

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, January 4, 2016, at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Building in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

Not Present: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Grant McDaniel, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of December 7, 2015, be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 1 – Housing Development Coordinator – This position is being advertised with closing date of Jan 8th, for a term position of 8 months.

Page 5 – Lifeline Syria Project – Inverness County Chapter – Staff are continuing to review the funding possibilities.

Page 4 – Land Requests – Port Hood & Judique – Joe O’Connor will contact the Judique Recreation Association & the Port Hood Area Development Society to see if they will agree to hold the Public Hearings in one community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CDC – DECEMBER 7, 2015

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of December 7, 2015, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

AUDIT – DECEMBER 15, 2015

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of December 15, 2015, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

BLUE DOT MOVEMENT

Deputy Warden MacQuarrie asked that the request for Council to pass a resolution re the Blue Dot Movement be discussed at the next Policy Committee meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION

Correspondence was received from the Minister of Immigration congratulating Inverness County for their support for the CBU Rural-Urban Immigration Pilot Project.

Councillor Poirier expressed disappointment with the fact that there seems to be no support from the Province encouraging temporary foreign workers. There is a need in Cheticamp for seasonal workers at the fish plant. Councillor Poirier will contact Amanda MacDougall and Warden MacAulay will also attempt to get more information.

PRESENTATION BY ERIKA SHEA – NEW DAWN ENTERPRISES

Ms. Shea advised that New Dawn have been in operation for 39 years and have an annual budget of 7.5 million with a staff of 110. Ms. Shea reviewed the businesses from the County who have benefitted from New Dawn over the past several years. New Dawn continue to encourage Cape Breton companies to expand and grow. Ms. Shea also reviewed the New Dawn CEDIF investment opportunities.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**Councillor Alfred Poirier –**

Fibre Optic Committee – The group set up last year to review costs, etc. for fibre optic is ready to continue gathering information. Discussion followed as to the possibility of bringing all of Cape Breton Island into these discussions. Mr. O'Connor provided information Econ. Dev. Officer, Damian MacInnis has gathered and more discussion will take place with Mr. MacInnis.

Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie –

Eastern Counties Regional Library – Dalbrae Academy Branch – ECRL has hired one person for 25 hours per week and this branch should be open to the public this week. The branch will be called the Alexander Doyle Community Library.

Water Extension – Mabou – Deputy Warden MacQuarrie, Garrett Beaton and those interested in having the water extended to their property met to discuss the possibility for an extension. The Mabou water system is operating at a 95% capacity at this time and there was concern as to the capacity in the event of future development. It was agreed to refer this item to a Policy meeting.

Councillor Jim Mustard –

Coalition Model – Councillor Mustard would like to see the County take a lead role and referred this item to a Policy meeting.

Food Security Committee – This committee will be making a presentation at the February Council meeting.

Strategic Planning Meeting – Councillor Mustard will provide notes to Council.

Engage Conference – Another meeting is scheduled for January 13th in Waycobah.

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald –

Street Light – St. Ninian – This light has been installed.

MAYORS WARDENS MEETING

A Mayors/Wardens meeting was held in December and discussion took place with respect to shared services and amalgamation.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called the meeting back to order at 3:15 pm.

“IN CAMERA”

A motion was made by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Deputy Warden MacQuarrie that meeting adjourn to “In Camera”.

Warden MacAulay declared a conflict of interest.

Deputy Warden MacQuarrie took position as Chair.

“OPEN COUNCIL”

A motion was made by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Poirier that meeting re-adjourn to “Open Council”.

MOTIONS OF “IN CAMERA”

MURDENA MACKINNON LAND MATTER

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard

Carried.

(Warden MacAulay abstained from voting)

That the recommendation from Solicitor MacIsaac be accepted with respect to the Murdena MacKinnon land matter.

Warden MacAulay returned to Chair.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLERK

WARDEN