

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, April 8, 2013, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENTATION BY CAPE BRETON DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY – BABY FRIENDLY INITIATIVE

Warden MacAulay welcomed representatives from the Cape Breton District Health Authority who provided information on the importance of breastfeeding and how to create a community environment that is supportive of breastfeeding. It is recommended by Health Canada that babies be exclusively breastfed for the first six months of their lives up to two years of age and beyond. CBDHA has the lowest breastfeeding rates in the province at 61.2%.. The CBDHA are encouraging the Municipality to create a breastfeeding policy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Betty Anne MacQuarrie
Carried.

That the minutes of the March 4, 2013, Municipal Council meeting be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 5 – Fire Truck – Port Hood Island – Councillor MacQuarrie informed Council that a response was received from the Minister of Service Nova Scotia advising that there are no grant programs that could assist with the cost of the fire truck structure on Port Hood Island.

Page 6 – Port Hood Volunteer Fire Dept. Loan Guarantee –

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

That an amendment be made to this motion as follows - \$192,455.95 replacing the amount previously approved.

Page 5 – Road Name Change – West Big Intervale Road – Councillor LeBlanc requested that Steve MacDonald be contacted asking for clarification to his response with respect to the request for road name change on the West Big Intervale Road.

PRESENTATION BY LAURA EMERY – EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Ms. Emery reported that Inverness County has 26% of the user fees and circulation. Ms. Emery reviewed the improved services over the past year which has resulted in a 5% increase in circulation and a 21% increase in membership. Due to budget restraints staffing has been reduced as well as other various changes to ensure the current level of service is maintained. On behalf of the ECRL Board Ms. Emery is requesting a 5% increase for 2013/14 and a 10% increase for 2014/15.

Warden MacAulay advised that this request would be considered during budget discussions.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Warden MacAulay advised that the Financial Statements were presented and reviewed by our Municipal Auditors at an Audit Committee meeting held on April 3rd.

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

That the Financial Statements to March 31, 2012, be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of April 3, 2013, 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 Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of April 3, 2013, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden MacDonald reported that the draft energy proposal will be reviewed at the next energy meeting.

SECOND READING - APPLICATION BY RAYMOND DEVEAU TO AMEND THE CHETICAMP MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY & LAND USE BY-LAW

Warden MacAulay advised that a Public Hearing was held in Cheticamp on April 4th and there were no oral or written submissions.

Moved by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.

That the Cheticamp Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be amended as follows:

- **Amend the preamble to the Mixed Use (MU) Zone in the MPS to reflect that the Cheticamp Development Commission no longer owns the land zoned Mixed Use (MU), and to update the permitted used in Policy 4-2 to allow development of a marina and boat storage and service facility within the Zone;**
- **Amend the text of Part 14 of the LUB (Mixed Use (MU) Zone) to permit marinas and marina facilities and boat storage and servicing facilities, and to**

- establish a 1.83 metre (6 foot) setback from the ordinary high water mark, and ;
- Amend the Zoning Map of the LUB so that the boundary of the Mixed Use (MU) Zone follows the lot lines of the subject property.
- Part 14 – Mixed Use (MU) Zone to allow for development of the following –
 - Marinas and marina facilities;
 - Boat storage and servicing facilities;

That the Second Reading of the application by Raymond Deveau to amend the Cheticamp Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law to allow construction of a Marina & Boat Storage & Service Facility on properties in Cheticamp (PID's 50206127 & 50206143) be approved.

FODD SECURITY COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden MacDonald reported that seven applications were received for the Food Security Committee and several meetings were held.

CORRESPONDENCE

CANADIAN POSTMASTERS & ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

Correspondence was received from the Canadian Postmasters & Assistance with respect to the reduction of hours of postal services. The CPAA has been informed that there is a possibility that approximately 5 hours could be eliminated as a Saturday closure in Port Hastings. A meeting is scheduled for April 5th after which there will be a followup with the residents of Port Hastings.

Warden MacAulay noted that there is a possibility of a reduction of hours in several post offices in his district as well.

SERVICE NOVA SCOTIA & MUNICIPAL RELATIONS – LEGISLATION CHANGE

A copy of correspondence was received from SNSMR to the President of the UNSM providing a 12 month notice of any legislation, regulation or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities for the fiscal year 2014/15.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – DUNMORE ROAD

Correspondence was received from the DOT advising that based on the current criteria the Dunmore Road will not qualify for paving but the road will be kept in an acceptable state of repair.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES – PROPERTY OF RONALD TOUSIGNANT, PETIT ETANG

Joe O'Connor reviewed the correspondence received from Sean Donovan, Administrator of the Unsightly Premises, in which he recommends repair and completion of the exterior of the home and removal of all debris as well as proper support and guardrails on exterior decks.

Moved by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried

That a notice be forwarded to Ronald Tousignant inviting him to appear before the Council meeting on May 6th where discussion will take place as to the requirements stated in the letter dated March 15, 2013, from the Administrator of the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES – PROPERTY OF DONALD BAKER – WILBURN

Joe O'Connor reviewed the correspondence received from Sean Donovan, Administrator of the Unsightly Premises, in which he recommends the building be demolished.

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

That a notice be forwarded to Donald Baker inviting him to appear before the Council meeting on May 6th where discussion will take place as to the requirements stated in the letter of October 12, 2012, from the Administrator of the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

INVERNESS SURGICAL SERVICES REVIEW COMMITTEE

Councillor Mustard reported that a meeting of the Inverness Surgical Services Committee was held on March 20th. Retaining an active surgery in the present form as well as diversifying services was discussed.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STAFF MEMBER

Councillor Mustard asked Council to put together what they would like to see in a terms of reference for a Regional Development Staff Member.

ICSP REVIEW WORKSHOP

Councillor Mustard questioned whether there is funding available to carry out a review of the ICSP Plan and if a date has been set for a workshop to review the plan. A workshop is scheduled for April 26th in Antigonish to review the UNSM's new ICSP Implementation Guide.

Councillor Mustard also noted that the Infrastructure Renewal Plan is also outdated. Joe O'Connor advised that the capital budget would have to be approved before the Infrastructure Renewal Plan is revised.

MABOU DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor MacQuarrie indicated that the Mabou Development Assoc. would like to meet with Council with respect to the Marina property. Mr. O'Connor advised that Solicitor MacIsaac is in the process of preparing the agreement between the Mabou Dev. Assoc. and the County and a meeting could be set up when the agreement is finalized.

PORT HOOD GOVERNMENT WHARF

Councillor MacQuarrie expressed concern with the Port Hood Government Wharf. Mr. O'Connor advised that gravel has been put on the road and some work has to be carried out to the floating dock. It was agreed that the warning sign should again be installed.

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS

Councillor MacQuarrie informed Council that representatives from the Development Associations from Port Hood, Mabou and District #6 as well as the Cape Breton Partnership are meeting on April 20th, facilitated by Damien MacInnis to discuss various issues of concern.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE INFORMATION SESSION

Councillor LeBlanc notified Council of the information session to be held in Mabou on April 10th with respect to the changes in the Employment Insurance Program. Information will be provided by Rodger Cuzner, MP.

FLOOD RELIEF ANNOUNCEMENT

Councillor LeBlanc expressed disappointment with the fact that the residents of the Margaree area affected by the flood several years ago did not receive any flood relief funding whereas there was an announcement this week of flood relief funding for the residents of the Truro area.

CIVIC ADDRESS BY-LAW

Councillor Poirier feels that there should be a Civic Addressing By-Law to ensure that all residents have a civic address.

CHETICAMP AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Poirier advised that four people in his district are interested in serving on the Cheticamp Area Advisory Committee and he will bring these names forward at the next Council meeting.

PROPOSED STREET LIGHT LOCATION

Deputy Warden MacDonald asked that Nova Scotia Power be directed to install a street light at the “S” turn approximately two-three hundred metres north of the residence at 3246 Route 19. Deputy Warden MacDonald also requested that the Dept. of Trans. be contacted requesting the installation of a warning sign at the same location. Joe O’Connor advised that this sign was removed when the paving was carried out and the DOT are planning to install another sign.

SIGNAGE – PORT HASTINGS

Deputy Warden MacDonald requested that John Bain be contacted asking him for an update as to when the illegal signs in the Port Hastings area will be removed.

COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY

Joe O’Connor stated that notice was provided at the February 11th Council meeting of the implementation of a Complaints Handling Policy.

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

That the “Complaints Handling Policy” be approved.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Poirier that meeting adjourn to “In Camera”.

A motion was made by Councillor Mustard, seconded by Councillor MacQuarrie that meeting adjourn to “Open Council”.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF “IN CAMERA”

There were no recommendations from “In Camera”.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

CLERK

WARDEN