



## Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Opening Acknowledgement**
3. **O'Canada**
4. **Roll Call of Councillors**
5. **Items Added to the Agenda** (Approval of Agenda)
6. **Review of Minutes, Re:**
  - a) Special Meeting, March 25, 2025
  - b) Regular Council, March 25, 2025
7. **Question Period:**
  - Restricted to items on the committee reports
  - Phone in: (902) 226-9885 (see question period details below)
8. **Committee Reports:**
  - a) **Committee of the Whole**
    - CAO Success Plan Policy - Refer to By-law/Policy Committee for review
    - Senior Take Action Coalition - Financial request for support
    - Nova Scotia Community Solar Program - Letter of support
    - Surplus property PID 75178905 -;; Motion to rescind
    - Acting Collectively Project - Acceptance of the Richmond County Community Profile Report
    - Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) - Staff appointments
    - Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) - Funding applications
    - Grant Applications - Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia and Raising the Village Cooperative Limited



- Nova Scotia Non-resident Deed Transfer Tax increase - Letter to the Premier to outline concerns
- The Spike Fund - Refer to staff for further investigation
- Strait Richmond Health Care Foundation - Request for letter of support

b) **By-Law/Policy Committee**

- Receipt of donations

c) **Planning Advisory Committee**

- Secondary and backyard suites
- Maximum setback for commercial wind turbines
- Pre-blasting inspection for the new long-term health care facility

**9. Second Reading Approval**

- a) Proposed amendments to the Land Use By-Laws for West Richmond, Central Richmond, Isle Madame, St. Peter's, and Richmond County to reduce the variance appeal period from 21 days to 14 days to align with the Municipal Government Act.

**10. Correspondence**

a) **Action Required:**

- i. Letter from Nichole Briand, General Manager of Strait Area Transit, regarding a request for continued financial support.

b) **For Information Purposes**

- i. Letter from the Office of the Attorney General and Minister of Justice regarding adapting the Additional Officer Program (AOP).
- ii. Letter from the Hon. John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities regarding 12-months' notice.
- iii. Letter from MOCR to Brela Homes regarding its plans for expansion, including the development of a new facility and the growth of its workforce and automation capabilities.



## 11. Review of Action Items

- a) Action Items List

## 12. Items Added to the Agenda

## 13. Question Period

- Restricted to the remainder of the agenda following the Committee Reports
- PHONE IN: ( 902) 226-9885 (see Question Period Details Below)

## 14. Adjournment

### Question Period Details

#### **PHONE IN: (902) 226-9885**

Any member of the public may ask a question on any item listed in the agenda without giving notice. A maximum of ten (10) minutes is set aside for Question Period. Anyone wishing to ask a question, either in person or by phone, must identify who they are prior to asking the question.

Comments must be phrased in the form of a question. Council will hear the question and will answer if appropriate.

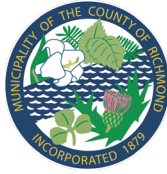
No person speaking during Question Period shall:

- Speak disrespectfully
- Use offensive words
- Disobey the rules of order or a decision of the Chair

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## Special Meeting

March 25, 2025

- Location:** 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
- Also Present:** Terry Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Destination Cape Breton Association

### **Call to Order**

Warden Lois Landry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Roll Call of Councillors**

The CAO took roll call of Councillors.

Councillor Brian Marchand arrived at 6:04 p.m.

### **Presentation – Terry Smith, Re: Destination Cape Breton Association Briefing and Update**

Terry Smith presented the Destination Cape Breton Association Briefing and Update presentation.

### **Adjournment**

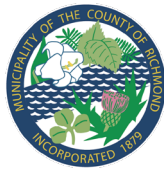
There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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Municipal Clerk

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Chairperson



## Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

7:00 p.m.

**Location:** 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 7:02 p.m.

### **Opening Acknowledgement**

The Warden 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.

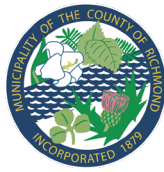
Motion carried.

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

a) Special Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2025

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that the minutes of the March 6, 2025, Special Meeting be adopted.

Motion carried.



b) Regular Council Meeting Minutes: February 25, 2025

Moved by Councillor Shawn Samson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that the minutes of the February 25, 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 funding request from Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the funding request from Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health to budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

##### **The Committee discussed the 2025 Heavy Collection.**

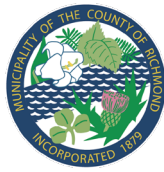
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to proceed with the 2025 Heavy Collection at an estimated cost of \$175,000 (net HST rebate), with the funds to be allocated in the 2025/26 budget.

Motion carried.

##### **The Committee discussed the Strait of Canso Clean Fuels Domestic Use Strategy.**

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and, based on the 82% leveraging of funds and the opportunity to maximize the benefit for local residents in building a hydrogen economy here in the region, fund the project at \$24,250 from the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget if there is room, otherwise to fund it from the 2025/2026 fiscal year budget.

Motion carried with three (3) in favor, and two (2) opposed. (Nay: Councillor Brian Marchand)



**The Committee discussed the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Expansion**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to proceed with the expansion of the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill, with construction subject to budget approval.

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 proceed with the engineering work and studies on or after April 1, 2025, at an estimated cost of \$275,000 (exclusive of HST), with the funding to be allocated from CCBF funds.

Motion carried.

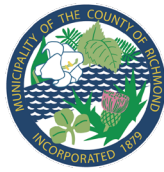
**The Committee discussed the St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$2,645.00.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds application back to staff for further information.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00.**

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 St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for the Type 1-Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$1,520.00, with the funds to be allocated from the District 4 Funds, and FURTHER MOVE that the organization be advised to reapply for the remainder of the project work in the new fiscal year.



Moved by Councillor Brian Marchand, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that the main motion be amended by removing all words after District 4 Funds.

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 approve the St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for the Type 1-Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$1,520.00, with the funds to be allocated from the District 4 Funds.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for the Type 1 - Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00.**

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 D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00, with the funds to be allocated as follows: \$520.00 from the District 2 Funds, \$500.00 from the District 1 Funds and \$3,980.00 from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the Richmond Rize Volleyball Association grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$9,919.83.**

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 Richmond Rize Volleyball Association grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$4,500.00, with the funds to be allocated as follows: \$1,020.00 from the District 1 Funds and \$3,480.00 from the Regional Funds.

Motion carried.



**The Committee discussed the St. Louis Parish Council grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$2,000.00.**

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 St. Louis Parish Council grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$2020.00, with the funds to be allocated from the District 3 Funds.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the request from a resident regarding flags.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and suspend the MOCR Flag Policy, permitting the Canadian Flags to be flown, from the day after St. Patrick's Day until March 31, 2025.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the conversations around housing.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and have staff support consultations with developers on improving housing in an open call to ensure no one is excluded.

