

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, September 23rd, 2024
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - In Camera Session
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Regular Session

- Location:** Richmond Room/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 (CAO), Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

Call to Order

Warden Amanda Mombourquette called the meeting order at 5:32 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council move to an in camera session at 5:33 pm.

Motion carried.

a) Contract Negotiations

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council revert to regular session at 5:45 pm, and FURTHER MOVE that there will be recess from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

Recess 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

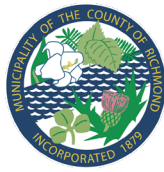
Troy MacCulloch, CAO, joined the regular session at 7:00 pm virtually.

O'Canada

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand, if able, for the singing of O'Canada.

Roll Call of Councillors

The Municipal Clerk took roll call of Councillors.



Items Added to the Agenda (Approval of Agenda)

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes, Re:

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes, June 24th, 2024

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the minutes of the June 24th, 2024, Regular Council meeting be approved as corrected.

Motion carried.

- b) Special Meeting Minutes, August 7th, 2024

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the minutes of the August 7th, 2024, Special meeting be approved.

Motion carried.

Question Period:

There were no questions.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

The Committee discussed the grant request from Lisa Dewolf for the Type 3 – Recreation/Sponsorship Grant Funds for Instructor/Facilitator Development in the amount of \$447.50

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 Lisa Dewolf for the Type 3 – Recreation/Sponsorship Grant Funds for Instructor/Facilitator Development in the amount of \$447.50, to be allocated from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.



The Committee discussed the request from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia to proclaim September 23-29th as Right to Know Week in the County of Richmond.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to proclaim September 23-29th 2024 as Right to Know Week in the County of Richmond.
Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the request from the Senior Take Action Coalition to proclaim October 1, 2024, as Seniors for Climate Day in the County of Richmond.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to proclaim October 1, 2024, as Seniors for Climate Day in the County of Richmond.
Motion carried.

Councillor Michale Diggdon declared a conflict of interest and removed himself from the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

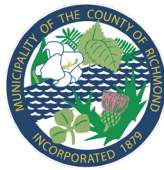
The Committee discussed the request from Amy Wagg for English-Gaelic Boundary Signage in the County of Richmond.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to have staff collaborate with the Minister of Gaelic Affairs and the Minister of Public Works to install the new signs as requested when the Provincial budget permits.
Motion carried.

Councillor Michael Diggdon returned to the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

The Committee discussed the request to write off taxes for property AAN 02913135, owned by Donald Frost, which was destroyed by fire.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to write off the taxes for property AAN 02913135 owned by Donald Frost, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$205.87, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from December 16, 2023, to March 31, 2024.
Motion carried.



The Committee discussed the request to write off taxes for property AAN 04126068, owned by James White, which was destroyed by fire.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to write off the taxes for property AAN 04126068 owned by James White, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$61.85, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from December 24, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the request to write off taxes for property AAN 06373917, owned by Colton Gillis & Keisha Morrison, which was destroyed by fire.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to write off the taxes for property AAN 06373917 owned by Colton Gillis & Keisha Morrison, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$463.04, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from October 31, 2023, to March 31, 2024.

Motion carried.

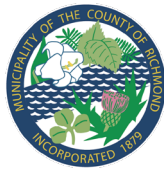
The Committee discussed the grant request from the Seniors Take Action Coalition for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$9,400

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 Seniors Take Action Coalition grant request for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$ 6,400.00, to be allocated as follows: \$480.00 from each District Fund and \$4000.00 from the Regional Funds, and FURTHERMOVE that staff explore options for in-kind contributions, such as photocopying and others as deemed appropriate and within MOCR policy.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.



– **Planning Advisory/ Heritage Committee Report**

The Committee discussed the amendments to the West Richmond Land Use By-Law

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee recommend to Council to accept the amendment of the West Richmond Land Use By-Law in Part 2 “Administration” as presented with the noted change to item 15 (d), adding receiving notice of refusal by email when possible.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the amendments to the Central Richmond Land Use By-Law

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee recommend to Council to accept the amendment of the Central Richmond Land Use By-Law in Part 4 “Interpretation” as presented with the exception of change to item 3 (d) to include receiving notice of refusal by email when possible.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the amendments to the St. Peter’s Land Use By-Law

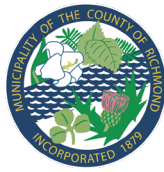
Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee recommend to Council to accept the amendment of the St. Peter’s Land Use By-Law in Part 2 “Administration” as presented with the exception of item 13 (d), adding receiving notice of refusal by email when possible.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the amendments to the Isle Madame Land Use By-Law

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee recommend to Council to accept the amendment of the Isle Madame Land Use By-Law in Part 2 “Administration” as presented with the noted change to item 13 (d), adding receiving notice of refusal by email when possible.

