

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, February 6, 2012, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

Warden Duart MacAulay
Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Councillor Jim Mustard

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Matt Draper, The Reporter
Carrie Penny, The Hawk

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Duart MacAulay called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the January 9, 2012, Municipal Council meeting be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Page 8 - Robin Jones Properties - Joe O'Connor advised that the building at 15342 Cabot Trail is in the process of being demolished.

Page 6 - Unsightly Premises - Woody Chediac - Joe O'Connor read a letter from Sean Donovan, EDPC, advising that Mr. Chediac did not obtain a building permit to carry out the work on the trailer. Mr. Donovan states that their previous recommendation for the trailer to be demolished has not changed.

Discussion followed and Councillor MacDonald questioned whether the trailer is structurally

sound and safe. It was agreed to have John Bain followup as to the building permit and also if the trailer is structurally sound.

SECOND READING - WIND TURBINE BY-LAW

Warden MacAulay advised that a Public Hearing was held prior to Council and there was one presentation by Monique Aucoin on behalf of the Lemoine Development Association. The main concerns of the Development Association with regard to domestic wind turbines were addressed by John Bain, EDPC.

Warden MacAulay and Joe O'Connor also met with Neal Livingstone who had concerns with respect to the set-back requirements and these concerns were addressed by the EDPC.

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Carried.

That the Second Reading of the Municipal Wind Turbine By-Law be approved.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL RETURNING OFFICER

Joe O'Connor advised that Dornie Gillis expressed interest in returning to the position of Municipal Returning Officer.

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.

That Dornie Gillis be appointed to the position of Municipal Returning Officer for the 2012 Municipal Election and followup with recommendations Mr. Gillis put forward to Council after the 2008 election.

Warden MacAulay asked that Council move forward to Petitions and Resolutions as Councillor MacDonald has to leave early due to another commitment.

CANADA POST - MACDALE

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.

That a letter be forwarded to Canada Post requesting that they change the name Mackdale in their database to the correct spelling of Macdale.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN MACDONALD - INVERNESS CONSOLIDATED MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Warden MacAulay welcomed John MacDonald who provided information on the closure of the after hours emergency surgery service at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital. They are looking to form a Regional Advisory Board with representation from medical, municipal, business, not-for-profit sectors, retirees and young families.

Councillor MacDonald was excused from the meeting.

Warden MacAulay welcomed Dr. Pillai who advised that by removing this service from the hospital there will only be a saving of \$50,000. There was no discussion or consultation from the Cape Breton District Health Authority with any of the medical staff at the ICMH before they made this decision. Dr. Pillai reviewed the three main concerns for future planning - 1) safety; 2) emergency operating services and 3) recruitment of doctors.

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.

That Councillor Mustard and Deputy Warden Mallette be appointed to participate on the Regional Advisory Board of the ICMH and the Cape Breton District Health Authority be asked to review this decision.

Warden MacAulay asked for permission to set up a meeting with John Malcolm, CEO of the Cape Breton District Health Authority.

PRESENTATION BY CAROLINE CAMERON - GAELIC COUNCIL OF NOVA SCOTIA

Warden MacAulay welcomed Caroline Cameron who provided an overview of the activities of the Gaelic Council and advised that over the past year there is more interest in Gaelic. Ms. Cameron invited Council to their 2012 Forum which will be held in Antigonish on May 26.

Caroline Cameron is requesting a contribution of up to \$1,000. to assist in their endeavors for 2012.

Warden MacAulay advised that this financial request will be discussed at an Audit Committee meeting.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of January 23, 2012, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

POLICY COMMITTEE

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of January 23, 2012, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.

That the Banking Services Contract with the East Coast Credit Union for the term July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012 be approved.

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Carried.

That the Temporary Borrowing Resolution with the East Coast Credit Union in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars be approved.

SERVICE INDUSTRY TRAINING

Jim Mustard provided information on a pilot project that would address the need for training in the service industry within the community of Inverness for the first year. This project would be directed at the development and delivery of training opportunities for residents/potential employees in Inverness.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Carried.

That the Municipal Council agrees with and supports this initiative and begin the process of securing training and funding opportunities.

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

TROY TRAILER PARK

Joe O'Connor advised that correspondence was received from the Administrator of the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises with respect to several trailers in the Troy Trailer Park.

It was agreed that a notice be issued to property owners inviting them to the next Council meeting on March 5th where discussion will take place with respect to their property.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - CHETICAMP ISLAND

Correspondence was received from Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal asking if the County is interested in acquiring a surplus parcel of land located at Cheticamp Island.

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

That Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal be contacted advising that the County is not interested in this surplus land at Cheticamp Island.

EXCESS FEDERAL PROPERTY - CHETICAMP POINT

Correspondence was received from Public Works & Government Services asking if the County is interested in acquiring excess Federal property located at Cheticamp Point.

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.

That Public Works & Government Services be contacted advising that the County is not interested in this excess Federal property located at Cheticamp Point.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

BAYSIDE RESTAURANT & CAFÉ

**Moved by: Warden Duart MacAulay
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.**

That a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Charlene MacNeil of Bayside Restaurant & Café in Whycocomagh on having her restaurant spotlighted on a segment of the "You Gotta Eat Here" show.

CJFX RADIO RECEPTION - PLEASANT BAY

**Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.**

That a letter be forwarded to Kenny Farrell, President of CJFX in appreciation of the expansion of their service to the Pleasant Bay area.

CBC RADIO RECEPTION - PLEASANT BAY

**Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.**

That a request be forwarded to CBC Radio in Sydney asking for an extension of radio reception to the Pleasant Bay area.

CAPE MABOU HIGHLANDS

Deputy Warden Mallette put forward the following resolution:

Whereas Crown Lands designated as Area 237, Cape Mabou West, are an integral part of the popular Cape Mabou Trail System, be it resolved that Inverness County Council supports the Colin Stewart Forum recommendation that these lands be protected as wilderness on the strength of the recreational and economic potential they represent for our local communities.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard

Carried.

That the resolution to support the Colin Stewart Forum recommendation be approved.

INVERNESS CONSOLIDATED MEMORIAL HOSPITAL - PETITION

Deputy Warden Susan Mallette asked that a letter be forwarded to Erica Wright congratulating her on her initiative in putting together a petition in support of continuing the after hour emergency surgery service at the Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital.

AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE - INVERNESS

Councillor Mustard advised that he has several names of persons interested in serving on the Area Advisory Committee for Inverness. Joe O'Connor advised that letters have been sent to the present members to see if they would like to remain on the committee.

TERMS OF REFERENCE - ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councillor Mustard provided copies of Terms of Reference for an Energy Advisory Committee. The Terms of Reference will be reviewed and discussed at a Policy Meeting.

STRATHLORNE TREE NURSERY - LAND TRANSFER

Joe O'Connor advised that the Dept. Of Natural Resources requires a payment in the amount of \$1183.35 to carry out a review of the land transfer.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette

Carried.

That a cheque in the amount of \$1183.35 be forwarded to the Dept. of Natural Resources to allow them to proceed with a review of the proposed land exchange with the County involving lands at the Strathlorne Tree Nursery.

AREA RATE REVIEW MEETING - INVERNESS

A meeting to review the levy of an area rate for Inverness is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29th at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that meeting adjourn to "In Camera".

A motion was made by Deputy Warden Mallette, seconded by Councillor Mustard that meeting adjourn to "Open Council".

RECOMMENDATION S OF "IN CAMERA"

There were no recommendations from "In Camera".

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor Boudreau.

WARDEN

CLERK