

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, April 7, 2014, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO  
Eveylena Gillis, Council Recorder  
Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor

Not Present: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran  
Adam Cooke, Reporter  
Brad Perry, The Hawk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Warden MacAulay called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of March 3, 2014, be approved.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Page 4 – Meat Cove & Cheticamp Roads** – Councillor Alfred Poirier reported that meetings were held with Pam Eyking, MLA for the Meat Cove area and Allan MacMaster, MLA for the Cheticamp area and positive feedback was received with hopefully better service next winter.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meetings of March 3 & March 13, 2014, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

#### **FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Deputy Warden Jim Mustard reported that they are still waiting for a response from the Dept. of Agriculture with respect to their application for a Food Coordinator.

#### **BIOMASS FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Deputy Warden Mustard advised that the Biomass Feasibility Study was presented at a meeting held in Strathlorne on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ENGAGE INVERNESS COUNTY CONFERENCE**

The Engage Inverness County Conference is being held on April 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at the Inverness Academy and thus far 80 have registered.

#### **DOT – HIDDEN DRIVEWAY SIGN**

Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie asked that the Dept. of Transportation be contacted for a copy of the criteria for hidden driveway signs.

#### **REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK – REN**

Warden Duart MacAulay updated Council on the status of the REN. Several proposals have been forwarded to the Province. They are currently working with the Cape Breton Partnership and Small Business Centre to review staffing, partnerships and board members.

#### **PRESENTATION BY CENTRE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT – CEED**

Heather Spidell, Vice President, Amanda Mombourquette, Business Development Consultant and Johanna Gordon, Facilitator, Education Dept. provided an overview of CEED. CEED provides funding, education, training, and mentorship to entrepreneurs to assist them in their business. They have also reached students throughout the province in secondary schools, post-secondary, community groups and special events. Information was provided on opportunities where CEED and the County can work together to expand and improve CEED's outreach through programs and services.

**PRESENTATION BY SALLY PRASKEY – CHETICAMP CAT RESCUE**

Sally Praskey provided information on their organization where they trap and spay/neuter the cats but there is insufficient dollars to continue with this procedure. Ms. Praskey is requesting a contribution from the county to assist with this program. Warden MacAulay advised that this request would be further discussed at an audit committee meeting.

**Council adjourned for a five minute break.**

**Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:05 p.m.**

**EAST COAST CREDIT UNION – BORROWING RESOLUTION**

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

**That the Borrowing Resolution in the amount of 1.5 million dollars for 2013-2014 with the East Coast Credit Union be approved.**

**BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT**

**Moved by: Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie  
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc  
Carried.**

**That the Banking Services Contract with the East Coast Credit Union for the year April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015, be approved.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**EASTERN DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION – STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

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

**That the staff appointments for 2014-2015 as submitted by the Eastern District Planning Commission be approved.**

**UNSM – IVANY REPORT**

Information was provided from the UNSM on the Municipal Advancement of the Ivany Report. The UNSM is in the process of developing an action plan to support how municipalities can move the Ivany Report forward. Warden MacAulay suggested that further discussion on the Ivany Report take place at a committee meeting of Council.

**NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY & REVIEW BOARD – BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Joe O'Connor reported that in 2014 every Town and Municipality in the Province has to apply to the NS Utility & Review Board to confirm or to alter the number and boundaries of polling districts and the number of councillors. Mr. O'Connor recommended that this item be referred to a Policy Committee meeting.

**PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS****ROAD NAME CHANGE PETITIONS**

**Moved by:** Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Gloria LeBlanc  
**Carried.**

**That the petition received from the residents of “5051 Rd.” located in Troy for road to be named “Dougie’s Lane” and the petition received from the residents of “5126 Rd” located in Troy for road to be named “Thibodeau Rd” be referred to the Dept. of Transportation and the Eastern District Planning Commission for approval.**

**ROAD NAME CHANGE APPROVAL**

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

**That the petition received from the Town of Port Hawkesbury for “5086 Rd” (Airport Rd) located in Port Hastings for road to be named “Hector MacInnis Road” be approved.**

**PLAQUES**

Councillor MacQuarrie requested that plaques be ordered for the Dalbrae Dragons High School Hockey Team and the Cape Breton West Islanders Pee Wee “A” Girls Hockey Team congratulating them on their winning Provincial Titles.

**ECMA AWARD WINNERS**

Councillor MacQuarrie expressed congratulations to the ECMA award winners from the County.

**ENGAGE MABOU SESSION**

Councillor MacQuarrie advised Council that the Engage Mabou session was very well attended.

**PORT HOOD CONCEPTUAL PLAN PROJECT**

Councillor MacQuarrie reported that a meeting is being held on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Port Hood to discuss the Port Hood Conceptual Plan.

**NON RESIDENT LAND OWNERSHIP**

Councillor MacQuarrie voiced concern with the difficulty for people to acquire land in the County. She is going to carry out some research and review of the 2001 Task Force Report and information received over the past years. Councillor MacQuarrie asked that SNSMR be contacted as to their position on Non Resident Land Ownership.

**RETIREMENT - ANN LEBLANC – MARGAREE FORKS LIBRARY**

Councillor Gloria LeBlanc asked that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Ann LeBlanc for her years of service as Librarian at the Margaree Forks Library.

**HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

Councillor LeBlanc informed Council that she is reviewing the Heritage Committee information and there will be an article in the next Participaper asking for representatives to serve on this committee.

**GENERATORS**

Councillor LeBlanc expressed disappointment that the generators at the Margaree and Cheticamp seniors units were not working during the last storm. Information Councillor LeBlanc received is that new generators are being purchased for the Margaree and Grand Etang senior units.

**CAPE BRETON ISLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY – BOARD MEMBER**

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

**That Claude Poirier serve on the Board of the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority.**

**ROBINS BUILDING – CHETICAMP**

Councillor Poirier expressed concern with the debris which blew off the Robins Building in Cheticamp during the last storm. Councillor Poirier will bring this matter to the attention of the Director of Public Works.

**ROAD NAME CHANGE PETITION**

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

**That the petition received from the residents of an “Unnamed Private Lane” located in Inverness for road to be named “Hilltop Lane” be forwarded to the Dept. of Transportation and the Eastern District Planning Commission for approval.**

**MAPLE/FOREST AND CHURCH STREETS – INVERNESS**

Deputy Warden Mustard advised that the engineer report should soon be available.

**STRAIT AREA TRANSIT**

Deputy Warden Mustard stated that the Province has announced \$500,000. for community transit. Deputy Warden Mustard will confirm what effect this funding will have on the SAT.

**BEACH ROAD #1 – PAVING**

Joe O’Connor advised that he is waiting for a response from Steve MacDonald, Area Manager.

**INVERNESS FAÇADE PROJECT**

Deputy Warden Mustard noted that the Inverness Façade Project should be announced soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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