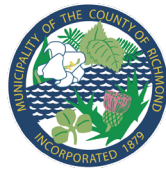
Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital**

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 write a letter of support for the purchase of a CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital site to the Minister of Health, and cc'd to MLA/Minister Trevor Boudreau and the Strait Richmond Hospital Foundation.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and move the discussion of some financial support towards the purchase of a CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital to the 2025/2026 budget deliberations.

Motion carried.



**The Committee discussed the Eastern Counties Regional Library's request for the allocation of funding for the St. Peter's Hub project to be included in the Municipality's 2025/2026 annual operating budget.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the request for the allocation of funding for the St. Peter's Hub project to be included in the Municipality's 2025/2026 annual operating budget.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the Eastern District Planning Commission operating estimates for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.**

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 EDCPC operating estimates, deferring them to budget deliberations.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the Multi-Party First Nations and Municipal Agreement.**

Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and enter into the CBREN funding agreement for a four (4) year period, with a two (2) year notice of withdrawal.

Motion carried with three (3) in favor and two (2) opposed. (Nay: Councillor Brian Marchand)

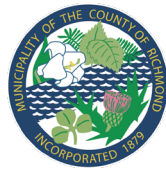
**The Committee discussed the Richmond Arena.**

Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the Richmond Arena discussion to budget deliberations.

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 March 2025.

Motion carried.



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

**The Committee discussed the Council Procedural Policy regarding the recording of no votes.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and amend and adopt the Council Procedural Policy with the change to Section 16(g) by adding the following words after the first sentence. "Votes in opposition shall be recorded to include the name of the member of Council".

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

### **Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible (IDEA) Committee**

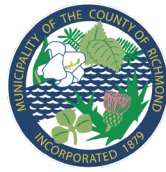
**The Committee discussed the IDEA plan refresh reports for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.**

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible Advisory Committee and approve the IDEA Plan Refresh Report as presented, and FURTHER MOVED that a copy of the report be sent to the province.

Motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council adopt the IDEA Committee Report for March 2025.

Motion carried.



### **Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee**

**The Committee discussed planning new areas to have two-lane roadways with turning areas suitable for fire apparatus and provisions for water supply planning.**

Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and have staff investigate specific private road standards for the subdivision bylaw that takes into account serviced/unserviced areas, number of lots, and the process for making roads public, based on best practices across the province.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the update from developers.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and, based on initial conversations with developers in the County, reach out to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) to ask for some reflection on the fact that Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is repeatedly seen as ineffectual among rural developers.

Motion carried.

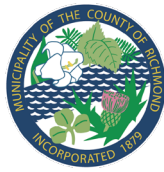
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and conduct an open process to engage with developers to determine ways the municipality can support housing development.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the request for the sale of municipal property, PID 78178905.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and deem property PID 78178905 as surplus property.

Motion carried.



Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council rescind the motion to deem property PID 78178905 as surplus property due to a typo in the PID number.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and deem property PID 75178905 as surplus property.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed the request for the sale of municipal property, PID 75029892.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and deem property PID 75029892 as surplus property.

Motion carried.

**The Committee discussed lot size restrictions and technology for on-site sewage for unserved areas.**

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and have staff investigate lot size restrictions and technology for on-site sewage to allow more flexibility in the creation of lots in unserved areas for the purposes of advocacy and to spur housing development.

Motion carried.

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council adopt the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee Report for the month of March 2025.

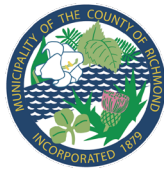
Motion carried.

**Motion to Adopt, Re:**

- a) 2025-2026 Grants Policy

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council adopt the 2025-2026 Grants Policy as presented.

Motion carried.



**Motion to Approve First Reading, Re:**

- a) Amendments to the Land Use By-Laws for West Richmond, Central Richmond, Isle Madame, St. Peter's, and Richmond County to reduce the variance appeal period from 21 days to 14 days to align with the Municipal Government Act.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council give first reading approval for the amendments to the Land Use By-Laws for West Richmond, Central Richmond, Isle Madame, St. Peter's, and Richmond County to reduce the variance appeal period from 21 days to 14 days to align with the Municipal Government Act and FURTHER MOVE that staff schedule a public hearing.

Motion carried.

**New Business**

- a) ABCC Citizen Appointee Vacancies

Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Brian Marchand, that Council direct staff to advertise the list of current vacancies and allow them to list vacancies as they arrive going forward.

Motion carried.

- b) Flood Hazard Mapping Project

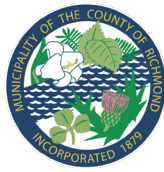
Moved by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, seconded by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, that Council approve and authorize staff to enter into the agreement with the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Municipal Flood Line Mapping Program.

Motion carried.

- c) Climate Risk Assessment and Prioritized Adaptation Plan Project

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that Council pursue Option One (1) in the staff memo, to approve and upload onto the FCM website a signed letter confirming our in-kind contributions to the project as outlined in the package, Council resolution letter, and to attend online education sessions and update information as required.

Motion carried.



*(Resolution attached)*

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Municipality of the County of Richmond directs staff to apply for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation initiative for A Climate Risk Assessment and Prioritized Adaptation Plan for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

### **Correspondence**

a) **Action Required**

- i. Letter from Rose Merrick, Chair of the River Bourgeois Community Services Society, regarding a request for MOCR to provide funding in the yearly budget for the power/base lights at the River Bourgeois Lighthouse.

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Deputy Warden Brent Sampson, that Council refer this issue to staff for further investigation.  
Motion carried.

b) **For Information Purposes**

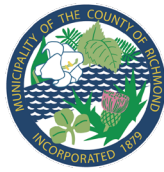
- i. Letter from Strait Area Chambers of Commerce regarding the Strait Area Collaborative Housing Initiative.
- ii. Letter from Hon. John Lohr, Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs, regarding the municipality's request for the property assessment cap to be applied to all Nova Scotians who have lost their homes due to disaster.
- iii. Letter from Hon. John Lohr, Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs, regarding the mandatory Code of Conduct training for all local elected officials in Nova Scotia.

### **Unfinished Business**

a) Recommendation from the Special Meeting of Council

Moved by Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, seconded by Councillor Shawn Samson, that Council have staff investigate the method of payment we are using to receive marketing levy payments from businesses in Richmond County.

Motion carried.



**Review of Action Items**

- a) Action Items List  
For information only.

**Items Added to the Agenda**

n/a

**Question Period:** There were no questions.

**Adjournment**

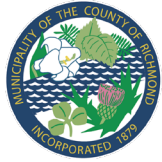
There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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Municipal Clerk

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Chairperson



## Resolution

**Whereas** the Municipality of the County of Richmond has the following interest:

- To create a world-class, dynamic Hazard, Risk, and Vulnerability Assessment using cutting-edge technology, and;
- To create a prioritized, risk-based climate adaptation plan that reflects the unique characteristics of our municipality, and;
- To ensure the diversity of our people, our economy, our culture, and our environment are protected through risk-informed planning, operations, and emergency management, and;
- To complete the above with no capital nor ongoing costs, and to do so in a manner that enables discretionary sharing with other municipalities so as to explore common experiences and adaptation opportunities that build tomorrow's resilience, today.

