision, St. Peter's

Moved by, Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council approve the quit deed as presented.

Motion carried.

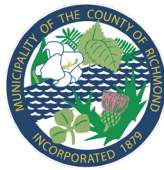
Warden, Re:

a) Strait Richmond Housing Matters Coalition Update

For information only.

b) Connecting the Dots Between Poverty and Health

For information only.



Deputy Warden, Re:

- a) Mayor/Warden
For information only.

Correspondence

- a) Action Required: n/a
- b) For Information Purposes:
 - i. Deputy Minister Byron Rafuse, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Re: Richmond County Municipal Council Vulnerable Person Registry Resolution
 - ii. Greg Henley, Town of Oxford, Re: Re: Letter of request to the Honourable Steven Guilbeault for an exemption to the volunteer emergency service providers from the new fuel charges.
 - iii. Build Nova Scotia Re: Update on Internet for Nova Scotia Initiative

Review of Action Items

- a) Action Items List
For information only.

Items Added to the Agenda

- a) Christmas Greeting
For information only.

Question Period

There were no questions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.