

## Regular Council Meeting

Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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, 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 Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the agenda be approved.  
Motion carried.

### **Review of Minutes, Re:**

a) Public Hearing, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the minutes of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Public Hearing be approved.  
Motion carried.

b) Regular Council, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the minutes of February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Council be approved.  
Motion carried.

### **Question Period:**

There were no questions.



## **Committee Reports:**

### **Committee of the Whole**

**The Committee discussed the Richmond County Literacy Network (RCLN) funding request for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant in the amount of \$1,000.**

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 RCLN funding request for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 and be allocated as follows: District 4 Funds: \$500.00 and District 5 Funds: \$500.00.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the Isle Madame Garden Club funding request for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$4,500.**

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 Isle Madame Garden Club funding request for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 4500.00 and be allocated as follows: District 1 Fund: \$1500.00, District 2 Fund: \$1500.00, and Regional Fund \$1500.00.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed The Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors Club funding request for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00.**

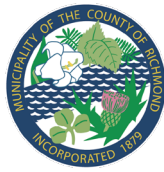
Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the Isle Madame New Horizons Seniors Club funding request for the Type 1 – Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 5000.00 and be allocated as follows: District 1 Funds: \$1750.00, District 2 Funds: \$1750.00, Regional Fund: \$1500, and FURTHER MOVE, that if there is a short fall, the remaining funds are to be allocated from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the Request for Tax Reduction due to Fire from Micheline Landry.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to write off the taxes for property AAN 003320456 owned by Micheline Landry, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$762.72, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from April 27, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

Motion carried.



### **The Committee discussed the Revised Appointments of Eastern District Planning Commission Staff**

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to approve the following Eastern District Planning Commission revised appointments, effective April 1, 2024:

- Building Inspectors: Harry Martell, André Samson, and Sean Donovan
  - Alternates: David MacKenzie, Jonathan Martin, and Luke Ross
- Development Officer: Andrew Jones
  - Alternates: John Bain; Wanda Ryan; Kristen Knudskov and Mikayla Tait
- Assistant Development Officers: Harry Martell and André Samson
- Fire Inspectors: Harry Martell and André Samson
  - Alternates: S. Donovan; D. MacKenzie; J. Martin and L. Ross.
- Dangerous or Unightly Premises Administrators: Sean Donovan and John Bain
  - Alternates: Harry Martell, Luke Ross, and André Samson
- Special Constables for Building/Fire Codes, Dangerous or Unightly Premises, and Land Use By-laws: Sean Donovan and Jonathan Martin

Motion carried.

### **The Committee discussed the Purple Day Proclamation Request**

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to proclaim March 26th, 2024, as Purple Day to help raise awareness and show support for all those living with epilepsy.

Motion carried.

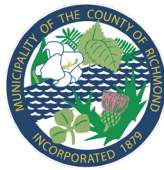
### **The Committee discussed the Operations Veterans Build**

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to refer the Operation Veterans Build to staff to explore the opportunity to support the program.

Motion carried.

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

Motion Carried.



## **Second Reading**

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 Melanie Sampson seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council give second 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.

Motion carried.

## **New Business**

Sale of Municipal Property – Undersized Lot Adjacent to Property Owner, PID # 75112144

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council declare property PID #75112144 as surplus and FURTHER MOVE that staff proceed with the sale of the undersized lot to the adjacent property owner, R & L Rentals, at the appraised fair market value plus HST and migration costs.

Motion carried.

## **Warden, Re:**

- a) Housing Coalition Update  
For information only
- b) Housing Update  
For information only

## **Correspondence**

- a) Action Required
  - i. Chris Boudreau, Director of Public Works, Re: Richmond Arena Refrigerant Purchase

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council support the staff recommendation to purchase the available refrigerant and FURTHER MOVE to proceed with the purchase on or after April 1, 2024, in advance of budget approval.

Motion carried with four (4) in favor and one (1) opposed.



- ii. Natalie Stevens, Chapter Coordinator Autism Nova Scotia Strait Chapter, Re: Autism Acceptance Month Flag Raising Request

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council approve the proclamation request to proclaim the month of April as Autism Acceptance Month.

Motion carried.

### **World Autism Acceptance Month April 2024**

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that 1 in 66 people across the country are Autistic/have autism, and 1 in 32 people - approximately 30,000 individuals - in Nova Scotia are Autistic/have autism; and

**WHEREAS**, many dedicated Autistic individuals/people with autism, parents, teachers, researchers, and professionals, including those at Autism Nova Scotia and other community-based organizations, work tirelessly throughout our province to make the communities where we live accessible and inclusive for Autistics/individuals with autism, and their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, with 11 locations throughout the province and with the support of the autism community, Autism Nova Scotia builds understanding, acceptance, and inclusion for Autistics/individuals on the autism spectrum and their families through leadership, advocacy, education, training, and programming across the lifespan; and

**WHEREAS**, this month of April marks Autism Acceptance Month, and Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, marked World Autism Acceptance Day, when people across the globe came together as a community to celebrate autism and promote acceptance and inclusion.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, I, Warden Amanda Mombourquette, on behalf of Richmond Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Autism Acceptance Month throughout the County of Richmond and encourage all of our citizens to recognize the Autistic individuals/people with autism, family members, caregivers, educators, and other professionals who strive to make Nova Scotia an inclusive and accessible place for us all to call home.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council have staff organize the Autism Acceptance Month flag raising and proclamation ceremony for a date in April, and FURTHER MOVE that staff advertise an invitation to residents in local media.

Motion carried.



b) For Information Purposes

- i. Honourable Kim D. Masland, Minister, Department of Public Works, Re: Port Royal Bridge

**Review of Action Items**

- a) Action Items List  
For information only.

**Items Added to the Agenda**

There were no items added to the agenda.

**Question Period**

There were no questions.

**Adjournment**

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

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Municipal Clerk

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Chairperson