

RICHMOND COUNTY WARDEN'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the first edition of this monthly newsletter.

This newsletter is intended to keep residents informed about what is happening around Richmond County's Council table.

Each edition will feature two sections:

- **Spotlight on Committees:** This section will highlight one or more Council committees, including their purpose, how often they meet, and who serves on them.
- **Motions of Council:** This section will summarize key decisions made at Regular and Special Council meetings. Routine items, such as approving minutes, will not be included. Instead, the focus will be on decisions that reflect Council's work on behalf of residents.

Clear communication with residents is a priority for Council. While social media can be a useful tool, it does not always ensure that important information reaches everyone. This newsletter is another way to share updates in a straightforward and accessible format.

If you have suggestions for future editions, please feel free to reach out:

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SPOTLIGHT ON COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole

Under Nova Scotia's *Municipal Government Act*, a Committee of the Whole is simply Council meeting as a committee, with all Councillors present and participating. It allows Council to review issues in more detail, ask questions, and have open discussion before making final decisions. While it can consider and recommend actions, formal decisions must still be approved at a Regular Council meeting. This approach helps improve understanding of complex matters and supports more informed decision-making.

Richmond County's Committee of the Whole meetings are held from September to June on the second Tuesday of the month.

DID YOU KNOW...

Richmond County has a new **VOYENT ALERT** system that provides residents with access to lifesaving information in times of emergencies. Reach out to the Municipal Office for more information or take a look at our website: richmondcounty.ca under the *Emergency Management* tab.

RICHMOND COUNTY COUNCIL

MOTIONS OF COUNCIL IN APRIL

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.

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT COUNCIL ...

- Proceed with the Cost-Shared Program for the paving of Forgeron Road in West Arichat.
- Authorize staff to proceed with execution of a new agreement with the *Richmond County Truckers* for shipments to Guysborough and Edwardsville.
- Accept the *Eastern District Planning Commission* staff appointments (e.g., Fire Inspectors, etc.).
- Refer the **Marketing Levy By-law** to the *By-law/Policy Committee*.
- Proclaim May as *Lyme Disease Awareness Month*.
- Refer the **Credit Card Policy** to the *By-law/Policy Committee*.
- Adopt the **Dry Fire Hydrants Policy**.
- Adopt the **2026-2027 Grants Policy**.
- Repeal the existing **Road Name Change Policy** and refer the development of a new **Road Name Change Policy** to the *Bylaw/Policy Committee*.
- Refer to “days” and not “business days” consistently in our policies.
- Direct staff to provide a staff report by the end of January 2027, on alternative ways to structure tipping fees at our *Municipal Solid Waste Facility*.
- Adopt the *Audit Committee* **Terms of Reference**.
- Extend the coverage area of the *Louisdale and District Volunteer Fire Department* to include all areas west to the Richmond County Line, effective July 1, 2026.
- Authorize the Warden to join as a signatory to letters from the *Strait Area Chiefs, Mayors, and Wardens Committee* to federal and provincial officials regarding the need for additional housing for students and residents’ concerns about lack of cellular service in the region.

... MOTION CARRIED