**Whereas** the Municipality of the County of Richmond seeks to undertake "A Climate Risk Assessment and Prioritized Adaptation Plan for the Municipality of the County of Richmond in coordination with thirteen other municipalities across Nova Scotia and Newfoundland & Labrador, all of whom are partnering with McAllister & Craig Disaster Management for highly technical project elements and technical expertise.

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the Municipality of the County of Richmond directs staff to apply for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation initiative for A Climate Risk Assessment and Prioritized Adaptation Plan for the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

Signed at Arichat, Nova Scotia on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Lois Landry, Warden



## **Committee of the Whole Report April 2025**

The Committee met on April 8, 2025.

### **The Committee discussed the CAO Success Plan.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and refer the CAO Success Plan to the By-Law/Policy Committee for review.

### **The Committee discussed the financial request for support from the Senior Take Action Coalition.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the financial request for support from the Senior Take Action Coalition to our budgeting process.

### **The Committee discussed the Nova Scotia Community Solar Program.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and send a letter of support to the Minister of Energy for the proposed Community Solar Projects in Richmond County.

### **The Committee discussed property PID 75178905.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and rescind the motion made at the March 25, 2025, Regular Council meeting to deem property PID 75178905 as surplus property.

### **The Committee discussed the Acting Collectively Project's final report.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the *Acting Collectively Project-Richmond County Community Profile Report* as presented.



**The Committee discussed staff appointments for the Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC).**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the list of appointments for staff positions at EDPC, as proposed by the Director, John Bain; effective immediately.

- Building Inspectors: André Samson and Sean Donovan  
Assistant Building Inspector: Todd Samson  
Alternates: David MacKenzie, Jonathan Martin and Luke Ross
- Development Officer: Andrew Jones  
Alternates: John Bain; Brendan MacDonald; Kristen Scanlan and Mikayla Tait  
Assistant Development Officers: Todd Samson; Heike Bruckner and André Samson
- Fire Inspectors: André Samson and Todd Samson  
Alternates: S. Donovan; D. MacKenzie; J. Martin and L. Ross
- Dangerous or Unsightly Premises  
Administrators: Sean Donovan and John Bain  
Alternates: Todd Samson, Luke Ross and André Samson
- Special Constables: Building/Fire Codes, Dangerous or Unsightly Premises, Land Use By-laws  
Sean Donovan and Jonathan Martin

These appointments stay in place so long as they are employees of the Commission or until they are replaced by new appointments.

**The Committee discussed the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) funding applications.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and support the applications to the province's Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) for the Arichat Water Systems Upgrade Project and the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Expansion Engineering Project.



**The Committee discussed the grant applications from the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia and Raising the Village Cooperative Limited.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer both grant applications until after the budget process has been completed.

**The Committee discussed the Government of Nova Scotia Non-resident Deed Transfer Tax increase.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and send a letter to Premier Tim Houston outlining these concerns and to encourage a reconsideration of the policy change and/or to consider at least making the change apply only to properties with existing dwellings, not land that could be developed into homes, and include 'out-of-country' rather than 'out-of-province,' and that family transactions involving land and/or transfers be included in the list of exemptions.

*(Councillor Amanda Mombourquette's memo attached)*

**The Committee discussed the Spike Fund.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and direct staff to investigate whether such a program could be feasible in Richmond County.

**The Committee discussed the request for a letter of support from the Strait Richmond Health Care Foundation.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and write a letter of support to the Strait Richmond Health Care Foundation for the purchase of a CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital.

**This concludes the Committee of the Whole Report for the month of April 2025, and I move its adoption.**

**MEMO TO:** Richmond County Council

**MEMO FROM:** Councillor Amanda Mombourquette, District 4

**DATE:** April 8, 2025

**RE:** Deed Transfer Tax Increase from 5% to 10%

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## Background

The Provincial Deed Transfer Tax (PDTT) applies to all residential properties or portion of property deemed residential with 3 dwelling units or less, including vacant land considered to be residential property. A residential property is one that is used, or intended to be used, for residential purposes.

The PDTT is a 5% tax levied on the purchase price or the assessed value of property (whichever is greater).

Effective April 1, 2025, the PDTT rate for **non-residents** will be increased from 5% to 10%. This change affects all Agreements of Purchase and Sale signed after March 31, 2025, and other transfers after March 31, 2025, without an Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

## Potential Negative Impacts

1. Decline in Real Estate Investment
  - Non-residents will be **less likely to invest in Nova Scotia**, reducing demand for vacant land and homes.
  - Fewer property sales mean **slower market activity**, which could hurt property values over time.
2. Stalled Residential Development
  - With higher upfront costs, many potential buyers may **choose not to invest**, leading to fewer new homes being built, contradicting the goal of addressing Nova Scotia's **housing shortage**.
  - If someone transfers property (cottages, family homes, etc) to family outside of Nova Scotia (children, grandchildren, parents, etc), then those family members will get hit with the 10% PDTT as well. It also impacts non-resident parents who are co-owners with their children (example of a first-time buyer having their parents help them purchase). Overall, this is a disincentive for people with family ties here to move/retire back home in the future and does not support our provincial **population growth** goal.
3. Job Losses & Economic Decline in Rural Areas
  - Less demand for land and new housing means **fewer jobs for local contractors, skilled tradespeople, and suppliers**. The subsequent reduction in opportunities for skilled tradespeople could negatively impact the ability to develop more journeypersons and apprentices.
  - Small businesses—builders, surveyors, well drillers, septic installers, and material

suppliers—will **lose business**.

- Rural economies partially **depend on new home construction** to stay viable.

#### 4. Unfair Double Standard Between Property Types

- **Resource-assessed land** remains taxed at only **1.5%**, allowing large non-resident landowners to continue buying up massive tracts of land with minimal tax burden.
- Meanwhile, non-residents buying **smaller, build-ready lots** are penalized with a 10% tax—**discouraging the very type of investment that creates housing**.

#### 5. Local Economic Impact

- Non-resident buyers don't just purchase land—they spend money in Nova Scotia on local services, trades, furniture, appliances, materials, groceries, fuel, dining, tourism, and many other goods and services. Chasing away these buyers means **fewer people spending money in the province**.
- This will not only impact the ability of non-residents to invest in our communities, but will also impact the investment confidence of the contractors and any business that is part of the supply chain, resulting in an **overall reduction in investment**.

#### 6. Sends a Negative Message About Nova Scotia's Business Climate

- A sudden tax hike sends a message that Nova Scotia is **not investment-friendly**. Not only would government be putting the "NO" firmly in Nova Scotia, but they would also be developing a **reputation for treating newcomers and investors unfairly**.
- Future investors—whether in real estate, business, or industry—may hesitate to commit to the province due to **concerns about unpredictable government policies**.

### **Recommendation**

I recommend that Municipal Council send a letter to Premier Tim Houston outlining these concerns and encouraging a reconsideration of this policy change and/or to consider making this change apply **only to properties with existing dwellings**, not land that could be developed into homes. I further recommend that we bring this matter to the attention of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for potential advocacy.



