

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, April 2, 2012, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

Warden Duart MacAulay
Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Councillor Jim Mustard

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO
Eveylena Gillis, Council Recorder
Wayne MacMillan, Solicitor

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Duart MacAulay called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the April 2, 2012, Municipal Council meeting be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

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Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Carried.

That the response from Solicitor MacIsaac be tabled for review with Council and members of the public.

MARKETING LEVY BY-LAW

Warden MacAulay advised that the First Reading of the Marketing Levy By-Law took place at the March 5th Council meeting and the By-Law has been circulated to Council for review.

Warden MacAulay invited comments from the public.

Paul Gallant on behalf of the Economic Council of Cheticamp, Les Trois Pignons and the Inverness County Cultural Centres provided support for the implementation of a Marketing Levy.

Geraldine Bourgeois on behalf of the Pilot Whale Cottages in Cheticamp did not support the Marketing Levy By-Law.

Charlie MacDonald on behalf of the Hebridean Motel and the Hillcrest Inn in Port Hood did not support the Marketing Levy By-Law.

James Power on behalf of the Ocean View Motel and the Pilot Whale Cottages in Cheticamp did not support the Marketing Levy By-Law.

Charlotte Miller on behalf of Strathspey Place in Mabou provided support for the Marketing Levy By-Law.

Warden MacAulay read e-mails from several accommodations in the County who were in support of the Marketing Levy and several who were not in support of the levy.

SECOND READING - MARKETING LEVY BY-LAW

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.
1 Nay Vote (Councillor Daniel Boudreau)

That the Second Reading of the Marketing Levy By-law be approved.

APPROVAL OF POLICIES

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Carried.

That the following policies be approved - 1) Adoption of New Policy; 2) Policy on Honorariums for Citizen Advisory Committees; 3) Municipal Travel Expense Policy; and 4) Amendment to Building Permit Fees Structure Policy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of March 16, 2012, 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 Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of March 21, 2012, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

ELECTIONS NOVA SCOTIA DATA BASE

Joe O'Connor advised that each Municipality in the Province has the option to use the Provincial List of Electors in the upcoming Municipal Election. Mr. O'Connor has reviewed this option with the Returning Officer Dernie Gillis and if this database is used it would eliminate carrying out an enumeration.

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Carried.

That the County enter into an Information Sharing Agreement with Elections Nova Scotia for the use of the Provincial List of Electors.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Followup information was received from the Dept. Of Transportation with respect to previous requests and Councillor LeBlanc will contact Steve MacDonald, Area Manager, with further information regarding her concerns.

NOVA SCOTIA INTERNATIONAL FERRY PARTNERSHIP - YARMOUTH FERRY

A request was received from the Nova Scotia International Ferry Partnership for a financial contribution towards the reinstatement of the Nova Scotia/US Ferry Service.

It was agreed that this information be referred to an Audit Committee meeting.

STRAIT HIGHLANDS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Joe O'Connor provided a questionnaire received from the Dept. Of Economic Development with respect to the service provided by the Strait Highlands Regional Development Agency to its funding partners. Mr. O'Connor will take responses to a CAO's meeting.

Council adjourned for a five minute break

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 2:55 p.m.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ST. JOSEPH DU MOINE/GRAND ETANG WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Councillor LeBlanc requested an update on this wastewater project. Joe O'Connor advised that there are no infrastructure programs at this time and this project will remain #1 on list of priorities.

PROVINCIAL FRACTURING REPORT

Councillor LeBlanc questioned whether we had received the provincial report on fracturing. We have not yet received the report.

FLEET SEPARATION

Deputy Warden Susan Mallette expressed concern with the proposed changes to the Federal Department of Fisheries & Oceans Owner-Operator and Fleet Separation Policies.

Deputy Warden Mallette and Councillor Boudreau agreed to contact local fisheries associations to meet with Council at committee level.

HARBOURVIEW WATER/SEWER PROJECT

On question from Deputy Warden Mallette Joe O'Connor advised that the tender for the upgrade to the sewer treatment plant should be ready to advertise in the near future.

GOVERNMENT WHARF - PORT HOOD

Deputy Warden Mallette expressed concern with the condition of the Government Wharf in Port Hood. Discussion followed in particular with respect to the safety issue. Deputy Warden Mallette and Mr. O'Connor will review the options.

PLEASANT HILL AND KINGS ROAD

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald asked that the Dept. Of Transportation be contacted requesting that the Pleasant Hill sign be replaced.

WOODY CHEDIAC TRAILER

Councillor MacDonald questioned the status of the Woody Chediac Trailer in Long Point and if a building permit was obtained. Mr. O'Connor will discuss this issue with Cyril LeBlanc.

INVERNESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor Mustard provided information with respect to the conceptual plan for waterfront improvements at the Inverness beach by the Inverness Development Association.

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

That a letter of support be forwarded to the Inverness Development Association with respect to the proposed beach improvements at Inverness.

DRAFT DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

A draft District Community Development Fund was distributed to Council for review.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that meeting adjourn to "In Camera".

A motion was made by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Mustard that meeting adjourn to "Open Council".

RECOMMENDATIONS OF "IN CAMERA"

There were no recommendations from "In Camera".

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc that meeting adjourn at 4:35 pm.

CLERK

WARDEN