

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, December 7, 2015, at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Building in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

Absent: Warden Duart MacAulay  
Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran  
Grant McDaniel, Reporter

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of November 2, 2015, be approved.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Page 3 – Housing Development Coordinator** – Councillor Mustard, Warden MacAulay, and Joe O'Connor met with Dan Troke, CEO, Housing Nova Scotia and Neil MacDonald, Director of Housing Services during the UNSM Conference to discuss housing development. They were to provide more information to Council. Joe O'Connor will followup.

**EARLY YEARS COALITION**

Councillor Mustard will be meeting with members of the One Nova Scotia Coalition to discuss setting up an early years' model coalition in the County.

**CROWDIS BRIDGE** - Councillor LeBlanc was pleased to advise that the Crowdis Bridge is now officially open to traffic.

**CRANTON CROSSROADS BRIDGE** - Councillor LeBlanc would like to see some repair work carried out on the Cranton Crossroads Bridge. She is waiting to see if there is any development from the Province.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **POLICY MEETING**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of November 27, 2015, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of November 27, 2015, be approved with the exception of the Eastern Counties Regional Library motion and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

### **PAN CAPE BRETON FOOD COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mustard advised that a report from Pan Cape Breton will be provided in the New Year. Joe O'Connor noted that he received a report from Alicia Lake for the month of November.

### **UNSIGHTLY PREMISES – ARNOLD & EMILIE DITHURBIDE**

Information was received from Sean Donovan, Administrator of the Unsightly Premises with respect to PID #50074699, property of Arnold & Emilie Dithurbide, located in Grand Etang. The recommendation from Mr. Donovan is for the dwelling to be demolished. Councillor LeBlanc reported that she has been in contact with the home owners and they have cleaned up the property and secured the dwelling. They are presently removing wood, etc. from the building and are willing to demolish the dwelling when this is completed.

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

Carried.

**That Mr. & Mrs. Dithurbide be provided an extension until the end of 2016 to carry out this work and have the dwelling demolished.**

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Councillor LeBlanc provided the report of the Nominating Committee.

#### MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF INVERNESS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE FOR 2015/2016

COMMITTEE	REPRESENTATION
Audit	All Councillors
Policy	All Councillors
Emergency Management	All Councillors
Community Development	All Councillors
Planning & Advisory	All Councillors Current non elected - Vacant
Port Hawkesbury Airport	Roy MacLean Councillor 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 Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie Michael Coady Carol Anne MacInnis Diane Chiasson Joe O'Connor
Eastern District Planning Commission	Warden Duart MacAulay Councillor Alfred Poirier (Chair) Joe O'Connor (Alternate)
Veterinary Assistance	Councillor Alfred Poirier
Fences Arbitration	Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Library	Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Occupational Health/Safety	Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie

Strait of Canso Superport	Damian MacInnis
Regional Police Advisory	Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Strait Area Transit	Councillor Jim Mustard Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Heritage Committee	Councillor Gloria LeBlanc Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Energy Committee	Councillor Dwayne MacDonald Councillor Jim Mustard Joe O'Connor, CAO Garett Beaton, Public Works Chris van den Heuvel Patricia MacIsaac Heather Davis
Food Security Committee	Councillor Jim Mustard Councillor Dwayne MacDonald Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie Chris van den Heuvel Marilyn MacDonald Peter Devries Elizabeth Beaton

Councillor LeBlanc asked that each Councillor provide the name of someone willing to become a member of the Heritage Committee. Councillor LeBlanc and Deputy Warden MacQuarrie are going to set up a meeting with the Cape Breton Heritage Society.

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

**That the Nominating Committee Report as presented be accepted.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **JUDDIQUE RECREATION ASSOCIATION – LAND REQUEST**

Correspondence was received from the Judique Recreation Association requesting that a portion of the land owned by the County where the JRA track is located could be transferred to the JRA. The approximate size of this property is 83x300 which it was felt would be valued at over \$10,000 therefore a Public Hearing is required.

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

**That a Public Hearing be held in the community of Judique to discuss the request for transfer of this property.**

### **PORT HOOD AREA DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY – LAND REQUEST**

Correspondence was received from the Port Hood Area Development Society requesting the conveyance of property owned by the County located at the Nova Scotia Lifeguard Beach. It was felt that this property would be valued at over \$10,000 therefore a Public Hearing is required.

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

**That a Public Hearing be held in the community of Port Hood to discuss the request for transfer of this property.**

#### **LIFELINE SYRIA PROJECT – INVERNESS COUNTY CHAPTER**

Correspondence was received from the Lifeline Syria – Inverness County Chapter requesting a donation from the County towards bringing refugee family/families to the County. Councillor Poirier advised that there is a group in the Cheticamp area who are also fundraising to bring refugee families to the area. It was agreed that representatives of these two groups be invited to an Audit Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 15.

#### **TAX WRITE OFFS**

The following two tax accounts were presented from the Finance Dept. for write-off:

- 1. Acct #09443142 – Assessed to Joseph Chiasson - \$47.30(plus interest) – duplication of account;**
- 2. Various accounts - Port Hastings Historical Society -- \$5,253.75(plus interest) (exempt properties);**

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

**That the tax accounts as presented be approved for write-off.**

#### **PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

##### **Councillor Gloria LeBlanc –**

##### **Department of Transportation –**

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

- A re-assessment be carried out for a stop sign at the end of the East Margaree Road where it joins the Cabot Trail;
- A re-assessment on the East Margaree Road on Blanchards Hill where the road is falling into the river;
- An assessment of Gallants Brook located south of the church in East Margaree – water is washing across the road.

**KIDNEY DIALYSIS – INVERNESS CONSOLIDATED MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Councillor LeBlanc provided information on the fact that the Kidney Dialysis Machine at the Inverness Hospital is only providing dialysis three days a week due to lack of trained staff.

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

**That a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Health requesting that kidney dialysis be provided to patients five days a week at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital.**

**Councillor Alfred Poirier -**

**Tax Accounts -** Councillor Poirier asked that next year's tax accounts for the Royal Canadian Legions in the Cheticamp area be reviewed.

**Street Lights –** It was agreed that a work strategy be set up for repair work on the decorative street lights.

**Lighthouse Road –** Councillor Poirier asked that the Dept. of Transportation be contacted requesting that repair work be carried out on the Lighthouse Road on Cheticamp Island.

**Lifeline Syria Cheticamp –** Councillor Poirier provided information on the Lifeline Syria Group in Cheticamp.

**Councillor Jim Mustard –**

**Water Quality – Inverness –** A meeting was held on November 18<sup>th</sup> with approximately 20 residents in attendance. A recommendation will be made to Council in the New Year. Public Works will flush the system before the winter.

**Economic Development Meeting –** A meeting was held on November 20<sup>th</sup> with Dan Christmas, David Wheeler, Chad Munroe, etc. with regard to Economic Development.

**Strategic Planning Session –** Councillor Mustard noted that the Strategic Planning session held last week with Municipal Advisor, Emily Pond, was very helpful and informative.

**ROAD NAME CHANGE**

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

That the request from the residents of “Unnamed Road” located in Kingsville for road to be named “Moidart Road” be forwarded to TIR and the EDPC for approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**CLERK**

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**WARDEN**