

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, February 26th, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting order at 5:39 p.m.

“In Camera” Session, Richmond Room: Contract Negotiations, Personnel

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 Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the meeting revert to “Regular” session at 5:57 p.m. and FURTHER MOVE that Council break for recess after the recommendation from “in-camera” session.
Motion carried.

Recommendation

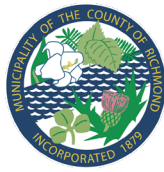
Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council accept the proposal from Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) for the side walk project as discussed in camera and FURTHER MOVE to enter into partnership with CSAP.
Motion carried.

Recess for Public Hearing, Council Chambers

The chair called for recess at 5:43 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Session, Council Chambers

The Warden reconvened regular session at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand, if able, 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)

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

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes, Re:

a) Richmond Water Utility Water Rate Study Meeting Minutes, January 31st, 2024

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the minutes of January 31, 2024, Richmond Water Utility Water Rate Study meeting minutes be approved.

Motion carried.

b) Regular Council Meeting Minutes, January 31st, 2024

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the minutes of January 31st, 2024, Regular Council Meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

Question Period:

There were no questions.

Committee Reports:

Committee of the Whole

The Committee discussed the Request for Proposals for the purchase and use of 19 School Rd., Evanston, NS, PID# 75221366, 75035865.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to proceed, as discussed in camera, with the Request for Proposals for the purchase and use of 19 School Rd., Evanston, NS, PID # 75221366, 75035865.

Motion carried.



The Committee discussed the Richmond Water Utility Water Rate Study.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole that the Municipality of the County of Richmond apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for changes in its rates for water and water service, fire protection to the municipality of the county of Richmond and changes to its rules and regulations for customers served by the Municipality of the County of Richmond water utility, as set out in the water rate study prepared by G.A. Isenor Consulting Limited in association with Blaine s. Rooney Consulting Limited.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to refer the Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry to the Municipal Emergency Management (MEM) Advisory Committee as an action item.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the request from Sgt. Brad Kelly for access to data from the speed radar signs in Richmond County.

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 request for access to data from speed radar signs in Richmond County and FURTHER MOVE that staff provide Sgt. Brad Kelly with the requested information.

Motion carried.

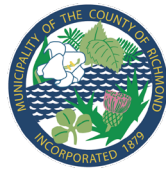
The Committee discussed the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to appoint Warden Mombourquette and Councillor Michael Diggdon as members of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee effective immediately and FURTHER MOVE that the committee terms of reference be updated accordingly.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of February 2024 be adopted.

Motion carried.



Planning Advisory Committee

The Committee discussed the proposed amendments to the Central Richmond Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to allow former institutional buildings to be converted into dwelling units.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee recommend to Council to approve the proposed amendments to the Central Richmond Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law to allow former institutional buildings to be converted into dwelling units, where the number of units are not otherwise permitted by the zone in effect, subject to provisions of the Land Use By-Law (as outlined in Appendices A & B).

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampon that the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee Report for the month of February 2024 be adopted.

Motion carried.

By-Law/ Policy Committee

The Committee discussed the Grants Policy as amended.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the By-Law/Policy Committee to proceed with the adoption of the Grants Policy as amended.

Motion carried.

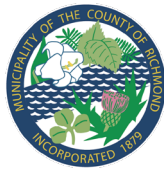
The Committee discussed the Sale of Municipal Property as amended.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the By-Law/Policy Committee to proceed with the adoption of the Sale of Municipal Property Policy with the clarification of the term “non-usable” in section 4.2 (d) as discussed.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the By-Law/Policy report for the month of February 2024 be adopted.

Motion Carried.



Motion to Adopt:

a) Grants Policy, As Amended

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the Grants Policy be adopted as amended.
Motion carried.

b) Sale of Municipal Property Policy, As Amended

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the Sale of Municipal Property Policy be adopted as amended.
Motion carried.

First Reading, Re:

Amendments to the Central Richmond Secondary Plan and Land Use By-Law to allow former institutional buildings to be converted into dwelling units.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council give first reading approval for the Amendments to the Central Richmond Secondary Plan and Land Use By-Law to allow former institutional buildings to be converted into dwelling units and FURTHER MOVE that staff schedule a public hearing.
Motion carried.

Second Reading, Re:

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

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council give second reading approval to the Municipality of the County of Richmond Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law.
Motion carried with three (3) in favor and one (1) opposed.

New Business

Amyloidosis Awareness Month Proclamation

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council approve the request to proclaim the month of March as Amyloidosis Awareness Month in the Municipality of the County of Richmond County.
Motion carried.



Amyloidosis Awareness Month

Whereas, March is Amyloidosis Awareness Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness, funding research, and supporting those living with amyloidosis and their loved ones; and

Whereas, Amyloidosis is a group of diseases that occurs when an abnormal protein, known as amyloid, builds up in the tissues and organs of the body. Left untreated, the disease can result in organ failure and can be fatal; and

Whereas, Amyloidosis can mimic the signs and symptoms of more common medical conditions and the disease can be challenging to diagnose; and

Whereas, Amyloidosis often affects people who are older or middle aged; however, younger people have been diagnosed with this disease; and

Whereas, Some of the signs and symptoms of amyloidosis can include shortness of breath, weight loss, fatigue, swelling in the ankles and legs, numbness in the hands and feet, foamy urine, carpal tunnel syndrome, bruising around the eyes, and an enlarged tongue; and

Whereas, Early diagnosis can lead to better outcomes for both patients and their families; and

Whereas, Raising awareness about all the amyloidosis diseases, including hereditary and non-hereditary forms of the disease, can contribute to the building of healthier communities across Canada.

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Warden Amanda Mombourquette on behalf of Richmond County Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as "Amyloidosis Awareness Month" in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Dated at Arichat, Nova Scotia this 26th day of February 2024

Correspondence

a) Action Required:

- i. Mary Beth Doucette, Co-Chair CEPI Management Committee, Re: Request for the continued financial support of the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative's (CEPI) 2024-25 Notional work plan.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council defer the request for financial support of the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative's (CEPI) 2024-25 Notional work plan to budget discussions.

Motion carried.



b) For Information Purposes

- i. Nova Scotia Planning Conference, March 7th & 8th, 2024
- ii. Municipality of the County of Richmond, Re: Letter of Support for Friends United Foundation
- iii. Municipality of the County of Richmond, Re: Letter of Support for Friends of St John's Centre for the Arts Facility Upgrades
- iv. Municipality of the County of Richmond, Re: Letter of Support for the St. Peter's Village Community Hub Accessibility Funding Application
- v. Municipality of the County of Richmond, Re: Letter of Support for Friends of St John's Center for the Arts Facility regarding the planned application to "The Next Great Save" through the National Trust for the St John's Centre for the Arts.

Review of Action Items

For information only.

Items Added to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

Question Period

Matt Whitman approached Council.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council have the Warden draft a letter to Trevor Boudreau, MLA and the Honourable Kim Masland regarding the removal of the Port Royal Bridge.

Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson