

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, February 11, 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  
Ashley Dutcher, 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 1:35 p.m.

Warden MacAulay advised that the Cape Breton District Health Authority is unable to attend today's meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That the minutes of the January 7, 2013, Municipal Council meeting be approved.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Page 5 – Woody Chediac Trailer** – Mr. O'Connor advised that the County is going to demolish the trailer.

**Page 4 – Nova Scotia Power – Street Lights** – Mr. O'Connor advised that he was in contact with Nova Scotia Power and they are going to set up a meeting with the County to discuss this issue.

**Page 4 – Crowdis Bridge** – Councillor Gloria LeBlanc informed Council that a meeting has been set up with the Minister of Transportation on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Page 5 – Cheticamp Ambulance Signage** – Councillor Alfred Poirier advised that he is going to check with the Ambulance Depot in St. Peter's to see how they went about getting their signage.

**Page 5 – Street Light – Craigmore** – Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald asked for clarification with respect to the response received from the Dept. of Transportation.

**INVERNESS COUNTY MUNICIPAL HOUSING CORPORATION – APPOINTMENT**

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

**That Diane Chiasson be appointed to the Board of the Inverness County Municipal Housing Corporation.**

**POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald advised that Margaret Pace has been appointed Provincial Representative on the Police Advisory Board. Joe O'Connor advised that there are two vacancies on the Police Advisory Board and asked Council to bring some names forward.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MUNICIPAL ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald updated Council on the Municipal Energy Committee meeting held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Energy Strategy session that is being held on February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Mabou Renewal Centre.

**FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Deputy Warden MacDonald informed Council that the RDA and the Dept. of Agriculture have expressed interest in this committee and they will be ready to move forward when the committee members are appointed.

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Mustard updated Council on the RDA meeting held the previous week and the Clean Energy Seminar that is scheduled for September which will be overseen by John Beaton.

**POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Deputy Warden MacDonald advised that Corporal Larry Peskett, Cape Breton Traffic Services, reviewed the new speed limit legislation in school zones which came into effect in September, 2012.

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of January 7, 2013, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council with noted changes.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**MAHER MELFORD TERMINAL**

Correspondence was received from The Melford International Terminal Inc. with respect to the application to Transport Canada to create a Canadian Port Authority to provide governance of the Ports in the Strait Area. Maher Melford Terminal is opposed to the creation of a Canadian Port Authority and is asking for Council's support to oppose this application.

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

**That this request be tabled until the next Council meeting.**

**MARY JESS MACDONALD**

Mr. O'Connor read a letter from Mary Jess MacDonald in appreciation of the presentation made to her of the Queen's Jubilee Medal at the January 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**INVERNESS SEARCH & RESCUE**

A request was received from the Inverness Search & Rescue for a financial contribution to assist in the construction of a new building.

This request was referred to an Audit Committee meeting.

**PAY WHAT YOU SEE RESOLUTION**

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

**That correspondence be forwarded to the UNSM with respect to the “Pay What You See Resolution” passed at the UNSM Conference last year and the effect that the demise of the pennies will have on residents.**

**PRESENTATION BY ANGUS LEFORT – CHETICAMP ECONOMIC COUNCIL**

Angus Lefort, Chairman of the Cheticamp Economic Council, presented information on the Conceptual Design & Costing Study for the Cheticamp Boardwalk. Mr. Lefort reviewed the boardwalk project and the funding commitments and advised that ECBC is ready to sign off on the project. Mr. Lefort advised that in the fall they will be asking the County to initiate an area rate tax for the first phase of the boardwalk. The Cheticamp Economic Council also expressed interest in the Robin Jones property if the County does not convey it to the Cheticamp Fire Dept.

Councillor Alfred Boudreau indicated his support for this project and asked Mr. Lefort to keep Council updated on the progress.

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

**Council re-convened at 2:40 p.m.**

**Deputy Warden MacDonald was excused from meeting.**

**PRESENTATION BY STAFF SERGEANT CRAIG SEAFOOT**

Warden MacAulay welcomed Staff Sergeant Craig Seafoot and Sergeant Shelby Miller. Staff Sergeant Seafoot reviewed the statistics and the staffing changes for Inverness County. Staff Sergeant Seafoot is requesting an additional officer for Inverness County and also to cost share (1/2) for a Detachment Service Assistant.