Motion carried.



The Committee discussed the amendments to the Municipality of the County of Richmond Land Use By-Law

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee recommend to Council to accept the amendment of the Municipality of the County of Richmond Land Use By-Law in section 4.9 “Variances” as presented with the exception of 4.9.3 (d) adding in receiving notice of refusal by email when possible.

Motion carried with three (3) in favour and two (2) opposed.

The Committee discussed a By-Law to Amend The Richmond County Subdivision By-Law for the Municipality of the County of Richmond

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee recommend to Council to accept the amendments to the Richmond County Subdivision By-Law for the Municipality of Richmond County as presented.

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

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee report for the month of July 2024 be adopted.
Motion carried.

– **By-Law/Policy Committee Report**

The Committee discussed the Fences Arbitration Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the By-Law/Policy Committee recommend to Council to approve the Fences Arbitration Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Municipal Emergency Management Advisory Committee (MEMAC) Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the By-Law/Policy Committee recommend to Council to approve the MEMAC Terms of Reference as presented.

Motion carried.



The Committee discussed the Audit Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the By-Law/Policy Committee recommend to Council to approve the Audit Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the By-Law/Policy Committee recommend to Council to approve the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the By-Law/Policy Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the By-Law/Policy Committee recommend to Council to approve the By-Law/Policy Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the RCMP Advisory Board Terms of Reference

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the By-Law/Policy Committee recommend to Council to approve the RCMP Advisory Board Terms of Reference as presented.

Motion carried.

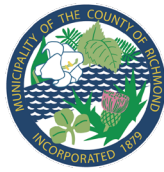
The Committee discussed the Committee Matrix, Appendix A of the Committee Policy

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the By-Law/Policy Committee recommend to Council to approve the Committee Matrix, Appendix A of the Committee Policy as presented.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the By-Law/Planning Committee report for September 9th be adopted.

Motion carried.



– **Accessibility Advisory Committee Report**

The Committee discussed changing the name of the Accessibility Committee to align with the Provincial mandate to include Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that the Council accept the recommendation of the Accessibility Advisory Committee and change the name of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to the IDEA (Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible) Committee to align with the Provincial mandate to include diversity, equity and inclusion.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Accessibility Advisory Committee report for September 2024 be adopted.

Motion carried.

– **Fire Protection Services Committee Report (FPSC)**

The Committee followed up on the mapping for ESC and VFD's.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the FPSC recommend to Council to support the investigation of the procurement of mapping using a 3rd party aside from EDPC to produce current mapping for Emergency Management and the VFD's.

Motion carried.

The Committee follow up on provincial road re-opening/maintenance.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the FPSC recommend to Council to draft a letter to the province to have old provincial roads re-opened and maintained as a secondary means of travel for emergencies/evacuations and with the increase in MVC's and rerouting of traffic.

Motion carried.

The Committee follow up on Sub-division planning with EDPC.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that the FPSC recommend to Council to have staff investigate the planning of new areas have two lane roadways with turning areas suitable for fire apparatus and provisions for water supply planning.

Motion carried.



The Committee follow up on previous decisions to remove West Bay Road VFD from meetings.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that the FPSC recommend to council to reverse the decision to remove West Bay Road VFD from the Committee as they cover a portion of the County.

Motion carried with three (3) in favour and one (2) opposed.

Moved by Councillor Michael Diggdon, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that the Fire Protection Services Committee report for June 2024 be adopted.

Motion carried.

Warden, Re:

- a) Strait Area Transit, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council approve the amendments to the Strait Area Transit Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as presented.

Motion carried.

- b) Receipt of Donations Policy

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Melanie Sampson that Council refer the Receipt of Donations Policy to the By-Law/Policy Committee for further investigation and discussion.