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

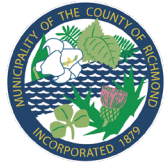
**April 2025**

The Committee met on April 8, 2025.

**The Committee discussed receipt of donations for policy development.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and refer the policy for donations to staff for a report on the feasibility of moving forward with a draft policy.

**This concludes the monthly report of the By-Law/Policy Committee for the month of April 2025, and I move its adoption.**



## **Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee Report**

**April 2025**

The Committee met on April 1, 2025.

### **The Committee discussed the exploration of changes to zoning by-laws that support secondary and backyard suites**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and direct staff to explore what other municipalities have in place for zoning for these units, and the advantages and disadvantages to different options.

### **The Committee discussed the letter from Hon. John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding the maximum setback for commercial wind turbines.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and refer these new setbacks to staff to investigate any potential by-law changes that may be required.

### **The Committee discussed the letter from Darren Boudreau regarding the pre-blast inspection of his home for the new long-term health care facility.**

I move that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and direct staff to reach out to the appropriate department to register our concern and to find out if there are either alternative options or a full explanation of the safety measures put in place to protect the municipal water reservoir and local residents.

**This concludes the monthly report of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee for the month of April 2025, and I move its adoption.**

**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE WEST RICHMOND LAND USE BY-LAW  
FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND**

The West Richmond Land Use By-law for the Municipality of the County of Richmond is hereby amended  
by:

1. Part 2: “Administration” of the Land Use By-law is hereby amended by replacing the following text in strikethrough with the text in bold:

***Variances***

15. Where the Development Officer has granted or refused a variance in the requirements of this Bylaw, notification of the variance shall be served upon all assessed property owners as follows:
  - a) entitled in the manner prescribed by Sections 232-237 of the Municipal Government Act;
  - b) such notice shall be served ordinary mail;
  - c) where a variance is granted, a property owner served a notice may appeal the decision to the Council within ~~twenty-one~~ **fourteen (14)** days after receiving the notice; and
  - d) where a variance is refused, the applicant may appeal the refusal to council within seven days after receiving notice of the refusal, by giving written notice to the clerk who shall notify the development officer.

This is to certify that the resolution of which this is a true copy, was duly passed at a duly called meeting of the Council for the Municipality of the County of Richmond held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

Given under the hand of the Chief Administrative Officer and under the corporate seal of the said Municipality this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Troy MacCulloch, CAO

**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE CENTRAL RICHMOND LAND USE BY-LAW  
FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND**

The Central Richmond Land Use By-law for Municipality of the County of Richmond is hereby amended by:

1. Part 5 “Variances” of the Land Use By-law is hereby amended by replacing the following text in strikethrough with the text in bold:

**PART 5 – VARIANCES**

3. Where the Development Officer has granted or refused a variance in the requirements of this Bylaw, notification of the variance shall be served upon all assessed property owners as follows:
  - a) entitled in the manner prescribed by Sections 232-237 of the Municipal Government Act;
  - b) such notice shall be served ordinary mail;
  - c) where a variance is granted, a property owner served a notice may appeal the decision to the Council within ~~twenty-one~~ **fourteen (14)** days after receiving the notice; and
  - d) where a variance is refused, the applicant may appeal the refusal to council within seven days after receiving notice of the refusal, by giving written notice to the clerk who shall notify the development officer.

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Troy MacCulloch, CAO

**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE ST.PETER'S LAND USE BY-LAW  
FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND**

The St.Peter's Land Use By-law for the Municipality of the County of Richmond is hereby amended by:

1. Part 2: "Administration" of the Land Use By-law is hereby amended by replacing the following text in strikethrough with the text in bold:

**VariANCES**

13. Where the Development Officer has granted or refused a variance in the requirements of this Bylaw, notification of the variance shall be served upon all assessed property owners as follows:
  - e) entitled in the manner prescribed by Sections 232-237 of the Municipal Government Act;
  - f) such notice shall be served ordinary mail;
  - g) where a variance is granted, a property owner served a notice may appeal the decision to the Council within ~~twenty-one~~ **fourteen (14)** days after receiving the notice; and
  - h) where a variance is refused, the applicant may appeal the refusal to council within seven days after receiving notice of the refusal, by giving written notice to the clerk who shall notify the development officer.

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Given under the hand of the Chief Administrative Officer and under the corporate seal of the said Municipality this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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Troy MacCulloch, CAO

**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE ISLE MADAME LAND USE BY-LAW  
FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND**

The Isle Madame Land Use By-law for the Municipality of the County of Richmond is hereby amended by:

1. Part 2: “Administration” of the Land Use By-law is hereby amended by replacing the following text in strikethrough with the text in bold:

***Variances***

13. Where the Development Officer has granted or refused a variance in the requirements of this Bylaw, notification of the variance shall be served upon all assessed property owners as follows:

- i) entitled in the manner prescribed by Sections 232-237 of the Municipal Government Act;
- j) such notice shall be served ordinary mail;
- k) where a variance is granted, a property owner served a notice may appeal the decision to the Council within ~~twenty-one~~ **fourteen (14)** days after receiving the notice; and
- l) where a variance is refused, the applicant may appeal the refusal to council within seven days after receiving notice of the refusal, by giving written notice to the clerk who shall notify the development officer.

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Troy MacCulloch, CAO

**A BYLAW TO AMEND THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND LAND USE BY-LAW  
FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF RICHMOND**

The Municipality of the County of Richmond Land Use By-law for the Municipality of the County of Richmond is hereby amended by:

1. Section 4.9: “Variances” of the Land Use By-law is hereby amended by replacing the following text in strikethrough with the text in bold:
  - 4.9.3 Where the Development Officer has granted or refused a variance in the requirements of this Bylaw, notification of the variance shall be served upon all assessed property owners as follows:
    - (a) entitled in the manner prescribed by Sections 232-237 of the *Municipal Government Act*;
    - (b) such notice shall be served ordinary mail;
    - (c) where a variance is granted, a property owner served a notice may appeal the decision to the Council within ~~twenty-one~~ **fourteen (14)** days after receiving the notice; and
    - (d) where a variance is refused, the applicant may appeal the refusal to council within seven days after receiving notice of the refusal, by giving written notice to the clerk who shall notify the development officer.

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Troy MacCulloch, CAO



April 14, 2025

Electronic Mail

Attn: Warden, CAO, and Council  
2357 Highway 206  
PO Box 120  
Arichat, Nova Scotia, B0E 1A0

**Re: Funding Request for Strait Area Transit**

Dear Warden, CAO, and Council,

I am writing on behalf of Strait Area Transit to request continued financial support for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

The Municipality of the County of Richmond contributed \$100,000.00 to Strait Area Transit in the 2024-25 fiscal year, which is greatly appreciated. This contribution has allowed Strait Area Transit to continue providing much needed services to the residents of Richmond County who greatly depend on the public transportation we provide. Strait Area Transit is requesting that The Municipality of the County of Richmond consider contributing the same amount of \$100,000.00 for the 2025-26 Fiscal Year.

