

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, January 5, 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 Dwayne MacDonald  
Councillor Jim Mustard  
Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran  
Karo Comeau, Reporter

**CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Duart MacAulay called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. and extended New Years greetings to fellow Councillors, staff and residents of the County.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That the minutes of the December 1, 2014, Municipal Council meeting be approved.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Page 1 – Housing Summit** – Councillor Mustard advised that a report from the Housing Summit should be available soon.

**Page 7 – Department of Transportation – Route 19 – Mabou** – Councillor MacQuarrie informed the meeting that the water problem has been resolved.

**PRESENTATION BY ALLAN MACMASTER**

Warden MacAulay welcomed Allan MacMaster who provided information on a project he has been working on with Bell Mobility for an increase in access to cell phone coverage in the Margaree area. The Margaree Valley area was selected due to the fact that it would be most cost effective and would target more people than in any other area of the County.

A similar project has been completed in Victoria County which was 50/50 cost shared with the Province. Deputy Warden Poirier expressed concern with the lack of proper cell coverage in the Pleasant Bay and Meat Cove areas and Mr. MacMaster advised that the potential is there for similar partnering with Bell Mobility in other communities as well.

Warden MacAulay would like to see the County make the decision as to where any future upgrades should take place and advised that this project would be discussed further at an Audit Committee meeting.

**TAX WRITE-OFF**

The following tax accounts were provided by the Tax Department for write-off:

Acct # 08037604, \$8414.27 (no building on land)

Acct # 01776649, \$762.89 (duplicate account)

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

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of December 2, 2014, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meetings of December 2, & December 30, 2014, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of December 30, 2014, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**PAN CAPE BRETON**

Councillor Jim Mustard introduced Alisha Lake, PAN Cape Breton Coordinator. Ms. Lake advised that they have had tremendous response from across the Island and Province and they are currently working on an action plan for this summer.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**STRAIT SUPERPORT CORPORATION**

For information purposes a stakeholder report was received from the Strait Superport Corp. with information on the activities of the Corporation.

**RICHMOND COUNTY – CANADA EAST PIPELINE**

Correspondence was received from Richmond County along with a resolution in support of the Canada East Pipeline. It was agreed that Council review this information for further discussion.

**CAPE BRETON ISLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Followup correspondence was received from the CBIHA advising that when funding is available for new elevator installations the request for an elevator at the Grand Etang Senior Complex will be considered.

**PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**EAST NOVABILITY BOARD**

Councillor MacQuarrie informed Council that the East Novability Board has asked if it would be possible to have Karen Malcolm available to them to assist with some strategic planning. Council will discuss at a later date.

**UNSIGHTLY PREMISES – EAST MARGAREE ROAD**

Councillor LeBlanc explained that only a portion of the building on East Margaree Road has been demolished and she will notify the owners that the entire building has to be demolished.

**LEMOINE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc**  
**Seconded by: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier**  
**Carried.**

**That funding in the amount of \$4,000. from the discretionary funds be provided to the Lemoine Development Association for an ongoing project.**

**OLD BELLE COTE ROAD**

For information purposes Councillor LeBlanc advised that the Old Belle Cote Road which is used mainly by pulp trucks is no longer maintained by the Dept. of Transportation. Residents are concerned should an emergency occur therefore a community meeting is being held to discuss this issue.

**WATER QUALITY – INVERNESS**

Councillor Mustard indicated that he will schedule a meeting in January to discuss this issue.

**J CLASS ROADS**

Councillor Mustard questioned whether the J Class Roads in the County have been prioritized. Joe O'Connor explained that he has been in contact with Steve MacDonald, DOT, and if we could prioritize ten roads that need work then the DOT would assess these roads according to their priorities.

Deputy Warden Poirier asked that the J Roads in Cheticamp be included.

**ROBIN JONES LAND**

Deputy Warden Poirier asked that a public hearing be held to deal with the transfer of the Robin Jones land to the Conseil Economique de Cheticamp.

**SEWER UPGRADES – CHETICAMP**

Deputy Warden Poirier advised that upgrades to the Sewer Treatment Plant in Cheticamp is ongoing.

**Council adjourned for a five minute break.**

**Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:10 pm.**

**“IN CAMERA”**

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

**“OPEN COUNCIL”**

**A motion was made by Councillor MacQuarrie, seconded by Councillor Mustard 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 Deputy Warden Poirier, seconded by Councillor LeBlanc that meeting adjourn.**

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**CLERK**

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**WARDEN**