

## Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2025  
5:30 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 5:31 p.m.

### **In Camera Session - Personnel**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the meeting move to an "In Camera" session at 5:31 p.m.

Motion carried.

Councillor Brian Marchand arrived at 5:38 p.m.

The CAO and Municipal Clerk left the In Camera session at 5:38 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the meeting revert to "Regular" session at 6:55 p.m.

Motion carried.

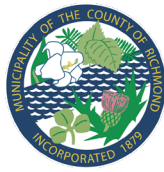
### **Opening Acknowledgement**

The Warden reconvened regular session at 7:00 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 Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that the agenda be approved with the addition of the recommendations from the In Camera session to be added to Section 10, New Business.

Motion carried.

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

a) Special Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2025

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the minutes of the February 5, 2025, Special Meeting be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson that Council amend the main motion to add the words “to be adopted as corrected by adding the record of the vote to the motion before the adjournment, and that Councillor Brian Marchand's name be recorded as opposed”.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the minutes of the February 5, 2025, Special Meeting be adopted as corrected by adding the record of vote to the motion before the adjournment, and that Councillor Brian Marchand’s name be recorded as opposed.

Motion carried.

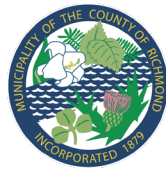
b) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: January 28, 2025

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette that the minutes of the January 28, 2025, 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 Multi-Use Facility Feasibility Study.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the Multi-Use Facility Feasibility Study as presented.

Motion carried.

#### **The Committee discussed the repairs needed for the Richmond Arena's under-ice surface refrigeration system.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to investigate any necessary applications for repairs to the Richmond Arena's under-ice surface refrigeration system and report back to Council.

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council amend the main motion by adding the word "surface piping and cement, and refrigeration/compressor system" after the word system.

Motion carried.

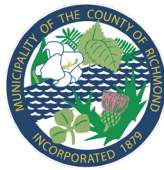
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to investigate any necessary applications for repairs to the Richmond Arena's under-ice surface refrigeration system, surface piping and cement, and refrigeration/compressor system and report back to Council.

Motion carried.

#### **The Committee discussed the planning variance notification procedure.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct Eastern District Planning Commission staff to prepare the amending pages for the Land Use By-Laws for West Richmond, Central Richmond, Isle Madame, St. Peter's, and Richmond County, decreasing the variance appeal period from 21 days to 14 days.

Motion carried.



**The Committee discussed the Atlantic Hydrogen Alliance membership.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to make an application for the Municipality of the County of Richmond to become a Catalyst Member of the Atlantic Hydrogen Alliance.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the property assessment caps and homes destroyed by fire or other disaster.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and have the Warden draft a letter to the provincial Department of Municipal Affairs asking for this change and as well include our local NSFM representatives Amanda Mombourquette and John Dunbar to be made aware and advocate on our behalf.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the grant application from the Acadiaville Community Centre Society for Start-up Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.**

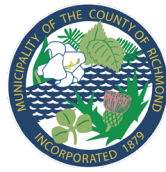
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the grant request from the Acadiaville Community Centre Society to the next Council meeting.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the grant application from the Coastal Riders ATV Club for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$3,050.**

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 Coastal Riders ATV Club for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$3,050.00 and be allocated as follows: \$500.00 from the District 5 Funds, \$500.00 from the District 4 Funds and \$2,050.00 from the Regional Fund.

Motion carried.



**The Committee discussed the grant application from the Isle Madame Boat Club for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$20,000.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Isle Madame Boat Club for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$20,000, contingent on CCBF eligibility, allocated as follows: \$10,000 from the Waterfront Development Fund for the 2024/fiscal year and the remaining \$10,000 to be allocated from the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council amend the main motion to replace the words “2024/fiscal” with “2024/2025 fiscal” and to replace the words “ from the 2025/26 fiscal year” with the words “ from the Waterfront Development Fund for the 2025/2026 fiscal year”.

Motion carried.

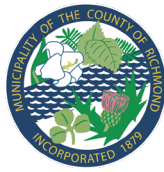
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Isle Madame Boat Club for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$20,000, contingent on CCBF eligibility, allocated as follows: \$10,000 from the Waterfront Development Fund for the 2024/2025 fiscal year and the remaining \$10,000 to be allocated from the Waterfront Development Fund for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the grant application from the Whiteside Church Preservation Society for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Whiteside Church Preservation Society grant request for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$2,000 and be allocated from the District 3 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 February 2025.  
Motion carried.

### **By-Law/Policy Committee**

#### **The Committee discussed the 2019 Code of Conduct Policy.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and repeal the 2019 Code of Conduct Policy.  
Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette that Council adopt the By-Law/Policy Committee Report for February 2025.  
Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **a) Recommendation from the In Camera Session, Re: Committee Appointments**

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council appoint Donna Dittrick to the IDEA Committee and Clifford Boudreau to the Recreation Advisory Committee.  
Motion carried.

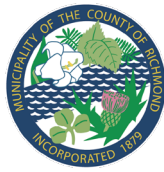
#### **b) Private Road Curbside Collection Requests Policy, Re: Motion to refer to the By-Law/Policy Committee for review and updating - (Verbal)**

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that Council refer the Private Road Curbside Collection Request Policy to the By-Law/Policy Committee for review.  
Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

#### **a) Action Required**

i. n/a



**b) For Information Purposes**

- i. Letter from 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 Department of Justice Accessibility Directorate, Re: Caregivers of those with disabilities being included as First Voice for our IDEA committee
- iii. Letter from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Re: New Fiscal Challenges  
Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council have the Warden draft a letter to Minister Lohr in response to his request, thanking him for the letter and noting that Council will provide a response within the next few weeks.  
Motion carried.
- iv. Letter from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, Re: Letter from the Honourable John Lohr (dated February 11)

**Unfinished Business**

- a) Acadiaville Community Centre Society grant application for the Type 3 - C3 Sponsorships Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.00

Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council approve the Acadiaville Community Centre Society grant application for the Type 3 – C3 Sponsorships Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.00 and be allocated from the District 2 Funds.

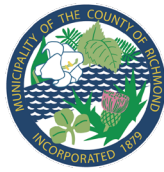
Motion carried.

**Review of Action Items**

- a) Action Items List  
For information only.

**Items Added to the Agenda**

n/a



**Question Period**

Richard Cotton approached Council.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Municipal Clerk

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Chairperson