Strait Area Transit has seen significant growth in the usage of our services in the past few years. We look forward to continued usage growth in this new fiscal year, which would not be possible without the significant financial support that The Municipality of the County of Richmond provides.

**Strait Area Transit**, 902-625-1475, [director@satbus.ca](mailto:director@satbus.ca)  
47 Paint St. Unit 24 Port Hawkesbury, NS B9A 3J9



I genuinely appreciate your consideration of our funding request and would be happy to provide any information or answer any questions you may have. You can reach me at [director@satbus.ca](mailto:director@satbus.ca) or 902-625-1475.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

Nichole Briand

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nichole Briand". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "N" and "B".

General Manager  
Strait Area Transit

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April 10, 2025

**Via Email:** [lois.landry@richmondcounty.ca](mailto:lois.landry@richmondcounty.ca)

Warden Lois Landry  
Municipality of the County of Richmond

**Re: Adapting the Additional Officer Program**

Dear Warden Landry,

I am writing to inform you of the forthcoming adaptation of the Additional Officer Program (AOP), which is being instituted to better align with the ongoing and evolving challenges in policing in Nova Scotia.

In 2007, the Nova Scotia Department of Justice inaugurated the AOP to provide financial support to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and municipal police agencies for the remuneration and benefits of police officers to address evolving public safety concerns. This funding was designed to support the establishment of Street Crime Enforcement Units (SCEU), School Safety Resource Officers (SSRO), and specialized units focused on forensic identification and major crimes. Initially branded as “Boots on the Street”, the program aimed to enhance police visibility and bolster public confidence in law enforcement, particularly in relation to the investigation of illegal drugs, proceeds of crime, thefts, assaults, and child pornography.

The Department of Justice, Public Safety and Security Division (PSSD) has conducted a comprehensive review of all factors influencing both the present and future state of organized crime responses. Consultations with Nova Scotia Chiefs of Police and RCMP senior leadership have been undertaken in this regard.

The AOP is now entering the transition planning stage with the objective of modernizing the program to reflect the contemporary context of policing. The current funding level of approximately \$17 million will be maintained and we will adequately analyze how to best utilize this investment in collaboration with police agencies. We are confident that these changes will enhance the efficacy of the AOP and better serve the needs of our communities.

Please be advised that the police leaders in your jurisdiction have been engaged throughout the review of the AOP and have been updated on the intended transition at the Provincial Executive Committee

meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

We will continue to provide you with updates on this work as it progresses. I appreciate your cooperation and support as we collaboratively strive to enhance public safety and security in Nova Scotia. Should you have any inquiries or require further clarification, please contact Hayley Crichton at [Hayley.Crichton@novascotia.ca](mailto:Hayley.Crichton@novascotia.ca).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Druhan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Becky Druhan  
Attorney General and Minister of Justice

cc: Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Troy MacCulloch, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of the County of Richmond  
Juanita Spencer, Chief Executive Officer, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities



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April 14, 2025

Mayor Pam Mood  
President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities  
Suite 1304, 1809 Barrington Street  
Halifax, NS B3J 3K8  
Via email: [mayor.mood@townofyarmouth.ca](mailto:mayor.mood@townofyarmouth.ca)

Dear President Mood:

Under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs must provide to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities 12-months' notice of any provincial legislation, regulation, or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities. This letter is intended to provide notice of such changes for fiscal year 2026-2027 and beyond.

The Department of Municipal Affairs (DMA) canvassed all provincial departments to seek information on plans for legislative, regulatory, and policy changes in the coming fiscal year. Below you will find a summary of the results of that process.

**Department of Justice**

"H" Division Royal Canadian Mounted Police Annual Multi-Year Financial Plan

The 'H' Division (Nova Scotia) Royal Canadian Mounted Police have provided the Department of Justice with the annual Multi-Year Financial Plan (MYFP), that reflects the organization's budget requests for the next fiscal year, and strategic planning for subsequent years. Based on the 2025-26 MYFP, and provincial approvals, the total financial impact for the new Provincial Police Service Agreement to Municipalities is \$8 million.

Biological Casework Analysis Agreement

Biological Casework Analysis Agreement provides municipalities with DNA analysis arising from criminal investigations. Costs will be determined upon the release of the "Total Uniform Assessment" by DMA.

**Department of Intergovernmental Affairs**

Procurement Thresholds and Free Trade Agreements

As noted in previous years, under our trade policy responsibilities, Intergovernmental Affairs advises that there are procurement thresholds under several free trade agreements that could impact municipalities.

Every two years, Global Affairs Canada updates its thresholds for covered procurements under the Canada-Europe Trade Agreement (CETA), the Canada-UK Trade Continuity Agreement (TCA) and the Canada Free Trade Agreement (CFTA). Municipal procurements are covered under these obligations. All procurements above the thresholds must be publicly tendered unless subject to an exemption.

The threshold values in Canadian dollars for the period of January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025, are as follows:

FTA	Goods	Services	Construction
CFTA	<b>Province</b>		
	\$33,400	\$133,800	\$133,800
	<b>Municipalities and MASH</b>		
	\$133,800	\$133,800	\$334,400
CETA/TCA	<b>Crowns, Utilities, etc.</b>		
	\$668,800	\$668,800	\$6,685,000
	<b>Province, Municipalities and MASH</b>		
	\$353,300	\$353,300	\$8,800,000
CFTA	<b>Crowns</b>		
	\$627,200	\$627,200	\$8,800,000
	<b>Utilities, etc.</b>		
	\$706,700	\$706,700	\$8,800,000

Sincerely,

Honourable John A. Lohr  
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Copy to: Juanita Spencer



April 15, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

As Warden of Richmond County, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Brela Homes and its plans for expansion, including the development of a new facility and the growth of its workforce and automation capabilities.

Brela Homes has become an important contributor to our local economy and a key player in addressing one of our region's most pressing challenges—housing. Their commitment to constructing affordable, energy-efficient, and accessible housing units directly supports the needs of our residents, both within Richmond County and in the surrounding communities.

We recognize Brela Homes not only for the quality of their work, but also for their broader vision. Their plans for growth will bring meaningful investment, skilled employment opportunities, and long-term capacity to support sustainable development in our region. These efforts align closely with our *Strategic Plan Refresh* document, particularly our objective to encourage housing development across the housing continuum.

Support for Brela Homes is support for a stronger, more inclusive future for our community. I urge all levels of government to consider the value and impact of this initiative as they evaluate funding opportunities.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you require further information.

