

RICHMOND COUNTY WARDEN'S



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SPOTLIGHT ON COMMITTEES

Planning Advisory/Heritage Committee

This committee, often called the PAC, helps guide planning and development in Richmond County through our land-use bylaws and municipal planning documents. These responsibilities are assigned to Council under the *Municipal Government Act* and are intended to support healthy, vibrant communities while balancing economic development, sustainability, and community needs.

The Committee includes all five Councillors and two members of the public. We typically meet on the first Tuesday of each month, although meeting dates may change depending on the agenda and reports being considered.

As summer comes to a close, I hope everyone has a chance to enjoy the wonderful fall season here in Richmond County. In addition to the many festivals and events that filled July and August, this summer also brought Census takers into our communities as they worked to complete *Census 2026*.

One issue we heard about from Census workers was the difficulty locating some homes because civic numbers were missing or not clearly visible. While that can be an inconvenience for deliveries and visitors, in an emergency it can become a serious safety concern.

I learned that firsthand two years ago when my son had to be rushed to hospital. It was a sickening feeling to have an emergency responder stationed at the top of my driveway to make sure the ambulance didn't drive past because our civic number wasn't clearly displayed.

For less than \$50, we purchased a civic number sign from *Fleur-de-Lis Signs* and placed it at the recommended height—about 4 to 6 feet—and 10 to 15 feet from the road. A good civic number sign is reflective and clearly visible day or night.

If your civic number isn't easy to see from the road, please consider making it a small fall project. It's a simple step that could make a very big difference when every second counts.

Until next time, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns:

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DID YOU KNOW...

Richmond County Council has expanded its **Volunteer Recognition Program**. In addition to *Volunteers of the Month*, we now celebrate *Volunteer Organizations* and those volunteers no longer with us through *In Memoriam* Recognition.

RICHMOND COUNTY COUNCIL

MOTIONS OF COUNCIL IN AUGUST

Council conducts its business by making and voting on motions at Regular or Special Council meetings. Each motion clearly outlines a proposed action, and once approved by a majority vote, it becomes an official decision of Council.

Though we do not have regularly scheduled meetings in July and August, Council met on August 18 to attend to items that came up through the summer.

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL ...

- Approve the Warden to sign the **Collective Bargaining Agreement** between the Municipality of the County of Richmond and the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, Local 161, that will be in effect until March 31, 2029.
- Give second reading approval to the amendments to the **Marketing Levy By-law** number 60, as presented.
- Rescind the motion passed on May 28, 2026, approving \$5,000 from the *Strategic Initiatives Fund* for Destination Cape Breton's **Port Hastings Visitor Information Centre** proposal for a collaborative operating model, as Destination Cape Breton has advised that the funds are no longer required due to the Province declining the proposal.
- Allocate \$2,500 from the *Strategic Initiatives Fund* toward the St. Peter's and District Volunteer Fire Department's **Emergency Boat Launch** on the ocean-side of the St. Peter's Canal.
- Approve the **D'Escousse Civic Improvement Society** grant request in the amount of \$7,500.
- Approve the **St. Peter's Community Club, on behalf of the Nicolas Denys Museum**, grant request in the amount of \$7,500.
- Approve the **South Mountain Arm of Gold Community Association** grant request in the amount of \$1,000 (contingent on securing a second quote).
- Approve the **St. Peter's Pirates Association** grant request in the amount of \$1,000.
- Approve the request from GenWell and proclaim September 18 to 20, 2026, as **GenWell Weekend**.
- Accept (by general consent) the invitation to **meet with the Hon. Derek Mombourquette, MLA for Sydney-Membertou**, Nova Scotia Liberal Critic for Municipal Affairs, to discuss municipal priorities, opportunities, and challenges.

... MOTION CARRIED