

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Building in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

Warden Duart MacAulay  
Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie  
Councillor Gloria LeBlanc  
Councillor Dwayne MacDonald  
Councillor Alfred Poirier  
Councillor Jim Mustard

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO  
Eveylena Gillis, Council Recorder  
Garett Beaton, Dir/Public Works  
Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran  
Adam Cook, Reporter

**CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Duart MacAulay called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc**  
**Carried.**

**That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of March 7, 2016, be approved.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Page 5 – Food Security Committee – Agriculture Land Use Committee – Councillor Mustard** advised that an Agriculture Land Use Committee will be set up in the near future.

**AUDIT – MARCH 7, 2016**

**Moved by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier**  
**Carried.**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of March 7, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – MARCH 7, 2016**

**Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard  
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald  
Carried.**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Emergency Management Committee meeting of March 7, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**AUDIT – MARCH 18, 2016**

**Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald  
Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier  
Carried.**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of March 18, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MARCH 18, 2016**

**Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard  
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc  
Carried.**

**Resolved that the minutes of the CDC meeting of March 18, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL**

Followup correspondence was received from the Minister of Transportation with respect to the East Margaree Road and Cranton Crossroads Bridge.

**Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc  
Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier  
Carried.**

**That correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation requesting a definitive answer as to what has been decided as far as repair work on the Cranton Crossroads Bridge and on the East Margaree Road.**

**COST SHARED PAVING ON MACKENZIE AVENUE INVERNESS**

**Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard  
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald  
Carried.**

**That the proposed cost shared estimate from Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal for paving of MacKenzie Avenue in Inverness be accepted.**

**GAELIC AWARENESS MONTH**

**Moved by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie  
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard  
Carried.**

**That the month of May be declared “Gaelic Awareness Month”.**

**PRE-APPROVAL OF DEBENTURE ISSUANCE – MUNICIPAL FINANCE CORP.**

**Moved by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie  
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard  
Carried.**

**That pre-approval of the debenture issuance in the amount of 1.8 million dollars with the Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation be approved.**

**APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION – MUNICIPAL FINANCE CORP.**

**Moved by: Councillor Alfred Poirier  
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc  
Carried.**

**That the Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount of 1.8 million be approved.**

**PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Councillor Jim Mustard –**

**Housing Consultations – One further meeting has to be held in District #6.**

**Crosswalk in Inverness** – Councillor Mustard asked that a meeting be set up with Bernie Murphy, TIR, to discuss crosswalks in Inverness.

**Pan Cape Breton** – Councillor Mustard attended a Pan Cape Breton meeting and funding is being addressed.

**Councillor Dwayne MacDonald** –

**Councillor Steve Sampson** – Councillor MacDonald expressed support for Councillor Sampson.

**Port Hastings Community Ballfield** – The ballfield in Port Hastings is closing and they are requesting an update of their tax account.

**Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal – Gravel Roads** – Councillor MacDonald asked that a letter be forwarded to TIR requesting repair work of the pavement at the bottom of Kings Road at Pleasant Hill.

**Mountain View Drive** – Councillor MacDonald asked that the information with regard to the paving of this road be provided again to the residents.

**MACDONALD DRIVE – CREIGNISH**

**Moved by:** Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

**Seconded by:** Councillor Alfred Poirier

**Carried.**

**That an assessment be carried out by the engineer of the work carried out on this road and provide a cost estimate for paving.**

**Councillor Gloria LeBlanc** -

**Proposed Quarry in Grand Etang** – Councillor LeBlanc questioned whether an environmental assessment has been carried out at this location. Joe O'Connor advised that in conversation with the Dept. of Environment an assessment has been carried out on the property and they feel that with proper management of the quarry there would be no effect to the brooks.

**North East Margaree Heritage River** – Councillor LeBlanc expressed appreciation to Pierre Chiasson for his work over the past years on the Margaree River.

**UNSIGHTLY PREMISES – GRAND ETANG**

**Moved by:** Councillor Gloria LeBlanc

**Seconded by:** Councillor Alfred Poirier

**Carried.**

**That a request be forwarded to Mr. Arnold Dithurbide for information on the progress of the work carried out to date on this property after which the extension to December, 2016, be reviewed.**

**Councillor Alfred Poirier –**

**Arthur Muise –** Councillor Poirier expressed condolences to the family of Arthur Muise.

**Gravel Roads –** Councillor Poirier expressed concern with the condition of the gravel roads in his district and would also like some discussion on J Roads when representatives from TIR meet with Council.

**Daniel Boudreau – Presentation to Council –** Councillor Poirier advised that Daniel Boudreau would like to make a presentation to Council with regard to the Southern Gulf & Marine Park. Councillor Poirier will contact Mr. Boudreau.

**Provincial Park – Cheticamp –** Councillor Poirier advised that a meeting is being held in Cheticamp to discuss the discovery of house foundations where excavating is being carried out in the park.

**Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie –**

**Destination Cape Breton Tourism Day –** Several Inverness County residents received awards at the Tourism Day event at the Gaelic College.

**Gravel Roads –** There are a number of gravel roads in District #5 that need repair work.

**Sarah Beaton –** A thank you note was received from Sarah Beaton for the plaque she received from the County on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Port Hood Government Wharf –** Deputy Warden MacQuarrie asked that a meeting be set up with the community of Port Hood to discuss the Port Hood Government Wharf.

**Water Supply – Mabou –** Garrett Beaton will provide a report on the monitoring being carried out on the Mabou Water at the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Deputy Warden MacQuarrie that meeting adjourn.**

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