Sincerely,

Lois Landry, Warden  
Municipality of the County of Richmond

cc: Councillors, Municipality of the County of Richmond  
Troy MacCulloch, CAO, Municipality of the County of Richmond



# ACTION LIST 2022-2025

Over 6 mos

Complete

In Progress

Pending

Ref. #	Action Item	Date	Responsible	Time Frame	Status
118	<b>Committee Terms of Reference</b> /Refer the Terms of Reference for council committees that have members of the public to the By-Law/Policy Committee for review. With a focus on member terms, code of conduct, and the onboarding of new members.	11-28-2022	CAO / Municipal Clerk	Immediate	In Progress
148	<b>Lighthouse Heritage Properties</b> / that staff explore funding options for the support of interpretive panels for lighthouse heritage properties on Isle Madame and FURTHER MOVE that staff contact the proponent to inquire on the progress of the project.	2-27-2023	CAO & Cllr M. Diggdon	Immediate	PENDING
396	<b>Canada Post rural mail service interruptions</b> / that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole to have staff invite a representative from Canada Post to a future meeting of Council for discussion on the rural mail service interruptions.	06-24-2024	CAO/Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Pending
400	<b>Climate Emergency Planning</b> / that Council refer to staff to commence a review and further update our climate action plan with the assistance of EDPC staff, through the lens of coastal protection and emergency management planning and FURTHER MOVE to have staff work with a Provincial Funding Navigator to investigate any funding opportunities that could be applied for such as the Green Municipal Fund (FCM) and the Community Capacity Grant (Province).	06-24-2024	CAO	Immediate	In Progress
405	<b>Multi-Party First Nations and Municipal Agreement</b> / Council unanimously agreed to defer the Multi-Party First Nations and Municipal Agreement to a future meeting and to invite Tyler Matheis, CEO of Cape Breton Partnership, to engage in further discussion.	06-24-2024	CAO	Immediate	Complete
414	<b>Grant request from Lisa Dewolf for the Type 3 – Recreation/Sponsorship Grant Funds for Instructor/Facilitator Development in the amount of \$447.50</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
415	<b>Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Nova Scotia to proclaim September 23-29<sup>th</sup> as Right to Know Week in the County of Richmond</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
416	<b>October 1, 2024, as Seniors for Climate Day in the County of Richmond</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
417	<b>Request from Amy Wagg for English-Gaelic Boundary Signage in the County of Richmond</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	CAO	Immediate	Complete
418	<b>Request to write off taxes for property AAN 02913135, owned by Donald Frost, which was destroyed by fire</b> /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.	09-23-2024	Revenue Manager	Immediate	Complete
419	<b>Request to write off taxes for property AAN 04126068, owned by James White, which was destroyed by fire</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	Revenue Manager	Immediate	Complete
420	<b>Request to write off taxes for property AAN 06373917, owned by Colton Gillis &amp; Keisha Morrison, which was destroyed by fire</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	Revenue Manager	Immediate	Complete

421	<b>Grant request from the Seniors Take Action Coalition for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$9,400</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
422	<b>Mapping for ESC and VFD's</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	CAO/ESC	Immediate	Complete
423	<b>Provincial road re-opening/maintenance</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	Warden	Immediate	Complete
424	<b>Sub-division planning with EDPC</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	CAO/ EDPC	Immediate	Complete
425	<b>Previous decisions to remove West Bay Road VFD from meetings</b> / 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.	09-23-2024	ESC	Immediate	Complete
426	<b>Strait Area Transit, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws</b> / that Council approve the amendments to the Strait Area Transit Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as presented.	09-23-2024	Municipal Council	Immediate	Complete
427	<b>Receipt of Donations Policy</b> / that Council refer the Receipt of Donations Policy to the By-Law/Policy Committee for further investigation and discussion.	09-23-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
428	<b>Taxi Liscence</b> / that Council approve the request for Willy's Taxi to operate a taxi in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.	09-23-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
429	<b>Taxis By-law</b> / that Council refer the Taxis By-Law to the By-Law/Policy Committee for review.	09-23-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
430	<b>Communications related to the municipal election</b> / that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the Strategic Communications Plan to the By-law/Policy Committee for the purpose of incorporating communications related to the municipal election	11-25-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
431	<b>Good Neighbour Project proposal</b> / that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to refer the Good Neighbour Project proposal to staff for further investigation	11-25-2024	CAO	Immediate	Complete
432	<b>Members of Council ABCC appointments</b> / that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the Committee Matrix with the changes as discussed.	11-25-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
433	<b>Low Income Tax Exemption Program Policy</b> / that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to extend the deadline for applications to the Low Income Tax Exemption Program Policy to February 28, 2025, for this year only.	11-25-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
434	<b>Royal Canadian Legion Br. 150 grant request for the Type 1, Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000.</b> / that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the grant request from the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 150 for the Type 1 Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000, pending the submission of their balance sheet; and FURTHER MOVE that the funds be allocated as follows: \$1,000 from District 1 Funds, \$1,000 from District 2 Funds, and \$3.000 from the Regional Funds.	11-25-2024	Department of Finance	Immediate	Complete
435	<b>Acadiaville Community Centre Society grant request for the Type 2 Start-up Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$500.</b> / that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve the grant request from the Acadiaville Community Centre Society for the Type 2 Start-up Activity Grant Funds in the amount of \$500 and be allocated from the District 2 Funds.	11-25-2024	Department of Finance	Immediate	Complete
436	<b>Isle Royale ATV Club's request for a letter of support</b> / that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have the Warden prepare a non-monetary letter of support for the Isle Royale ATV Club regarding the Capelin Cove Wilderness Area as outlined in the request.	11-25-2024	Warden	Immediate	Complete

