

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
6:30 p.m.

- Location:** Richmond Room/Council Chambers
- Present:** Warden Lois Landry, Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, Councillor Brian Marchand, Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, Councillor Shawn Samson
- Staff:** Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Shelley David, Municipal Clerk

Call to Order

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

In Camera Session

Moved Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that the meeting move to an "In-Camera" session at 6:33 p.m.

Motion carried.

a) Personnel

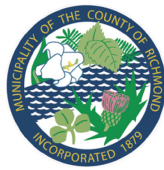
Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the meeting revert to "Regular" session at 6:58 p.m.

Motion carried.

Opening Acknowledgement

The Warden reconvened regular session at 7:03 p.m. and made the following opening acknowledgment:

We are proud to acknowledge that we are gathered today on Unama'ki, the Land of Fog, a part of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded traditional territory of the Mi'kmaq people since time immemorial. We honour and thank the Mi'kmaq for sharing their land and home with us.



O'Canada

The Warden 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 Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette that the agenda be approved.

Motion carried.

Review of Minutes, Re:

- a) Regular Council Minutes, December 16, 2024

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the minutes of the December 16, 2024, Regular Council meeting be adopted as corrected.

Motion carried.

Question Period:

There were no questions.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

The Committee discussed the financial documents received from the Destination Cape Breton Association.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct the CAO to speak to the CEO and/or the Board of Destination of Cape Breton Association to allow Richmond County Council to release the financials without the confidentiality component.

Motion carried.



The Committee discussed the proclamation request from Jennifer Enright of the Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the proclamation to proclaim March 2025 as Amyloidosis Awareness Month in Richmond County. (Proclamation attached)

Motion carried.

Therefore, be it resolved, that I, Warden Lois Landry, on behalf of Richmond County Municipal Council, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as “ Amyloidosis Awareness Month” in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the Isle Madame New Horizon Senior Citizens Club for the Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5000.00.

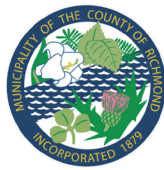
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the grant request from the Isle Madame New Horizon Senior Citizens Club for the Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5000.00 and be allocated as follows: \$ 750.00 from District One Funds, \$750.00 from District Two Funds, and \$ 3,500.00 from the Infrastructure Grant Funds.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the grant request from the Richmond Boxing Club for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the grant request from the Richmond Boxing Club for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000 and be allocated as follows: \$ 500.00 from District Four Funds, \$2,000.00 from District Five Funds, and \$7,500.00 from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.



Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council adopt the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of January 2025.
Motion carried.

By-Law/Policy Committee

The Committee discussed the re-adoption of the Travel and Expense Policy.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and re-adopt the Travel and Expense Policy.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the re-adoption of the Hospitality Expense Policy.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and re-adopt the Hospitality Expense Policy.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible (IDEA) Committee terms of reference.

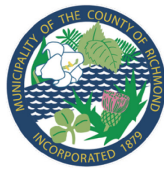
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and adopt the IDEA Committee Terms of Reference as presented with the changes to sections 3.1 and 3.10 as discussed.

Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the Grant Policy to clarify eligibility versus asset ownership.

The Committee reached a consensus to refer the Holy Guardian Angels Parish, and the Whiteside Church Preservation Society grant requests to Council for consideration.

Deputy Warden Brent Sampson declared a conflict of interest regarding the Holy Guardian Angles Parish grant request and removed himself from the meeting at 7:28 p.m.



- Holy Guardian Angels Parish grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5000

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Sampson, that Council approve the Holy Guardian Angels Parish grant request in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be allocated from the District 5 Funds.

Motion carried with three (3) in favor and one (1) opposed. (Opposed: Councillor Brian Marchand)

Deputy Warden Brent Sampson returned to the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

- Whiteside Church Preservation Society grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson that Council defer the Whiteside Church Preservation Society grant request to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand that Council adopt the By-Law/Policy Committee Report for January 2025.

Motion carried.

Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible (IDEA) Committee

The Committee discussed the role of caregivers who participate in the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible Advisory Committee.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible Advisory Committee and have the Warden prepare a letter addressed to the Nova Scotia Directorate, requesting clarification on the role of caregivers who are members of an accessibility advisory committee, AND FURTHER MOVE that a copy of the letter be sent to Inclusion Nova Scotia.

Motion carried.



Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand that Council adopt the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible Advisory Committee report for the month of January 2025.

Motion carried.

RCMP Advisory Board

The RCMP Advisory Board discussed the request from Sgt. Mike Lidstone to place Crime Stopper decals at appropriate locations in Richmond County.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that Council accept the recommendation of the RCMP Advisory Board and approve the request from Sgt. Mike Lidstone to display Crime Stopper decals throughout Richmond County and FURTHER MOVE to refer to staff for installation and determining the appropriate locations.

Motion carried.

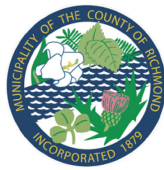
The RCMP Advisory Board discussed Sgt. Brad Kelly's initiative to organize a Town Hall meeting with residents and local law enforcement.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that Council accept the recommendation of the RCMP Advisory Board and support Sgt. Brad Kelly's initiative to organize a Town Hall meeting with residents and local law enforcement.

Motion carried

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that Council adopt the RCMP Advisory Report for December 2024.

Motion carried.



New Business

a) **Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, Re: River Tillard to St. Peter's 3 km Trail**

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that Council reaffirm Council's support for the Province to issue the East Richmond ATV Riders a Letter of Authority to assume management of the trail and to encourage trail users to work together on accessible and reasonable solutions.

Motion carried.

Correspondence

a) **Action Required**

i. n/a

b) **For Information Purposes**

- i. MOCR letter to the Honourable Fred Tilley, Minister of Public Works, Re: Request for certain now-closed provincial roads to be re-opened and maintained as secondary means of travel for emergencies
- ii. Letter from the Honourable Kim Masland, Minister of Emergency Management, Re: Moving towards consistent and impactful emergency response
- iii. Letter from Allen Webber, Warden, Municipality of Chester to the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs, Re: Concerns about the Code of Conduct Policy

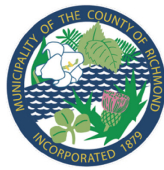
Review of Action Items

a) **Action Items List**

For information only.

Items Added to the Agenda

n/a



Question Period

Clair Rankin approached Council.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Municipal Clerk

Chairperson