

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011
1:30 P.M.**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, January 10, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

Not Present: Councillor Ed MacDonald

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Ken Kingston, CJFX
Matt Raper, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Warden MacAulay called meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 4 - Department of Transportation - No information has been received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the December 6, 2010, Municipal Council meeting be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT MEETING

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of December 6, 2010, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

NOVA SCOTIA BROADBAND

Information was received from Broadband for Rural Nova Scotia with an update on connectivity over the past year.

LICENCE AGREEMENT - DIGITAL AVIATION WEATHER CAMERAS

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

That the County enter into a Licence Agreement with Nav Canada for Digital Aviation Weather Cameras for the Margaree Airport.

PRESENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT - JANET MACKINNON, DISTRICT MANAGER & DAVE FOUGERE, INSPECTOR

Ms. MacKinnon and Mr. Fougere reviewed the various pit and quarry guidelines and the sizes of each requiring approval from the Dept. Of Environment. At this time there are five or six approved pits and quarries in the County.

Discussion took place with respect to the pit in Broad Cove and Mr. Fougere advised that because it is under 2 hectares it does not require approval.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

PORT HOOD MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY REVIEW

Moved by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.

That a letter be forwarded to the Eastern District Planning Commission requesting a review of the Port Hood Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law.

DISASTER RELIEF - MARGAREE

Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc asked if any disaster relief information is available for residents of the Margaree area. Mr. O'Connor explained that the Province is still determining the extent of the damages in all areas of the province affected by flooding.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

That another letter be forwarded to the Dept. Of Transportation requesting that a guard rail be installed between Hart's Service Station and Egypt Road where several accidents have occurred and also include the requests made at the December Council meeting.

ROAD NAME CHANGE

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

That the request from the residents of "Unnamed Road" located in Aberdeen for road to be named "Bayberry Lane" be approved.

STRATHLORNE TREE NURSERY

Warden MacAulay, Councillor Jim Mustard and Joe O'Connor attended a meeting last week with the Minister and representatives of the Dept. of Natural Resources with respect to future plans for the Strathlorne Tree Nursery.

Councillor Mustard felt that a one day workshop be held at the Tree Nursery with interested parties from Natural Resources, the Dept. Of Agriculture, etc. to discuss the operation at the nursery.

MACKINNON TRUCKING

Councillor Mustard explained that they are continuing to look for a parcel of land for industrial use in the Inverness area.

Discussion followed and Solicitor MacIsaac reviewed Councils' options if Mr. MacKinnon is still in violation of the Land Use By-Law.

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

That Council proceed with the recommendation from Solicitor MacIsaac that a 90 day notice be given to Mr. MacKinnon and after this time if he is still operating his business from this location at River Street in Inverness the Land Use By-Law be enforced.

ROAD NAME CHANGE

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

That "Unnamed Road" located in La Prairie for road to be named "Shamrock Lane" be approved.

PRESENTATION BY ALLAN MACMASTER

Warden MacAulay welcomed Allan MacMaster. Mr. MacMaster reviewed some of the changes taking place in the Province such as the road building plan in which there will be a decrease in re-paving over the next several years.

Various issues of concern were discussed such as cutbacks in education funding, the buy back of lobster licences, as well as the on-going out migration of our young people.

INVERNESS COUNTY VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

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

That the 2011 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:35 p.m.

“IN CAMERA ”

A motion was made by Councillor Boudreau, seconded by Councillor Mallette that meeting adjourn to “In Camera”.

A motion was made by Councillor Mustard, seconded by Deputy Warden LeBlanc that meeting adjourn to “Open Council”.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF “IN CAMERA ”

There were no recommendations from “In Camera”.

ADJOURNMENT

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

WARDEN

CLERK