

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Adam Cooke, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Duart MacAulay called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Warden MacAulay wished fellow Council members, media, staff, and members of the gallery a Happy New Year.

PRESENTATION BY VERONIKA BRZESKI – ECOLOGY ACTION CENTRE

Ms. Brzeski reviewed the information that was carried out on Climate Change Adaption in the Cheticamp area. Ms. Brzeski focused on the sea level rise and the extreme storm surge predictions to indicate how the coast and infrastructure may be affected in the next century.

Ms. Brzeski suggested that the County use some of the research carried out in Cheticamp when working on the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan.

Warden MacAulay asked that Council move forward to the Presentation of the Diamond Jubilee Award.

PRESENTATION OF DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL TO MARY JESS MACDONALD

Warden MacAulay presented the Diamond Jubilee Medal to Mary Jess MacDonald as he reviewed the 58-year career of Mrs. MacDonald as an educator and administrator in the

education field. Warden MacAulay also read a letter from the Governor General of Nova Scotia to Mrs. MacDonald.

PRESENTATION BY CAROLINE CAMERON – GAELIC COUNCIL OF NOVA SCOTIA

Ms. Cameron reviewed the work of the Gaelic Council over the past year and the plans for the coming year. Ms. Cameron is requesting a \$1,000. contribution which would be allocated towards several major programs. Warden MacAulay advised that this request will be referred to an Audit Committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Carried.

That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of December 3, 2012, be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 4 – Nominating Committee Report – Councillor LeBlanc informed Council that she is going to approach a retired nurse who may be interested in replacing Mike MacDougall on the Homes Board. Also there is still no replacement for a Provincial representative on the Police Advisory Board. Councillor MacQuarrie pointed out that a Workplace Health & Wellness Committee is in the process of being formed.

POLICY COMMITTEE – DECEMBER 11TH & JANUARY 7TH

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of December 11, 2012, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

Moved by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.

That the motions made at the Policy Committee meeting held prior to Council with respect to: 1) That Public Hearings be held in St. Joseph du Moine, Inverness and

Port Hastings to receive input from the public with respect to the Fracturing By-law; 2) That the CAO proceed with negotiations re purchase of property adjacent to the Margaree Airport; 3) That more information be obtained with respect to extending health benefits to Municipal Councillors on the same terms as Municipal Employees.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of December 11, 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

Correspondence was received from Woodworks Atlantic encouraging the Municipality to adopt a Wood First Resolution.

PREMIER DARRELL DEXTER

Correspondence was received from Premier Darrell Dexter with a review of the Jobs and Building Plan for the upcoming year.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

RIGHT OF WAY – INVERNESS

Councillor Jim Mustard requested that the Solicitor review the possibility of a right-of-way between Lower Railway St. and Beach Road #1.

CONCEPTUAL PLAN – INVERNESS

Councillor Mustard advised that the date for review of the Conceptual Plan for Inverness is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2013.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Councillor Mustard advised that a Leadership Retreat for not for profit groups in the County is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2013.

NOVA SCOTIA POWER - STREET LIGHTS

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

That a letter be forwarded to Nova Scotia Power requesting information as to why it takes so long to install street lights in areas which have already been identified.

LOAN GUARANTEE – NORTH EAST MARGAREE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Carried.

That a loan guarantee in the amount of \$65,000. be approved for the North East Margaree Volunteer Fire Department Society for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck and equipment.

OPEN PEN AQUACULTURE FREE ZONE

Councillor LeBlanc requested that more discussion take place at a future meeting with respect to the Open Pen Aquaculture Free Zone.

CROWDIS BRIDGE

Councillor LeBlanc informed Council that according to the Dept. of Transportation 5-Year Highway Improvement Plan the replacement of the Crowdis Bridge is scheduled for 2014-2015. A meeting is being arranged with Allan MacMaster, MLA, and the Minister of Transportation.

Warden MacAulay suggested that it may be beneficial to see what the official position is from the other government parties.

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE – MARGAREE

Councillor LeBlanc expressed disappointment with the early closure of the Visitor Information Centre in Margaree.

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Carried.

That a letter be forwarded to Mary Tulle, CEO, Destination Cape Breton, requesting an opening and closing schedule of the Visitor Information Centres in the County.

MARKETING LEVY MONIES

Councillor Poirier asked that information as to where the Marketing Levy monies collected in the County were spent be included in the correspondence to Destination Cape Breton.

CHETICAMP AMBULANCE SIGNAGE

Councillor Poirier expressed concern with the fact that there is no signage warning drivers of the location of the Cheticamp Ambulance building. It was suggested that a letter be forwarded to Emergency Health Services asking if they would provide signage.

MINING INDUSTRY

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

That a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Finance in support of the lobbying efforts for the extension of the fuel tax rebate for off road vehicles in the mining industry as is offered to other resource industries.

WOODY CHEDIAC TRAILER

Deputy Warden MacDonald requested information on the status of the Woody Chediak trailer in Long Point. Mr. O'Connor will provide an update at the next meeting.

DIAMOND JUBILEE AWARD – IAN MACKINNON

Deputy Warden MacDonald congratulated Ian MacKinnon on being honoured with the Diamond Jubilee Award.

PORT HASTINGS OFF-SITE SIGNAGE BY-LAW

Deputy Warden MacDonald requested information as to the status of the Port Hastings Off-Site Signage By-Law.

STREET LIGHT – CRAIGMORE

Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald requested that the Dept. of Transportation be contacted asking that a street light be installed at 3246 Route 19 in Craigmere.

FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden MacDonald provided details of the Terms of Reference for the Food Security Committee.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.

That the Terms of Reference for the Food Security Committee be approved

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

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

CLERK

WARDEN