

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011
1:30 P.M.**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO
 Eveylena Gillis, Council Recorder
 Garret Beaton, Director/Public Works

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
 Matt Raper, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Warden MacAulay called meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY L'ARCHE CAPE BRETON

Warden MacAulay welcomed Jen Power, Ian MacKeigan and Sid Matheson. Jen Power explained that L'Arche Cape Breton has been operating since 1983 and on a daily basis there are approximately 70 people who participate in the various programs. Funding is provided by the Dept. of Community Services for the residents living at the facilities, the residential programs, and taxes on all residential properties but not for any of the day programs or taxes on their commercial properties.

Ms. Power advised that they are struggling to pay the taxes on their commercially assessed buildings and asked that Council review these tax accounts.

PRESENTATION BY CHRIS COOK - DIRECTOR - EAST NOVABILITY

Warden MacAulay welcomed Chris Cook who thanked Council for their contribution to East Novability and reviewed the services they provide. East Novability provides employment and support services to persons with disabilities in the counties of Inverness, Antigonish, Guysborough and Richmond.

Mr. Cook explained that they receive very few referrals from Inverness County and indicated that they would welcome a board member from the northern part of the County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the March 7, 2011, Municipal Council meeting be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE - MARCH 7, 2011

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of March 7, 2011, 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 - MARCH 7, 17 & 28, 2011

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meetings of March 7, 17 & 28, 2011, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

**SECOND READING - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PORT HOOD
MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY**

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

**That the Port Hood Municipal Planning Strategy is hereby amended by:
Adding to Policy C-7: Permit within the Commercial Highway (C-2) Zone the
following and similar types of uses: retail uses including gift shops, hotels, motels and
tourist establishments, restaurants, automobile service stations.**

**Moved by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.**

**That the Port Hood Municipal Planning Strategy is hereby amended by:
Inserting , immediately following Policy C-4:
Policy C-4A: It shall be the policy of Council to establish landscaping
requirements in the Land Use By-Law where a new commercial use in the
Commercial (C-1) Zone abuts an existing residential use.**

**Inserting, immediately following Policy C-8:
Policy C-8A: It shall be the policy of Council to establish landscaping
requirements in the Land Use By-Law where a new commercial use in the
Commercial Highway (C-2) Zone abuts an existing residential use.**

**SECOND READING - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PORT HOOD LAND USE
BY-LAW**

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

That the Port Hood Land Use By-Law is hereby amended by:

**Inserting, the Special Requirements for Part 12, the Commercial (C-1) Zone:
Special Requirement: Landscaping**

- 5. Where a new commercial use in a Commercial (C-1) Zone abuts an existing residential use, landscaping of not less than five (5) feet in height and five (5) foot wide grassy landscaped buffer be installed and maintained along the common lot line.**

Inserting, the Special Requirements for Part 13, the Commercial Highway (C-2) Zone:

Special Requirement: Landscaping

- 3. Where a new commercial use in a Commercial Highway (C-2) Zone abuts an existing residential use, landscaping of not less than five (5) feet in height and a ten (10) foot wide grassy landscaped buffer be installed and maintained along the common lot**

Inserting, the following addition to Part 19, "Definitions"

29 A Landscaping means any combination of trees, shrubs, flowers or other horticultural elements, decorative stonework, paving screening or other architectural elements, all of which are designed to enhance the visual amenity of a property or to provide as a screen between abutting uses in order to mitigate objectionable features between them.

**Moved by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.**

**That The Port Hood Land Use By-Law is hereby amended by:
Adding the following to Part 13, Section 1, C-2 Zone Permitted Uses:
- Automobile Service Stations.**

**NOTICE OF MOTION - DELEGATION APPEARING BEFORE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
POLICY**

**Moved by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.**

**That Municipal Council hereby give Notice of Motion re Delegation Appearing
Before Municipal Council Policy.**

**NOTICE OF MOTION - POLICY 7.1 - VACATION PAY - HOURLY PAID
EMPLOYEES POLICY**

**Moved by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.**

**That Municipal Council hereby give Notice of Motion re Policy 7.1 - Vacation Pay -
Hourly Paid Employees Policy.**

CORRESPONDENCE

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Peters Parish Hall.

Correspondence was received from the Dept. Of Transportation in response to previous requests.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 2:40 p.m.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

HARBOURVIEW SEWER & WATER PROJECT

Councillor Mallette commented on the status of the Harbourview Sewer & Water Project. Joe O'Connor advised that the tenders for the sewer portion of the project should be ready within the next several weeks.

DOGS - CHETICAMP

Deputy Warden LeBlanc and Councillor Boudreau expressed concern with the number of wandering dogs in the Margaree/Cheticamp areas and requested that a notice be placed in the newspaper reminding dog owners to clean up after their dogs.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Moved by: Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Mallette

Carried.

That correspondence be forwarded to the Dept. Of Transportation with the following requests:

- 1) That the sign after the Margaree Harbour Bridge be repaired;**
- 2) That repairs be carried out to the bridge rails on the Cranton Bridge;**
- 3) A time line as to when the repair work to the bridge that was washed out in East Margaree will be carried out;**
- 4) The placement of the sign requested identifying the community Belle Cote - one sign at the Margaree Harbour Bridge and the other sign at the Cape Breton Highlands Academy;**
- 5) The placement of the Moose Signs - 2 signs between Cape Breton Highlands Academy and Murphy's Brook;**

IDA PROJECT

Councillor Mustard advised of the project in the Inverness area which will provide an inventory of

available jobs.

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STRAIT AREA TRANSIT

Councillor Mustard explained that the Strait Area Transit will be expanding their service to the Inverness area within the next several weeks.

CITIZENS CARING FOR ANIMALS

Councillor Mustard provided information on the volunteer group set up in Inverness who will be carrying out a survey on neutered and spayed animals.

BRAS D'OR LAKES BIOSPHERE RESERVE

Warden MacAulay provided information on the status of the application for the designation of the Bras d'Or Lakes as a Biosphere Reserve. In communication with Jim Foulds, Warden MacAulay explained that the application is currently before the committee in France pending approval.

Warden MacAulay agreed to sit on the Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve Committee until after the By-Election.

ALTERNATE - EMERGENCY MEASURES COORDINATOR

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

That Garret Beaton be appointed alternate Emergency Measures Coordinator.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING - APRIL 4, 2011

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

Resolved that the recommendations from the Audit Committee meeting held previous to Council be approved, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

It is noted on Page 2 - Ecology Action Centre motion - Councillor Daniel Boudreau voted nay.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councillor Boudreau, seconded by Deputy Warden LeBlanc that meeting adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Clerk

Warden