Discussion followed and Warden MacAulay advised that this request will be discussed at an Audit Committee meeting.

**PRESENTATION BY MELVIN O’BRIEN – BROAD COVE BANKS**

Melvin O’Brien provided a petition from the residents of the Broad Cove Banks Road in which they are asking for more fire hydrants and the installation of a generator on their road. At

present there are three hydrants on this road, two of which apparently are not in service which leaves 63 of the 86 homes not serviced by hydrants.

Discussion followed as to an upgrade of the system and the Director of Public Works will review the costs involved in upgrading this system.

**PETITION AND RESOLUTIONS**

**ROAD NAME CHANGE – WEST BIG INTERVALE ROAD**

Councillor LeBlanc advised that this petition was previously approved by the EDPC but not approved by the Dept. of Transportation but due to an emergency vehicle not being able to locate the road the residents would like to have the upper part of this road name changed.

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

**That the petition received from the residents of the upper part of the West Big Intervale Road in Margaree Valley for road to be named “Sugarloaf Valley Road” be forwarded to the Eastern District Planning Commission and the Dept. of Transportation for approval.**

**MICARME CENTRE**

Councillor Poirier informed Council that the Micarme Centre in Cheticamp is currently working with the Province to be considered a cultural centre which would enable them to access Provincial Cultural Funding.

**RAYMOND DEVEAU - MARINE PROJECT**

Councillor Poirier provided information on a marine project which is being proposed for Cheticamp. Re-zoning will have to take place and it was agreed that staff provide an updated list of the Cheticamp Area Advisory Committee members.

**GROUP HOMES – CHETICAMP**

Councillor Poirier explained that there are two group homes in the Cheticamp area which do not receive garbage collection next to the home and snow removal service and questioned whether the County could provide these services. Garret Beaton will review.

**MEAT COVE RESIDENTS**

Councillor Poirier informed Council that the outcome of the Provincial Boundary Review, has moved Meat Cove residents from the Provincial Riding of Inverness County to Victoria County and the residents were not informed that this change was going to take place.

Councillor Poirier agreed to get more information before asking for an explanation from the Minister of Justice.

**MABOU VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – LOAN GUARANTEE**

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

**That a loan guarantee in the amount of \$155,653. for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck for the Mabou Volunteer Fire Department be approved.**

**PETITION – DUNMORE ROAD PAVING**

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

**That the petition received from the residents of Dunmore Road, Port Hood, requesting paving of their road be forwarded to the Dept. of Transportation with a copy to Allan MacMaster, MLA.**

**QUINCY & MACKENZIE STREET PROPERTIES**

Councillor Mustard questioned the status of the unsightly premises on Quincy & MacKenzie Street Properties. These buildings are to be demolished in the near future.

**VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE**

Councillor Mustard provided information on the extension of Veterans Memorial Drive which is located next to the school in Inverness. Councillor Mustard would like to have this portion of the road conveyed to the County which would provide access to Municipal owned property. It was agreed that the School Board be contacted to see if they maintain this road.

**PARK STREET - INVERNESS**

Councillor Mustard asked that a cost estimate be provided for an extension to Park Street, Inverness.

**HOUSING ALTERNATIVES**

Councillor Mustard advised that a meeting was held with the Deputy Minister of Housing last week and they are looking at a new funding model for housing alternatives in Inverness. Councillor Mustard will provide more information as it becomes available.

**INVERNESS CONSOLIDATED MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Councillor Mustard provided information on the report of Surgical Services at the ICMH. The review outlined three options for the Inverness Hospital – 1) Continue the current service; 2) Open the facility to visiting surgeons for some procedures or; 3) Close the service. A district working group, including Inverness Physician and Nursing staff is being put together to follow-up on recommendations from this review.

**Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie**  
**Carried.**

**That a letter be forwarded to the CEO of the Cape Breton District Health Authority asking that a Municipal Councillor sit on this board.**

**COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY**

CAO, Joe O'Connor put forward a notice to discuss a Complaints Handling Policy at the next Council meeting.

**MUNICIPAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**

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

**That the County of Victoria, the Town of Port Hawkesbury and Inverness County jointly seek proposals from qualified consultants to create a Municipal Climate Change Action Plan encompassing the three municipal units.**

**“IN CAMERA”**

There were no items for “In Camera”.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Poirier that meeting adjourn at 4:30 pm.**

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