

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, July 7, 2014, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Adam Cooke, Reporter

Absent: Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the Annual Municipal Council meeting of June 9, 2014, be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Veterans Memorial Court – Deputy Warden Mustard advised that a list of encumbrances has been provided to the Department of Transportation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of June 23, 2014, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

SECOND READING – SERVICE FEES FOR PAYMENT CARDS BY-LAW #46

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Seconded by: Deputy Warden Jim Mustard

Carried.

That the Second Reading of the “Service Fees For Payment Cards By-Law #46” be approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

MINISTER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Correspondence was received from the Minister of Community Services confirming the appointment of Claude Poirier on the Board of the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority beginning May 28, 2014 and expiring on May 28, 2017.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

Correspondence was received from the Minister of Transportation advising that Transportation staff is addressing the road concerns in the area of the Margaree Harbour Bridge and on the East Margaree Road.

PRESENTATION BY RODNEY MACDONALD – GAELIC COLLEGE

Rodney MacDonald provided information on the Gaelic College which is a charitable foundation with a Board of Governors and has been in operation for 76 years. The Gaelic College employs a staff of 30-40 both full time and seasonal and provides musical and cultural instruction to approximately 300 students during the summer months. Mr. MacDonald will be asking at a later date for Council’s consideration to sponsor some students from the County for next years’ summer instruction program.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

SIGNS – PORT HASTINGS

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald thanked Mr. O’Connor for the removal of the illegal signs in Port Hastings.

CANTEEN – TROY

Councillor MacDonald informed Council that the canteen in Troy should be opened today and they will be following the Pay What You See Method.

MUNICIPAL AWARENESS WEEK

Councillor MacDonald advised that Municipal Awareness Week is in October and Council should consider information sessions in the County such as in the schools.

STRAIT AREA TRANSIT

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

That a letter of support be forwarded to the SAT in their efforts to obtain several of the Halifax Metro Transit surplus buses.

POST OFFICE CHETICAMP

Councillor Alfred Poirier read a petition from the residents of Cheticamp objecting to the closure of the Cheticamp Post Office on Saturdays.

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

That Council support the resolution from the residents of Cheticamp with respect to the closure of their Post Office on Saturdays.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

That correspondence be forwarded to the DOT requesting a guard rail at Germain's Rental Homes in Grand Etang.

CHETICAMP CAMPGROUND - LIGHTS

Councillor Poirier put forward a concern he received from the owner of the campground on Cheticamp Island with respect to the lack of street lighting on the road next to his campground. This concern will be investigated further.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES – PLEASANT BAY

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

That a Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Complaint Form be forwarded to the Eastern District Planning Commission with respect to a partially burnt mobile home located at 23557 Cabot Trail, Pleasant Bay.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

Councillor Poirier made Council aware that he had a meeting with Geoff MacLellan, Minister of Transportation, and was advised that there is no paving plan for Cheticamp North in the upcoming year.

WHALE – CHETCAMP

Councillor Poirier advised that he has asked Raymond Deveau to remove the whale in Cheticamp at a cost of approximately \$500-\$600. There is also a dead whale in Port Hastings which has to be removed. Discussion followed as to who is responsible for the removal of whales. Mr. O'Connor will investigate.

NOVA SCOTIA'S BREASTFEEDING HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Deputy Warden Mustard presented the following motion:

The Municipality of the County of Inverness is committed to improving the health of the population. Therefore we acknowledge the importance of breastfeeding and the health benefits it brings to babies, mothers and our community. We support breastfeeding mothers and families by:

- 1. Endorsing Nova Scotia's Breastfeeding Human Rights Act which protects the rights of breastfeeding women:**
 - Women are able to breastfeed anywhere, anytime in all public areas without being asked to leave, move or cover up.**
 - Breastfeeding employees of the Municipality of the County of Inverness will be given the time, location and space to breastfeed their babies and/or pump and a safe place to store their milk.**

2. **Educating our staff on Nova Scotia's Breastfeeding Human Rights Act and indicating breastfeeding is welcome anytime, anywhere.**
3. **Realizing that all women may not be comfortable breastfeeding in public. The Municipality will educate employees to accommodate, whenever possible, a breastfeeding mother who requests privacy to feed her baby. This can be as simple as providing a clean private room/area in a facility or creating a breastfeeding friendly room for those who prefer privacy.**

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

That the motion with respect to Breastfeeding be approved.

PAVING – J ROADS

Deputy Warden Mustard noted that he is planning to meet with Steve MacDonald to discuss the time frame for paving of the J Roads in Inverness.

PITU'PAQ MEETING

Deputy Warden Mustard advised that he attended the Pitupaq Committee meeting and discussion took place as to the capacity of the sewage treatment plant in Waycobah. Council agreed to take another look at this issue.

STRAIT AREA TRANSIT

Deputy Warden Mustard advised that a SAT meeting is being held on July 9th and the By-Laws are going to be re-visited.

VIEWSCAPES/KIOSKS – CABOT TRAIL

Joe O'Connor informed Council that ACOA and the Province have agreed to contribute to an upgrade to the kiosks and clearing of viewscapes on the Cabot Trail pending approval of funding from Inverness and Victoria Counties. The Dept. of Recreation has made provisions in their budget for funding of this project.

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

That funding through the Recreation Dept. for upgrades to the Kiosks and clearing of Viewscapes on the Cabot Trail be approved.

BUILDING CANADA FUND

Joe O'Connor advised Council that the following three projects have been put forward to the province as priority for the Building Canada Fund – 1) Margaree Airport Expansion; 2) Maple St. Extension; and 3) Judique Water Reservoir.

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

That the list of priority projects as presented by the CAO be approved.

STRAIT OF CANSO SUPERPORT CORPORATION - BOARD MEMBER

Correspondence was received from the Strait Area Superport Corp. advising that the Inverness County representative, Scott MacDonald, term on the board has expired. It was agreed that we advertise for a representative to sit on the Strait of Canso Superport Corp.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:00 p.m.

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

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF “IN CAMERA”

MACKAY PROPERTY – SHORE ROAD - JUDIQUÉ

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

That authority be granted to the CAO and the Solicitor to settle the MacKay land dispute.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Deputy Warden Mustard that meeting adjourn at 3:25 p.m.

CLERK

WARDEN