

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO
Eveylena Gillis, Council Recorder
Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Adam Cooke, Reporter
Brad Perry, The Hawk
Genevieve Genier Carrier, Cheticamp Radio Canada

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of January 6, 2014, be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 5 – Department of Transportation Public Meeting – Councillor Dwayne MacDonald advised that the Department of Transportation would prefer to meet with him or all of Council to discuss issues which are of concern to residents in their districts.

Page 5 – Department of Transportation – Councillor Gloria LeBlanc asked that another request be forwarded to the DOT for a further review for the placement of a hidden driveway sign at civic #928 Egypt Road.

SECOND READING FOR AN AMENDMENT FOR A PROPOSED RE-ZONING IN THE PORT HOOD PLAN AREA FROM RESIDENTIAL RURAL (R-2) TO RESIDENTIAL URBAN (R-1)

Moved by: Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie

Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier

Carried.

Note: Councillor MacDonald abstained from voting.

That the Second Reading for an Amendment for a Proposed Re-zoning in the Port Hood Plan Area from Residential Rural (R-2) Zone to Residential Urban (R-1) Zone to reflect the current extent of Municipal Water & Sewer Services be approved.

SECOND READING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE INVERNESS LAND USE BY-LAW TO RE-ZONE A PORTION OF TWO PROPERTIES FROM WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT (W-D) TO COMMERCIAL MIXED USE (C-3)

Deputy Warden Jim Mustard reviewed the response received from the Eastern District Planning Commission which addressed the concerns brought forward at the Public Hearing held in Inverness on January 6, 2014.

Correspondence from Solicitor MacIsaac addressed the restrictive covenants on the land to be re-zoned. Solicitor MacIsaac reviewed a number of cases which were appealed to the Nova Scotia Utility & Review Board where this question arose. It is Solicitor MacIsaac's opinion that restrictive covenants are not a matter that the Municipal Council are to consider in making its decision on re-zoning requests.

Deputy Warden Mustard advised that he received e-mails from concerned citizens and most of these concerns have been addressed by the EDPC and Solicitor MacIsaac.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Jim Mustard

Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc

Carried.

Note: Councillor Poirier abstained from voting.

That the Second Reading for an Amendment to the Inverness Land Use By-Law to Re-Zone a portion of two properties from Waterfront Development (W-D) to Commercial Mixed Use (C-3) be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of January 6, 2014, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning & Advisory Committee meeting of January 6, 2014, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

BIOMASS MEETING

Deputy Warden Mustard reported that a meeting was held last week to discuss the Biomass Feasibility Study. The final engineer report should be completed by March and the submissions for the energy reduction challenge contest is opening today.

FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden Mustard and Councillor MacDonald made presentations to the three other municipal units on the island and will be presenting to CBRM tomorrow. They have received a favourable reception and the expectation is to go forward with a food coordinator for Cape Breton Island.

CORRESPONDENCE

SERVICE NOVA SCOTIA & MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Correspondence received from SNSMR advised of the release of its Capital Plan for the upcoming year and included some of the capital projects for the County.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

TREUBURG LANE

Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie advised that the residents of Treuburg Lane are interested in bringing their road up to standards. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with residents to review the road standards.

COLINDALE ROAD

Councillor MacQuarrie reported that a petition for improvements and re-paving of the Colindale Road has been forwarded to Allan MacMaster, MLA.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

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

That correspondence be forwarded to the Federal Minister of Veterans Affairs emphasizing the dissatisfaction with the closure of the Veterans Affairs Offices across the country.

CAO REPORT

Councillor MacDonald commended the CAO for the information received in his report to Council.

STRAIT AREA TRANSIT

Warden Duart MacAulay reported that discussions will be held over the next several weeks with the two other municipal units and the SAT board.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Councillor Alfred Poirier provided a copy of an e-mail from the Deputy Chief of the Bay St. Lawrence Volunteer Fire Dept. to the Minister of Transportation and Geoff MacLellan, MLA, expressing disappointment with the lack of adequate snow plowing in the Meat Cove area.

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

That correspondence be forwarded to Steve MacDonald, Area Manager, DOT, with respect to the lack of adequate snow plowing in the Meat Cove area.

GARBAGE COLLECTION – CHETICAMP/PLEASANT BAY

Councillor Poirier expressed disappointment with the garbage pickup in the Cheticamp/Pleasant Bay areas over the past several weeks. Councillor Poirier will discuss this issue with the Director of Public Works.

INVERNESS WATER SYSTEM

Deputy Warden Jim Mustard asked that the County consider the possibility of hiring a consultant to investigate the water system in Inverness.

RE-PAVING – J ROADS

Deputy Warden Mustard asked for a cost estimate for re-paving of Beach Road #1.

CROSSWALKS & PARKING – INVERNESS

Deputy Warden Mustard reported that some investigation has been carried out with respect to the crosswalks and parking in Inverness and he is anticipating that work will be carried out before the summer.

REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK

Warden Duart MacAulay advised Council that a Memorandum of Cooperation for an island wide REN was signed last week between CBRM, Victoria, Richmond and Inverness Counties and discussions are on-going.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 2:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Poirier that meeting adjourn to “In Camera”

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF “IN CAMERA”**LAND REQUEST – BRENDA COOPER**

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

That the 1/7 part interest in the property in North East Mabou owned by the County be offered to Brenda Cooper for \$3,000.

MUNICIPAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

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

That the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan be approved in principal.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss it was moved by Councillor MacQuarrie, seconded by Councillor MacDonald that meeting adjourn.

CLERK

WARDEN