437	<b>Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre's request for letters of support/</b> that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have the Warden prepare letters of support for the Dr. Kingston Memorial Community Health Centre for their application to the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia Visions Fund Grant and the Age-Friendly Communities Grant Program as outlined in the request.	11-25-2024	Warden	Immediate	Complete
438	<b>Contact information/</b> that the Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to have staff investigate the use of generic email addresses and landline phone numbers for members of Council.	11-25-2024	Technology Specialist	Immediate	Complete
439	<b>New Code of Conduct/</b> that the By-Law/Policy Committee recommend to Council to adopt the new Code of Conduct for Elected Officials as mandated by the Province by the following resolution (see Nov 25/2024 Regular Council minutes)	11-25-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
440	<b>Second Reading Approval/</b> that council give second reading approval to the amendment to the West Richmond, Central Richmond, Isle Madame, St. Peter's, and Richmond County Land Use ByLaws (5 motions, see Nov 25, 2024 Regular Council Minutes)	11-25-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
441	<b>Registered Mail/</b> that Council refer the matter of registered mail to Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee	11-25-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
442	<b>International Day of Persons with Disabilities Proclamation/</b> that Council approve the proclamation to proclaim December 3 as International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the Municipality of the County of Richmond.	11-25-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
443	<b>Appointment of Investigator for the new Code of Conduct/</b> that Council appoint Noal Landry of EMM Law as the interim investigator for the complaint and investigation process under the Code of Conduct for Elected Officials of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.	11-25-2024	CAO	Immediate	Complete
444	<b>Citizen Appointments /</b> that Council accept the recommendation from Committee of the Whole and appoint Dorothy Booher to the IDEA Committee for a 5-year term, Robbin Cotton and Robert Wambolt to the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee, both for 5-year terms, Stacey Morrison to the RCMP Advisory Board for a 5-year term, Cindy Walker to the Destination Cape Breton Association Board for a 3 year term; and FURTHER MOVE that Council direct staff to advertise any remaining vacancies to ABCCs.	12-16-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
445	<b>Destination Cape Breton Association (DCBA) /</b> that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole and designate Destination Cape Breton Association as the administrator of the Marketing Levy for Richmond County.	12-16-2024	CAO	Immediate	Complete
446	<b>DCBA /</b> that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole and direct the CAO to request the financial statements for the past four years from the Destination Cape Breton Association.	12-16-2024	CAO	Immediate	Complete
447	<b>Deer Population /</b> to have staff contact the Department of Natural Resources and Renewables to inquire about what program(s) are in place to manage the deer population in Richmond County and report back to council.	12-16-2024	CAO	Immediate	In Progress
448	<b>Approved Fire Equipment Reallocation/</b> that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole and accept the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Funding Memo from the Emergency Services Coordinator.	12-16-2024	Municipal Council	Immediate	Complete
449	<b>Property AAN 04127455 which was damaged by fire/</b> that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole and write off the taxes for property AAN 04127455 owned by Rodney Samson, which was completely destroyed by fire, in the amount of \$400.69, which represents taxes on the dwelling only from August 7, 2024, to March 31, 2025.	12-16-2024	Revenue Manager	Immediate	Complete
450	<b>Invitation to joint the Rural Region 1 Solid Waste Committee/</b> that Council accept the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole and have the Director of Public Works and one member of Council, pending selection, attend the Rural Region 1 Solid Waste Committee meetings.	12-16-2024	Municipal Council	Immediate	Complete
451	<b>Recruitment of Volunteer Firefighters /</b> that Council accept the recommendation from the Fire Protection Services Committee and have municipal staff meet with the Volunteer Fire Departments to discuss advertising in the Richmond Reflection for the recruitment of volunteer firefighters in Richmond County.	12-16-2024	ESC	Immediate	Complete

452	<b>Electric Vehicles</b> / that Council refer this item to staff to investigate the feasibility of gradually integrating more EVs into our public fleet vehicles, looking at it from a perspective of both GHG reduction and saving taxpayers dollars.	12-16-2024	CAO	Immediate	Complete
453	<b>Exploration of a Joint Management and Planning Committee for the Point Tupper Heavy Industrial Park</b> / that Council authorize staff and Council team to work with the Province and Invest NS on how a Joint Management and Planning Committee for the Point Tupper Heavy Industrial Park could work.	12-16-2024	CAO	Immediate	In Progress
454	<b>Village of St. Peter's guarantee request for the Community Hub Project/</b> that Council approve a loan guarantee in the amount of \$206,000 for the purpose of the Village of St. Peter's Community Hub Renovation Project.	12-16-2024	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
455	<b>Alzheimer Awareness Month/</b> that Council approve the proclamation as presented.	12-16-2024	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
456	<b>Destination Cape Breton Association financial documents/</b> 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.	1-28-2025	CAO	Immediate	Complete
457	<b>Proclamation request from Jennifer Enright of the Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network/hat</b> 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.	1-28-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
458	<b>Isle Madame New Horizon Senior Citizens Club for the Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5000.00/</b> hat 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.	1-28-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
459	<b>Richmond Boxing Club for the Type 4 – Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000/</b> 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.	1-28-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
460	<b>Travel and Expense Policy - Re-adoption</b> / that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and re-adopt the Travel and Expense Policy.	1-28-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
461	<b>Hospitality Expense Policy - Re-adoption</b> / hat Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and re-adopt the Hospitality Expense Policy.	1-28-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
462	<b>Holy Guardian Angels Parish grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5000</b> / 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.	1-28-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
463	<b>Whiteside Church Preservation Society grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000</b> / that Council defer the Whiteside Church Preservation Society grant request to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.	1-28-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
463	<b>Role of caregivers who participate on the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible Advisory Committee/</b> 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.	1-28-2025	Warden	Immediate	Complete
464	<b>Crime Stopper decals at appropriate locations in Richmond County/</b> 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.	1-28-2025	CAO	Immediate	Complete
465	<b>Sgt. Brad Kelly's initiative to organize a Town Hall meeting with residents and local law enforcement/</b> 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.	1-28-2025	CAO	Immediate	Complete

466	<b>River Tillard to St. Peter's 3km Trail/</b> 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.	1-28-2025	Warden	Immediate	Complete
467	<b>Multi-Use Facility Feasibility Study /</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the Multi-Use Facility Feasibility Study as presented.	02-25-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
468	<b>Richmond Arena's under-ice surface refrigeration system/</b> 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 compression system and report back to Council.	02-25-2025	Director of Public Works/CAO	Immediate	Complete
469	<b>Planning variance notification procedure/</b> 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.	02-25-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
470	<b>Atlantic Hydrogen Alliance membership/</b> 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.	02-25-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
471	<b>Property assessment caps and homes destroyed by fire or other disaster/</b> 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.	02-25-2025	Warden	Immediate	Complete
472	<b>Acadiaville Community Centre Society for the Type 3 - C3 Sponsorships Grant Funds in the amount of \$500/</b> 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	02-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
473	<b>Coastal Riders ATV Club for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$3,050./</b> 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.	02-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
474	<b>Whiteside Church Preservation Society for the Type 4-Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$5,000./</b> 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.	02-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
475	<b>2019 Code of Conduct Policy/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and repeal the 2019 Code of Conduct Policy.	02-25-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
476	<b>Recommendations from In Camera, Re: Committee Appointments/</b> that Council appoint Donna Dittrick to the IDEA Committee and Clifford Boudreau to the Recreation Advisory Committee.	02-25-2025	Director of Community Development and Recreation	Immediate	Complete
477	<b>Private Road Curbside Collection Requests Policy/</b> hat Council refer the Private Road Curbside Collection Request Policy to the By-Law/Policy Committee for review.	02-25-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
478	<b>Letter from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Re: New Fiscal Challenges/</b> 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.	02-25-2025	Warden	Immediate	Complete
479	<b>Isle Madame Boat Club for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Grant Funds in the amount of \$20,000./</b> hat 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.	02-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
480	<b>Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the funding request from Cape Breton South Recruiting for Health to budget deliberations.	03-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
481	<b>2025 Heavy Collection/</b> the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to proceed with the 2025 Heavy Collection at an estimated cost of \$175,000 (net HST rebate), with the funds to be allocated in the 2025/26 budget.	03-25-2025	Director of Public Works	Immediate	Complete