Motion carried.

Councillor Brent Sampson, Re:

- c) NS Chiefs of Police Association & NS Association of Police Governance Conference
For information only.

Motion to Rescind

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council rescind the motion passed on November 4, 2023, and May 27, 2024, regarding the direction given to staff to organize, coordinate, and proceed in scheduling a meeting with the Port Hawkesbury Town Council and Richmond County Municipal Council.

Motion carried.



Motion for First Reading

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council give First Reading approval for the amendments to the West Richmond, Central Richmond, St. Peter's, Isle Madame, and the Municipality of the County of Richmond Land Use By-Laws and FURTHER MOVE that staff schedule a public hearing.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brent Sampson that Council give First Reading approval for the amendments to the Richmond County Subdivision By-Law and FURTHER MOVE that staff schedule a public hearing.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

a) Action Required

- i. n/a

b) For Information Purposes

- i. MOCR Community Development & Recreation, Re: Richmond Reflections Fall 2024 Issue
- ii. Seniors Take Action Coalition Annual Report 2023-2024
- iii. MOCR Community Development & Recreation, Re: Survey Notice to Residents, Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable Accessible Strategy

Unfinished Business

- a) Paroisse Saint Joseph grant request for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000.

Troy MacCulloch, CAO, provided a verbal update stating that the grant was being reviewed.

Review of Action Items

- a) Action Items List
For information only.

Items Added to the Agenda

n/a



Recommendations from In Camera Session

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Michael Diggdon that Council approve the request for Willy's Taxi to operate in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Brent Sampson, seconded by Deputy Warden Shawn Samson that Council refer the Taxis By-Law to the By-Law/Policy Committee for updating.

Motion carried.

Proclamation

RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK

September 23 to September 29, 2024

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Richmond has adopted the principles of openness, transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS *Part XX* of the *Municipal Government Act* gives citizens a right of access to information in the custody or under the control of the Municipality of the County of Richmond; and

WHEREAS access to information ensures citizens of Nova Scotia have the opportunity for meaningful participation in the democratic process; and

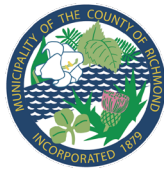
WHEREAS a celebration of the right of citizens to access information will facilitate informed public participation in policy formulation, ensure fairness in government decision-making and permit the airing and reconciliation of divergent views; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Richmond joins all other Canadian jurisdictions and democracies world-wide in acknowledging international Right to Know Week;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Warden Amanda Mombourquette, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Richmond Council, do hereby proclaim September 23rd to September 29th, 2024 to be Right to Know Week in the County of Richmond.

Dated at Arichat, Nova Scotia

This 23rd day of September 2024.



Proclamation

SENIORS FOR CLIMATE DAY

October 1, 2024

WHEREAS October 1st is Canada's National Seniors' Day and the UN International Day of Older Persons. It is a day to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of seniors. Seniors are a significant and diverse demographic, one in four Canadians; and

WHEREAS Seniors for Climate is a nationwide mobilization calling for urgent action to address climate change and support a livable future for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS climate change is already affecting our health and ability to produce enough food for all to live in food security; and

WHEREAS we face climate changes in Richmond County such as coastal erosion, increased winds, greater fluctuations in temperature and severe storms; and

WHEREAS we need faster and better action by all levels of government to work towards a just transition to renewable energy; and

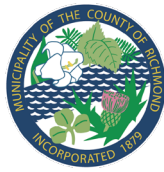
WHEREAS we need climate action that is broad-based that supports seniors, youth, Indigenous Peoples, blended families and other disadvantaged and equity seeking populations. We all need to work together to preserve the planet we love and depend upon; and

WHEREAS The County of Richmond recognizes the importance of widespread support of Seniors for Climate goals; and

WHEREAS the Seniors Take Action Coalition of Richmond County, Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre and Richmond River Roots Market Garden support more local action regarding climate change to ameliorate its adverse effects on our overall health and food security;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Warden Amanda Mombourquette, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Richmond Council, hereby proclaim October 1, 2024, as "Seniors for Climate Day" in the County of Richmond.

Dated at Arichat, Nova Scotia
This 23rd day of September 2024.



Question Period

Germaine MacDonald approached Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson