

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, December 3, 2012, 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

Not Present: Councillor Alfred Poirier

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO  
Eveylena Gillis, Council Recorder  
Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor  
Garett Beaton, Dir/Public Works

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran  
Adam Cooke, Reporter

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENTATION BY ARLENE VAN DIEPEN – SERVICE CANADA**

Ms. Van Diepen reviewed the proposed changes to the Employment Insurance Program which is schedule to take place in the new year.

Council were concerned with many of the changes and in particular the impact for the fisheries claimants and the seasonal workers.

**PRESENTATION BY DR. MONIKA DUTT, MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
– CAPE BRETON DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY**

Doctor Dutt provided information on her role as Medical Officer of Health for the Cape Breton District Health Authority. Dr. Dutt encouraged the County to promote a healthy and active lifestyle for residents.

**PRESENTATION BY KEITH MACDONALD & JODY MACARTHUR – CAPE BRETON PARTNERSHIP**

Mr. MacDonald provided an update on the Prosperity Framework for Cape Breton Island-Mulgrave. Mr. MacDonald reviewed the focus for Inverness County and asked that the County become a member of the Cape Breton Partnership.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 5, 2012**

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

**That the minutes of the November 5, 2012, Municipal Council meeting be approved with noted changes.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Page 6 – Port Hood Island Association** – Councillor MacQuarrie noted that a meeting was held with the parties involved and other sources of revenue is being explored.

**Page 7 – Signage By-Law** – Mr. O'Connor is waiting for a response from John Bain as to whether the by-law has been approved by the Province.

**Duncan MacKinnon Trucking** – Council was advised by Marion MacEachern that Duncan MacKinnon has some of his equipment on Municipal property which is located next to his property.

It was agreed that Mr. O'Connor write a letter to Mr. MacKinnon advising him to remove any equipment from Municipal owned property.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****AUDIT MEETING – NOVEMBER 29, 2012**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of November 29, 2012, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**POLICY MEETING – NOVEMBER 29, 2012**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of November 29, 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**

Councillor Gloria LeBlanc encouraged Council to review the CD from the Margaree Salmon Assoc. with respect to the open pen aquaculture system.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Correspondence was received from the Dept. of Transportation with respect to cost sharing paving for J-Class Subdivision Streets. Mr. O'Connor reviewed the funding requirements for residents and it was agreed that a copy of the J-Class roads in the County be provided to Council.

**PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ROAD NAME CHANGE**

**Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc**  
**Seconded by: Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald**  
**Carried.**

**That the request from the residents of “5407 Private Road” for road to be named “Salvage Lane” be approved.**

**MARGAREE AIRPORT**

Councillor LeBlanc requested that a letter of acknowledgement be forwarded to Ann Marie Hart/MacNeil daughter of Emery Hart in acknowledgement of her father's representation on the Margaree Airport Committee.

**CROWDIS BRIDGE – MARGAREE VALLEY**

Councillor LeBlanc advised Council that a survey was carried out in the North East Margaree area and over a hundred letters were sent to the Minister of Transportation emphasizing the dangers if the Crowdis Bridge is not replaced.

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

**That a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation in support of the residents of the Margaree area in their endeavor to re-open the Crowdis Bridge.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councillor LeBlanc provided the following Nominating Committee Report –

**MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES  
MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF INVERNESS**

**COMMITTEE STRUCTURE FOR 2012/2013**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>REPRESENTATION</b>
Audit	All Councillors
Policy	All Councillors
Emergency Management	All Councillors
Community Development	All Councillors
Planning & Advisory	All Councillors Current non elected - Nicole Fawcett
Port Hawkesbury Airport	Roy MacLean Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald Councillor Alfred Poirier (Alternate)
Margaree Airport	Councillor Gloria LeBlanc Ralph MacPherson Laurie Cranton Mac Fuller Staff - Joe O'Connor

Homes Board	Warden Duart MacAulay Councillor Alfred Poirier Councillor Gloria LeBlanc Michael Coady Carol Anne MacInnis Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie Joe O'Connor
Eastern District Planning Commission	Warden Duart MacAulay (Vice Chair) Councillor Alfred Poirier Joe O'Connor (Alternate)
Strait Highlands Regional Development Association	Councillor Jim Mustard Monique Aucoin (Business) Jim St. Clair
Veterinary Assistance	Councillor Alfred Poirier
Fences Arbitration	Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald
Library	Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Occupational Health/Safety	Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Strait of Canso Superport	Scott MacDonald
Regional Police Advisory	Councillor Gloria LeBlanc Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald
Strait Area Transit	Councillor Jim Mustard
Energy Committee	Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald Councillor Jim Mustard Joe O'Connor, CAO Garett Beaton, Public Works Dwayne MacEachern Chris van den Heuvel Rod Campbell Thom Oommen Patricia MacIsaac John Beaton Heather Davis

**Moved by:** Councillor Gloria LeBlanc  
**Seconded by:** Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald  
**Carried.**

**That the Nominating Committee Report be approved.**

**NOVA SCOTIA POWER PRESENTATION**

Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie provided information on the Nova Scotia Power presentation she attended on November 29<sup>th</sup>, in Port Hawkesbury.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**CLERK**

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**WARDEN**