

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2015  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 1:30 pm at Port Hastings Fire Hall with the following in attendance:

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

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO  
Debbie Nicholson, Council Recorder  
Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENTATION BY DAVID WHEELER, PRESIDENT OF CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY**

Guest David Wheeler provided a power point presentation highlighting the following:

- Entrepreneurship → being open for business
- Strategic entrepreneurship action plan → startups, innovation
- Rural – urban immigration strategy for Cape Breton

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That the minutes of the March 2, 2015, Municipal Council meeting be approved.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

**Moved by: Councillor Gloria Leblanc**

**Seconded by:** Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier  
**Carried.**

**That the Heritage Committee be re-established by next meeting.**

**SECOND READING FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE PORT HASTINGS LAND USE BY-LAW TO CHANGE THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STABLES AND BARNES AND TO RE-ZONE THE PROPERTY FROM R-1 TO RM-1, LOCATED AT PID 50189281**

Warden MacAulay advised that a Public Hearing was held previous to Council and the following was recommended:

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

**That the Second Reading for Amendments to the Port Hastings Land Use By-Law to change the special requirements for stables and barns and to re-zone the property from R-1 to RM-1 at PID #50189281 be approved.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FOOD SECURITY**

Councillor Jim Mustard mentioned that immigration for agricultural purposes recommendations were brought forward at the last Food Security Committee meeting.

**ENGAGE CONFERENCE**

Councillor Mustard provided an update re: the April 18<sup>th</sup> Engage Conference.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of March 25, 2015, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Moved by: Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald**  
**Carried.**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of March 25, 2015, 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 COMMITTEE**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the CDC meeting of March 25, 2015, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**VALLEY MILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN GUARANTEE**

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

**That the Loan Guarantee for the Valley Mills Volunteer Fire Department be changed from \$50,000 to \$100,000.**

**STRAIT OF CANSO – HARBOUR BED**

**Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard**  
**Seconded by: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier**  
**Carried.**

**That the Municipality approve the support letter from the Mayors and Wardens in principle but have some concerns with the board structure and the method of appointment of members. It was the feeling that more discussion is required.**

**PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Councillor Dwayne MacDonald**

- That a letter be issued to Transportation and Public Works re: condition of the road in West Bay Road, or invite the deputy minister to meet with Council to discuss the road conditions.

**Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie**

- Road name change – proposal to change an unnamed Private Road to “ Jigs and Reels Lane” located in Hillsboro – forward to EDPC and DOT;
- Letter to Bernie Murphy: follow up re: signage on Route 19 near the Chestico Museum for drivers to slow down;
- Provincial Budget- concerned about recent cuts that will affect Land Registration, Parks, Courts, Gaelic Affairs, Rural and Economic Development and Tourism, and Libraries;
- Congratulations to Inverness County musicians on recent ECMA wins;

**Jim Mustard**

- Very disappointed by recent provincial budget cuts;
- May 12<sup>th</sup> – gathering at CBU re: innovation;
- Cloud application for the Municipality ; if it could go through the ICSP;
- Jim would like to see a timeline re: Inverness Water Softening;

**DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTS**

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

**That Council undertake a contract with an electrician to repair the decorative street lights, and recommend ongoing maintenance for lights in Cheticamp, Inverness, Mabou and Port Hood.**

**Gloria LeBlanc**

- Would like to see roads in her district in better condition such as the Coady Road;

**Alfred Poirier**

- Concerned re: road conditions;
- Robins hearing in Cheticamp, Thursday at 1 pm;
- Volunteer night on Wednesday, thank you to all;
- Crosswalk near national park (at the Motel);
- Last Thursday, Industry Day in Sydney; marketing award for Les Trois Pignons – congratulations!
- Would like to see Cheticamp Golf marketed more – shared focus;

**Council adjourned to a Planning & Advisory Meeting**

**Council re-convened at 3:45 p.m.**

**FIRST READING FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INVERNESS COUNTY LAND USE BY-LAW – WIND TURBINE DEVELOPMENT TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF A DOMESTIC TURBINE SUCH THAT IT IS NOT RESTRICTED TO**

**THOSE WHICH ARE INTENDED PRIMARILY TO REDUCE ON-SITE  
CONSUMPTION OF UTILITY POWER**

**Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard  
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier  
Carried.**

**That the First Reading for Proposed Amendments to the Inverness County Land Use By-law – Wind Turbine Development to change the definition of a domestic turbine such that it is not restricted to those which are intended primarily to reduce on-site consumption of utility power.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Mustard that meeting adjourn.**

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**CLERK**

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**WARDEN**