

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, May 27th, 2024
7:00 p.m. – Regular Session

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 7:03 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)

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

- Joint Meeting Status, Item #10 (a)
- Lennox Place Limited, Item # 10 (b)

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

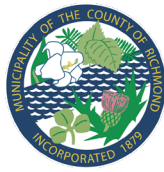
Motion carried.

Review of Minutes, Re:

a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes, April 22nd, 2024

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the minutes of April 22nd, 2024, Regular Council be approved.

Motion carried.



b) Special Meeting Minutes, May 9th, 2024

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the minutes of the May 9th, 2024, Special meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

c) Budget Planning Meeting Minutes, May 13th, 2024

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the minutes of the May 13th, 2024, Budget Planning meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

Question Period:

There were no questions.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

The Committee discussed No Mow May.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to observe 'No Mow May' as a standing practice, and FURTHER MOVE that staff are authorized to mow, when it is deemed necessary, at the Department of Public Work's discretion.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed roaming farm animals.

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 discussion of roaming farm animals to the By-Law / Policy Committee.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Street Light policy.

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 Street Light Policy to the By-Law / Policy Committee for review.

Motion carried.



The Committee discussed the request from Glenda Kipp, Manager of Home and Community Care, to participate in VON Week.

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 VON Proclamation, the raising of the VON Flag for a date in May, and FURTHER MOVE that staff make the arrangements to light up the Municipal Building in Blue and make every effort to recognize VON week on social media.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Richmond River Roots Market Green Society grant request for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant funds in the amount of \$9,200.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to defer the Richmond River Roots Market Green Society grant request for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant funds in the amount of \$9,200 to the next Council meeting following Grants and Contributions budget discussions.

Motion carried.

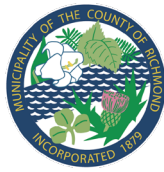
The Committee discussed the funding request for \$5,000 from the St. Peter's Volunteer Fire Department for the Dry Fire Hydrant Installation in River Bourgeois.

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 funding request from the St. Peter's Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$5,000 for the dry hydrant installation in River Bourgeois.

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

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to refer the Dry Fire Hydrant Policy to the Fire Protection Services Committee and the By-Law / Policy Committee for review.

Motion carried.



Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Committee of the Whole report for the month of April 2024 be adopted.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence

a) Action Required

- i. Jim Davis, Interim CFO, Re: Grant request from the Administration Portuaire de Petit-de-Grat for Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$20,000

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council approve the grant request from the Administration Portuaire de Petit-de-Grat for the Type 1- Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000 and be allocated from the CCBF Waterfront Development Funds.

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

- ii. Shannon Mury, Director of Community Development and Recreation, Re: Additional Public Engagement Expenditures for the Multi-Use Facility Feasibility Study

Council unanimously agreed to ask staff to explore ways to proceed in a different manner.

b) For Information Purposes

- i. Municipality of the County of Richmond, Re: NSCC Sustainable Jobs Transition Fund Proposal Support Letter

Review of Action Items

a) Action Items List

For information only.

Items Added to the Agenda

a) Joint Meeting Status

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council have staff proceed to schedule a meeting for a date in June, if possible, for a joint meeting with the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

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



b) Lennox Place Limited

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council have the Warden provide a letter of support, in principle, for their application for the Nova Scotia Affordable Housing Development Program to fund the conversion of a building into a 7-unit apartment building located at 818 Veterans Memorial Drive, Arichat.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council refer the discussion on covering the Lennox Place Limited associated permitting fees to the next meeting of Council following budget discussions and FURTHER MOVE that Staff contact the other proponents to identify their current interest in Municipal support and hold a Special meeting as soon as possible, following the budget discussions, to discuss covering permitting fees.

Motion carried.

Question Period

There were no questions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson