

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Minutes of Meeting
May 17, 2010

1. A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held in the Civic Centre Boardroom on Monday, May 17, 2010 at the hour of 5:45 P.M.
2. Present were Mayor W.J. MacLean; Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall; Cl'rs J. King, M. MacIver, K. Anderson; Director of Finance, D. MacEachen; Director of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, J. Pyke; Director of Public Works, J. MacNeil; Town Solicitor, L. Evans and J. Davis, Chief Administrative Officer.
3. Mayor MacLean called the meeting to order.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

4. Dave Ryan - Gallery presentation.
5. Dave Ryan made a presentation to Council on water usage at his house at Nova Court.
6. Dave Ryan agreed to check the meter.
7. It was agreed to supply Mr. Ryan with the dates read for the last 2 years.

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

8. John Bain made a video presentation on a dangerous and unsightly premises on MacInnis Road.
9. Based on clean up attempts John Bain felt another thirty days should be given to Standard Auto Glass. An adjoining property owner was out of the country and would appreciate the extension as he has been encroached upon with some of this debris.
10. It was agreed to give another 30 days.
11. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MACDOUGALL TO GIVE ANOTHER 30 DAYS TO STANDARD AUTO GLASS OWNER JAN ROOYAKKERS TO CLEAN UP THE PROPERTY. MOTION CARRIED.
12. Mr. Bain continued with a video presentation of properties on south Granville Street. Two properties, PID # 5015349 property and PID # 50151331 and 50166826 property have to be named in any action taken. John Bain stated he will obtain google and or microsoft overlay air photos over property lines to determine what debris is on each property.
13. John Bain stated he will issue an order.
14. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MAC DOUGALL TO PROCEED WITH COURT ORDER. MOTION CARRIED.

STRAITVIEW STREET

15. Council agreed that Jim Davis, CAO and John Bain meet with Mr. & Mrs. Chafe to discuss land issues and use of turning circle only and will not be able to develop a subdivision on that basis.

STRAIT APARTMENTS

16. MOVED BY CL'R M. MAC IVER, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE OWNER OF STRAIT APARTMENTS TO REQUEST DOUBLE HIS PICKUP FROM ONCE A WEEK TO TWICE A WEEK. MOTION CARRIED.

RCMP

17. Cpl. Jamie Green distributed his report to Town Council classified by incident type.
18. Cpl. Green noted his annual performance for 2010/2011 will be 1) driving offences 2) increase in traffic enforcement 3) education 4) interacting with youth 5) drug enforcement.

PUBLIC WORKS
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

19. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MACDOUGALL TO ACCEPT THE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

20. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY DEPUTY MAYOR H. MACDOUGALL TO ACCEPT THE AQUATICS REPORT AND THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.
21. Jim Pyke commented on a Lion's Club HRDC employment application of \$51,483 offered \$38,148. The matter to be followed up by Jim Pyke.
22. Mayor MacLean gave an overview of the Lion's Club project and that the RDA is preparing a plan for submission to funding bodies.

FINANCE AND POLICY ISSUES

23. MOVED BY CL'R M. MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO THE THE FINANCE AND POLICY PORTION OF THE MEETING 1) POOL, 2) P.H. HIGHLAND DANCE, 3) STRAIT RICHMOND HEALTH CARE. MOTION CARRIED.

TAX ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT REQUESTS

24. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON TO APPROVE BUSINESS OCCUPANCY TAX ADJUSTMENTS FOR TAX ACCOUNTS # 7196059, 9294627, 10016436 AND 7965133. MOTION CARRIED.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO OPERATING RESERVE

25. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF 330 K FROM THE REVENUE FUND TO THE OPERATING RESERVE. MOTION CARRIED.

TAX RELIEF REQUEST

26. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING THAT WE ADVISE THE OWNER OF PROPERTY TAX # 1405829 THAT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED THROUGH ASSESSMENT ADJUSTMENTS OF 75% THROUGH THE PVSC. MOTION CARRIED.

LEGION

27. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER THAT WE GRANT \$500 TOWARDS THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION "SHOW AND SHINE CAR SHOW". MOTION CARRIED.

CELTIC COLORS

28. MOVED BY CL'R M. MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING TO CONTRIBUTE \$5,000 TOWARDS CELTIC COLORS INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL WHEREAS THEY ARE ONCE AGAIN HAVING THE GRAND OPENING AT THE CIVIC CENTRE. MOTION CARRIED.

CAPE BRETON PARTNERSHIP

29. MOVED BY CL'R M. MACIVER, SEC'D BY CL'R J. KING THAT WE CONTRIBUTE \$250.00 TOWARDS THE CAPE BRETON PARTNERSHIP 2010 NEXT GENERATION FUNDRAISER. MOTION CARRIED.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR POLICY

30. Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall agreed with parts of the policy suggested that the proposed scoring system be revamped. Take another look at the scoring system, he suggested.

31. MOVED BY CL'R K. ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER TO APPROVE THE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR POLICY AS PRESENTED. DEPUTY MAYOR H. MACDOUGALL VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

POOL CONTRIBUTIONS

32. Mayor MacLean advised Town Council that Richmond County has indicated they will contribute \$20,000 this year and will look at next year for another increase.

33. Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall requested to meet with staff and Mayor reference new pool fees as it relates to the Swim team.

34. Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall brought up the matter of swim team approaching him on the matter.

35. Mayor MacLean noted we are awaiting a response from Inverness County and once we know the committment we can have a meeting in this regard.

DONATION HIGHLAND DANCING

36. MOVED BY CL'R J. KING, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER TO CONTRIBUTE \$250.00 TO THE PORT HAWKESBURY HIGHLAND DANCING ASSOCIATION. MOTION CARRIED.

STRAIT RICHMOND HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

37. It was agreed to table the request from the Strait Richmond Health Care Foundation until it is determined what our neighboring Municipal Units are contributing.

38. Deputy Mayor H. MacDougall brought up the matter of fire lanes. Fire lanes are required in certain areas and situations and he asked if the Director of Planning and the Fire Chief could meet to review the requirements and to determine if they are being met.

JUDO CLUB

39. The letter from the Judo Club for the use of the racquet ball courts was reviewed. It was agreed that as an interim measure Council would like to assist the club by allowing the use of the racquet ball court.

40. MOVED BY CL'R K.ANDERSON, SEC'D BY CL'R M. MACIVER TO PERMIT THE JUDO CLUB THE USE OF ONE RACQUET BALL COURT AT A COST OF \$400 PLUS HST MONTH AND THAT CIVIC CENTRE STAFF BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE HANDLING OF THE MATS AS TIME PERMITS. MOTION CARRIED.

41. MOVED TO RECESS "IN CAMERA" AT 8:00 PM TO DEAL WITH A PERSONNEL MATTER.

42. Reconvened from "In Camera" at 8:10 PM.

43. MOVED BY CL'R J.KING, SEC'D BY CL'R K. ANDERSON TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RETIREMENT OF THE CAO NOTING THAT HIS LAST DAY OF WORK WILL BE NOVEMBER 2, 2010. MOTION CARRIED.

44. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

DATE

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:
A.MACDONALD