

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, February 2, 2015, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO  
Debbie Nicholson, Council Recorder  
Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That the minutes of the January 5, 2015, Municipal Council meeting be approved.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

County Lighting- Tender electrical to assess lights – by invitation to electrical contractors

**PRESENTATION BY ANDREW FEDORA, PORT HAWKESBURY PAPER**

Andrew Fedora provided information on the current operations at Port Hawkesbury paper. In Inverness County there are 88,000 hectares of Crown Land which they are responsible to manage, with a goal of 17,000 hectares harvested in 2015.

The Company is profitable, making progress, sales are up, and they are looking at International markets.

**TAX WRITE-OFF**

The following tax account was provided by the Tax Department for write-off:

Acct # 07154224 (duplicate account)

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

**That the tax account as provided be approved for write-off.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie attended a Library Board meeting. They are having ongoing discussions re: fundraising to ensure continuation of their services.

**STRAIT AREA TRANSIT**

Councillor Jim Mustard noted they will be having an advisory committee meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**PAN CAPE BRETON**

Councillor Jim Mustard recently met with local restaurants. Their business plan is ready.

**RAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

An interim report has been reviewed; a number of studies are being done.

**REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK**

There was a meeting recently; a new Board is to be formed from representatives from each Municipality; they will be meeting again this month.

**HOME CARE**

They are dealing with government cutbacks. They are planning a presentation to Council at the next Audit meeting by Angie MacEachern.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL**

A letter was received regarding the twinning of the Trans-Canada Highway from Sutherland's River to Antigonish County.

**SEASIDE WIRELESS**

A letter was received from Seaside Wireless regarding donations to County Fire Departments.

**VICTORIA COUNTY**

The County is intent on maintaining the Service Agreement for Bay St Lawrence Fire Dept, Meat Cove garbage pickup, and one shared police officer (Total = \$46,000)

**PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**PORT HOOD TREATMENT PLANT**

Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie received a request from Port Hood Development as to when the old treatment plant would be dismantled. Garrett Beaton estimated the spring of this year.

**FISCAL REVIEW IN PORT HAWKESBURY**

This County is doing well as a Municipality according to their indicators.

**RADAR DRIVER FEEDBACK SIGNS**

Councillor MacQuarrie questioned the possibility of getting a speed sign similar to the one in Whycocomagh installed in Mabou. Warden MacAulay stated the Whycocomagh sign was installed by a community group.

**FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

Councillor Gloria LeBlanc had a question with respect to lands not receiving the fire area rate. This will be reviewed prior to the tax bills being sent out and if any Fire Department is aware of residents not being charged this rate they should contact the Tax Department.

**LA MI-CAREME CENTRE**

Councillor LeBlanc advised that a meeting is going to be held with the Board of Directors of La Mi-careme Centre. The Centre will be open to the public during the first week of March.

**WATER QUALITY**

A meeting will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> in Inverness.

**HOUSING**

Councillor Mustard is going to extend an invitation to MADA to meet with the groups from Inverness and Mabou (an umbrella group formation would be ideal).

**SALTING SIDEWALKS**

The County salts as required, and plows following a storm.

**CHETICAMP SEWER PLANT**

Still on schedule

**FIRE RATE**

Deputy Warden Poirier indicated that some properties have been left out of the fire rate in his district as well; this will be reviewed.

**AUDIT MEETING**

An Audit meeting will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am to discuss budget items.

**TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

\$8500.00 – Façade Co-ordinator

\$70,700.00 – Strait Area Transit

\$82,000.00 – J Class Roads

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

**Resolved that funds be moved from the operating reserve to the active account to cover these costs.**

**CANADA EAST PIPELINE**

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

**That we support the Richmond County Resolution for promoting the continuation**

**of the Canada East Pipeline**

**IMMIGRATION ACTION**

Councillor MacQuarrie asked that Marilyn MacDonald be invited to a Policy Committee meeting to discuss Immigration.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**CLERK**

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**WARDEN**