

Municipal Council Meeting
March 6, 2017
1:30 pm

A meeting of municipal council was held on Monday March 6, 2017 at 1:30 pm at the Port Hastings Fire Hall with the following in attendance:

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Councillor Laurie Cranton
Councillor John MacLennan
Councillor John Dowling
Councillor Jim Mustard

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO
Ellen Murphy, Council Recorder
Garett Beaton, Dir/Public Works
Tanya Tibbo, Dir/Finance & Tax
Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor
Andrew Jones, EDPC

Media: Grant MacDaniel, Reporter
Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Brendan Shaunessy, 1015 the Hawk

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:25 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 6, 2017

Moved by John MacLennan
Seconded by Alfred Poirier
Carried

That the minutes of the municipal council meeting of February 6, 2017, be approved

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising

First reading of the Port Hastings Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law from Residential (R-1) to Mixed Use Commercial(C-1) also from Residential (R-1) to Rural Mixed Use (RM-1)

**Moved by Councillor Dowling
Seconded by Councillor MacLennan
Motion carried.**

Public Hearing

Andrew Jones, EDPC, presented the relevant information with the proposed amendments of PID #50177302 and PID #50001775 from R-1 Residential to C-1 Mixed Use Commercial and PID # 50189257 from R-1 Residential to RM-1 Rural Mixed Use

Warden MacQuarrie asked if the clerk's office or Eastern District Planning had received any written documentation on the rezoning. There were none.

Warden MacQuarrie then asked if there were any oral presentations. Patricia MacQuarrie spoke on behalf of the proposed change to PID 50189257 to permit accessory agricultural usage. She is now retired and she wants to erect 2 greenhouses and a utility barn near her home for a small business.

Second reading of the Port Hastings Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law from Residential (R-1) to Mixed Use Commercial(C-1) also from Residential (R-1) to Rural Mixed Use (RM-1)

Moved by Councillor Dowling
Seconded by Councillor MacLennan
Motion carried

Presentation by Alicia Lake and Jim Mustard – Pan CB Food Hub
People are able to sign up on the website to be a consumer, there are various drop offs through the county, a group of 20 is what's needed to get it started in a community, producers don't have to go more than 30 mins to drop off merchandise, Star Trucking moves merchandise at a low price. There is a proposal submitted to the province for more funding.

COMMITTEES

CDC – March 1, 2017

Moved by Councillor Mustard
Seconded by Councillor Dowling
Carried

Policy – March 1, 2017

Moved by Councillor Mustard
Seconded by Councillor Dowling
Carried

Correspondence

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie read a proclamation submitted by the Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia. A photo was taken by Debbie Tobin, Executive Director of the association, with councillors and staff wearing the purple ribbons sent in by the association.

Appointments were accepted for the Eastern District Planning Commission in a motion from Councillor MacLennan and seconded by Councillor Dowling, motion carried.

Councillor Dowling read a letter he received from Veteran's Memorial Park asking for a donation. This matter was referred to the next audit committee meeting in a motion by Councillor MacLennan and seconded by Councillor Dowling, motion carried.

Municipal Volunteer night will be celebrated on April 26, 2017 at St. Peter's Parish Hall in Port Hood. The provincial celebration is April 19 in Halifax. The successful volunteer from Inverness County is Bernard G MacDonald from Mabou who will be honored at the ceremony in Halifax.

The Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere is asking that council nominate a member to sit ex-officio on the BLBRA board of directors. A meeting is being held on Friday Feb 17, 2017 in Ross Ferry community hall and then on March 17, 2017 in Iona.

Petitions and Resolutions

Councillor Cranton

- Meeting with Geoff MacLellan, Minister of Transportation, scheduled for Tuesday March 7 at 11:00 in Whycomomagh fire hall
- Spoke of road issues in his district and how is getting a number of calls. Arsenault Hill and Fordview both have wash outs and freezing which is dangerous for buses and residents. Temporary fixes are done but he would like to see a permanent solution. Maybe a moratorium could be put on twinning highways in the province to put funds into some maintenance and/or look at tolls.
- Going to ask the minister in tomorrow's meeting what is the time line on fixing the Cranton Crossroad bridge

Councillor Mustard

- Early Years training is scheduled for March 9 & 10 in Wagmatcook. Funding has been secured.
- SAT plan review is being held at the Civic Centre at Shannon Studio in Port Hawkesbury on Wed. March 8 at 7pm
- Meeting March 13 at 3 pm to discuss the discoloration of Inverness water after a leak was recently repaired. Proposal needed for funding for Inverness water.
- Jim St. Clair contacted councillor Mustard regarding the promotion of four wooden churches in the county this year since it is the 150th anniversary of Canada.
- Congratulations to Ben Cowan-Dewar on be selected as the chair for Destination Canada

Declaration

In the One NS " Now or Never" report the vision is stated as:

"Our governments, our strategic institutions in education, health and social services and out community organizations will be efficiently structured and aligned to shared goals for economic growth, social and cultural advancement and environmental sustainability."

The Municipality of the County of Inverness, as part of their collective efforts to work towards this vision, do hereby declare, on March 6, 2017, a 4 –year moratorium on any reduction of services or infrastructure pertaining to education, health and wellness and community services.

In light of our aging population and the opportunity to repopulate our region, we all need to work together and ensure our communities are attractive and welcoming places to grow up, have families and grow old in.

This moratorium recognizes the time needed and respectful role of the Municipality of the County of Inverness and its many business, community organizations and public sector partners to collectively identify and align our strategic priorities across the four sustainability pillars in order to make wise investments that will improve our collective health and prosperity in the new economy.

Councillor Poirier

- The stormy weather has made garbage collection in Pleasant Bay difficult. Could there be more of an effort to make sure collection takes place after storms occur?
- The old Stedman’s building is becoming an eyesore. Could Cyril LeBlanc check out the safety of the building and could there be an unsightly

Councillor MacLennan

- Whycocomagh Volunteer Fire Department is looking for a loan guarantee of \$117,000 to replace a 1987 truck. It will cost \$300,000 in total with the cab and chasis coming from Canso Ford. ECCU needs a letter from municipal affairs to guarantee. A motion was made by Councillor MacLennan and seconded by Councillor Poirier that the loan be approved in the amount of \$117,000, motion carried

Councillor Dowling

- When the weather is bad could it be announced on the radio that there is no garbage collection?
- There are updates coming from Bell in the next couple of weeks. Eastlink and Seaside updates are coming also.
- Terry Surette is asking if there could be a crosswalk be put in across Highway 4 in front of the Hearthstone Inn for guests and staff going. The posted speed limit is 70 km/h but traffic goes much faster. A letter will be sent to Bernie Murphy, Dept of Transportation for an assessment to be done.

Councillor MacQuarrie

Purple Day for Epilepsy Proclamation

Whereas Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world, and

Whereas Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine year old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone, and

Whereas epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, and more than 300,000 people in Canada, and

Whereas the public is often unable to recognize the common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid, and

Whereas Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally,

I therefore proclaim March 26, 2017 Purple Day in Nova Scotia, in an effort to raise epilepsy awareness everywhere.

Council adjourned on a motion made by Councillor MacLennan and seconded by Deputy Warden Poirier at 3:25pm