482	<b>Strait of Canso Clean Fuels Domestic Use Strategy/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and, based on the 82% leveraging of funds and the opportunity to maximize the benefit for local residents in building a hydrogen economy here in the region, fund the project at \$24,250 from the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget if there is room, otherwise to fund it from the 2025/2026 fiscal year budget.	03-25-2025	Manager of Energy Sector	Immediate	In Progress
483	<b>Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill Expansion/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and authorize staff to proceed with the expansion of the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill, with construction subject to budget approval. & that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and proceed with the engineering work and studies on or after April 1, 2025, at an estimated cost of \$275,000 (exclusive of HST), with the funding to be allocated from CCBF funds.	03-25-2025	Director of Public Works	Immediate	In Progress
484	<b>St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$2,645.00/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds application back to staff for further information.	03-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
485	<b>St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the St. Peter's-Grand River-Loch Lomond Pastoral Charge grant request for the Type 1-Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$1,520.00, with the funds to be allocated from the District 4 Funds.	03-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
486	<b>D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for the Type 1 - Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$5,000.00/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society grant request for the Type 1- Infrastructure Funds in the amount of \$5,000.00, with the funds to be allocated as follows: \$520.00 from the District 2 Funds, \$500.00 from the District 1 Funds and \$3,980.00 from the Regional Funds.	03-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
487	<b>Richmond Rize Volleyball Association grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$9,919.83/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the Richmond Rize Volleyball Association grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$4,500.00, with the funds to be allocated as follows: \$1,020.00 from the District 1 Funds and \$3,480.00 from the Regional Funds.	03-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
488	<b>St. Louis Parish Council grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$2,000.00/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and approve the St. Louis Parish Council grant request for the Type 4 - Regional/Health/General Funds in the amount of \$2020.00, with the funds to be allocated from the District 3 Funds.	03-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
489	<b>Request from a resident regarding flags/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and suspend the MOCR Flag Policy, permitting the Canadian Flags to be flown, from the day after St. Patrick's Day until March 31, 2025.	03-25-2025	CAO	Immediate	Complete
490	<b>Conversations around housing/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and have staff support consultations with developers on improving housing in an open call to ensure no one is excluded.	03-25-2025	CAO/Warden	Immediate	Complete
491	<b>CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and have the Warden write a letter of support for the purchase of a CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital site to the Minister of Health, and cc'd to MLA/Minister Trevor Boudreau and the Strait Richmond Hospital Foundation & CT Scanner for the Strait Richmond Hospital	03-25-2025	Warden	Immediate	Complete
492	<b>Eastern Counties Regional Library's request for the allocation of funding for the St. Peter's Hub project to be included in the Municipality's 2025/2026 annual operating budget/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the request for the allocation of funding for the St. Peter's Hub project to be included in the Municipality's 2025/2026 annual operating budget.	03-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
493	<b>Eastern District Planning Commission operating estimates for the 2025/2026 fiscal year/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and accept the EDPC operating estimates, deferring them to budget deliberations.	03-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
494	<b>Multi-Party First Nations and Municipal Agreement/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and enter into the CBREN funding agreement for a four (4) year period, with a two (2) year notice of withdrawal.	03-25-2025	CAO/Warden	Immediate	Complete
495	<b>Richmond Arena/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and defer the Richmond Arena discussion to budget deliberations.	03-25-2025	Director Finance	Immediate	Complete

496	<b>Council Procedural Policy regarding the recording of no votes/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the By-Law/Policy Committee and amend and adopt the Council Procedural Policy with the change to Section 16(g) by adding the following words after the first sentence. "Votes in opposition shall be recorded to include the name of the member of Council"	03-25-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
497	<b>IDEA plan refresh reports for the Municipality of the County of Richmond/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Inclusive, Diverse, Equitable, Accessible Advisory Committee and approve the IDEA Plan Refresh Report as presented, AND FURTHER MOVED that a copy of the report be sent to the Province.	03-25-2025	Director of Community Development and Recreation	Immediate	Complete
499	<b>Request for the sale of municipal property, PID 75178905/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and deem property PID 75178905 as surplus property.	03-25-2025	Revenue Manager	Immediate	Pending
500	<b>Request for the sale of municipal property, PID 75029892/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and deem property PID 75029892 as surplus property.	03-25-2025	Revenue Manager	Immediate	In Progress
501	<b>Lot size restrictions and technology for on-site sewage for unserved areas/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and have staff investigate lot size restrictions and technology for on-site sewage to allow more flexibility in the creation of lots in unserved areas for the purposes of advocacy and to spur housing development.	03-25-2025	CAO	Immediate	In Progress
502	<b>ABCC Citizen Appointee Vacancies/</b> that Council direct staff to advertise the list of current vacancies and allow them to list vacancies as they arrive going forward.	03-25-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
503	<b>Flood Hazard Mapping Project/</b> that Council approve and authorize staff to enter into the agreement with the Department of Municipal Affairs for the Municipal Flood Line Mapping Program.	03-25-2025	CAO	Immediate	Complete
504	<b>Climate Risk Assessment and Prioritized Adaptation Plan Project/</b> that Council pursue Option One (1) in the staff memo, to approve and upload onto the FCM website a signed letter confirming our in-kind contributions to the project as outlined in the package, Council resolution letter, and to attend online education sessions and update information as required.	03-25-2025	ESC	Immediate	In Progress
505	<b>Letter from Rose Merrick, Chair of the River Bourgeois Community Services Society, regarding a request for MOCR to provide funding in the yearly budget for the power/base lights at the River Bourgeois Lighthouse/</b> that Council refer this issue to staff for further investigation	03-25-2025	Director of Public Works	Immediate	In Progress
506	<b>Methods of payment for the marketing levy/</b> that Council have staff investigate the method of payment we are using to receive marketing levy payments from businesses in Richmond County.	03-25-2025	Director of Finance	Immediate	Complete
507	<b>2025-2026 Grants Policy/</b> that Council adopt the 2025-2026 Grants Policy as presented.	03-25-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
508	<b>First Reading Approval-Amendments to the Land Use By-Laws for West Richmond, Central Richmond, Isle Madame, St. Peter's, and Richmond County to reduce the variance appeal period from 21 days to 14 days to align with the Municipal Government Act/</b> that Council give first reading approval for the amendments to the Land Use By-Laws for West Richmond, Central Richmond, Isle Madame, St. Peter's, and Richmond County to reduce the variance appeal period from 21 days to 14 days to align with the Municipal Government Act and FURTHER MOVE that staff schedule a public hearing.	03-25-2025	Municipal Clerk	Immediate	Complete
509	<b>Update from Developers - Engage Developers/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and conduct an open process to engage with developers to determine ways the municipality can support housing development.	03-25-2025	CAO/Warden	Immediate	Complete
510	<b>Update from Developers - Letter to NSFM/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and, based on initial conversations with developers in the County, reach out to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) to ask for some reflection on the fact that Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is repeatedly seen as ineffectual among rural developers.	03-25-2025	Warden	Immediate	Complete
510	<b>Planning new areas to have two-lane roadways with turning areas suitable for fire apparatus and provisions for water supply planning/</b> that Council accept the recommendation of the Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee and have staff investigate specific private road standards for the subdivision bylaw that takes into account serviced/unserved areas, number of lots, and the process for making roads public, based on best practices across the province.	03-25-2026	CAO	Immediate	In Progress