

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, February 1, 2016, at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Building in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

Warden Duart MacAulay
Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Not Present: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Councillor Jim Mustard

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Grant McDaniel, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Duart MacAulay called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of January 4, 2016, be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 1 – Lifeline Syria Project – Deputy Warden MacQuarrie advised that a decision to provide \$1,000 to each Syrian family coming to the County was approved at an Audit committee meeting.

PRESENTATION BY ALISHA LAKE – PAN CAPE BRETON FOOD HUB

Warden MacAulay welcomed Alisha Lake who provided information on the two year Food Hub pilot project which provided total sales of just over \$40,000. Ms. Lake provided information on the number of producers, consumers, depots, etc. and reviewed the proposed plans for 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of January 20, 2016, 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 Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of January 20, 2016, 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: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of January 20, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

CORRESPONDENCE**DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS - MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS PREPARATIONS**

Correspondence was received from the Dept. of Municipal Affairs with respect to election information. Joe O'Connor has been in contact with Dernie Gillis and he is interested in taking the position of Returning Officer. Warden MacAulay asked that Mr. Gillis be contacted with regard to some of his concerns during the 2012 Municipal Election.

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

That Dernie Gillis be appointed Returning Officer for the 2016 Municipal Election.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING CODE REGULATIONS

For information purposes the Proposed Amendments to the Building Code Regulations was received for review.

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

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

That the Temporary Borrowing Resolution with the East Coast Credit Union be approved.

APPROVAL OF BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT

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

That the Banking Services Contract with the East Coast Credit Union be approved.

APPROVAL OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.

That the Records Management Policy be approved.

TAX WRITE-OFFS

The following tax accounts were received from the Finance Dept for write-off:

- 1) **Dist #4 - Acct #07973640 - \$306.00 (plus interest)**
- 2) **Dist #5 – Acct #02660776 - \$30.60 (plus interest)**
- 3) **Dist #1 - Acct #10475414 - \$2037.32 (plus interest)**

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

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

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Gloria LeBlanc –

CABOT TRAIL HERITAGE HIGHWAY - Councillor LeBlanc questioned the status of the intent to declare the Cabot Trail Highway a heritage highway. Mr. O'Connor advised that no further information has been received.

HERITAGE MEETING – Councillor LeBlanc advised that a Heritage Meeting is going to be held in the next several weeks.

PROPOSED QUARRY IN GRAND ETANG – Councillor LeBlanc questioned the status of the proposed quarry in Grand Etang. Joe O'Connor will get some information for the next meeting.

MARGAREE AIRPORT MEETING – Councillor LeBlanc asked Mr. O'Connor to arrange a meeting of the Margaree Airport to provide an update to the committee.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – Councillor LeBlanc asked that correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation requesting an update on the work status on the Cranton Crossroads Bridge as well as the status of the East Margaree Road on Blanchards Hill where the road is falling in the river.

Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie

PUBLIC MEETING – LAND TRANSFER – PORT HOOD & JUDIQUE – The Public meeting to discuss the transfer of Municipal land in Port Hood & Judique to community organizations is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th at 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building in Port Hood.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL – Deputy Warden MacQuarrie has received numerous calls with regard to the time frame for snow removal on sidewalks. Deputy Warden MacQuarrie feels that there needs to be a better effort and maybe more equipment is required. It was felt that this should be discussed further at an audit meeting.

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald**ROAD NAME CHANGE**

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

That the request from residents of “Unnamed Road” located in Kingsville for road to be named “Moidart Road” be approved.

ROAD SAFETY REVIEW – For information purposes Councillor MacDonald advised that the RCMP are carrying out a road safety review of the Trans Canada Highway between Port Hastings and Whycomomagh and asked Warden MacAulay if he had any concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLERK

WARDEN