

**ANNUAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015
1:30 PM**

The Annual Municipal Council meeting of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, June 1, 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 Dwayne MacDonald
Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Councillor Jim Mustard

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Matt Draper, Reporter

Absent: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc

CALL TO ORDER

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

MOMENTS SILENCE FOR DECEASED COUNCILLORS

Warden MacAulay asked for a Moments Silence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor JimMustard
Seconded by: Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Carried.

That the minutes of the May 4, 2015, Municipal Council meeting be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 2 – Cloud Application - Councillor Mustard questioned whether the Cloud Application could be funded through the Federal Gas Tax and Mr. O'Connor confirmed that it would fall under this criteria.

Page 2 – Eastern Counties Regional Library – Councillor MacQuarrie advised that the rural mobile library is now back in service.

PORT HOOD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Warden MacAulay welcomed representatives of the Port Hood Development. Charlie MacDonald on behalf of the Port Hood Development Assoc. expressed concern with the closure of the court facility and the Land Registry office resulting in job losses in the County. Warden MacAulay advised that correspondence has been forwarded to the Premier and the Ministers involved in these closures but no response has been received. Councillor MacQuarrie noted that she spoke with Minister Furey at the UNSM Conference with respect to these closures. Warden MacAulay suggested inviting Minister Diab to a meeting of Council and Mr. MacDonald asked that the Port Hood Development be made aware if she accepts.

Parking around the Court House and exterior renovations was also discussed and plans are underway to deal with these issues. On question from Mr. MacDonald with respect to the old sewer treatment plant Garrett Beaton responded that the building will either be removed or demolished. Also cleanup and landscaping will be carried out where the old water treatment plant was located.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN BAIN – EDPG

Warden MacAulay welcomed John Bain who reviewed the statistics for Inverness County over the past year. Mr. Bain informed Council that there is an increase in commercial construction this year and a decrease in residential. The Inverness Plan review is almost complete and Port Hood is ready for their review. There were 6 Unsightly Premises complaint applications with 0 orders; 4 complied and 2 are in the process. Councillor Mustard asked for a breakdown of construction per district. Mr. Bain will provide this information to Council.

Council adjourned for a ten minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY RCMP

Warden MacAulay welcomed Staff Sergeant Al Affleck and Sergeant Shelby Miller. S/Sgt. Affleck reviewed the Annual Performance Plan Report on 2014 and 2015 goals. Staff transfers and timely replacements was a concern during the past year. Discussion took place with respect to the closure of the Port Hood Provincial Court and S/Sgt. Affleck advised that concerns have been expressed to the Minister of Justice.

CAO REPORT

Joe O'Connor provided a review of the various departmental accomplishments during the past year.

SECOND READING FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE INVERNESS COUNTY LAND USE BY-LAW – WIND TURBINE DEVELOPMENT TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF A DOMESTIC TURBINE

Warden MacAulay advised that a Public Hearing was held previous to Council and the following was recommended:

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

That the Second Reading for Proposed Amendments to the Inverness County Land Use By-Law – Wind Turbine Development be tabled for further discussion and invite the proponent of application to attend a future meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY – MAY 25 & MAY 29, 2015

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meetings of May 25 & May 29, 2015, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

CDC MEETING – MAY 29, 2015

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

Resolved that the minutes of the CDC Committee meeting of May 29, 2015, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Councillor MacQuarrie noted that in conversation with Bernie Murphy the DOT is going to consider reducing the speed limit on Route 19 south of the Chestico Museum.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

BEACHED WHALES

Councillor MacQuarrie questioned who is responsible for the removal of dead whales on beaches. It depends where the whale is located on the beach.

APPROVAL OF BANKING SERVICES CONTRACT – EAST COAST CREDIT UNION

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

That the Banking Services Contract with the East Coast Credit Union be approved.

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION

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

That the Temporary Borrowing Resolution for 1.5 million with the East Coast Credit Union be approved.

RE-IMBURSEMENT OF TAXES

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

That \$460.02 be reimbursed on Account #07978458 as recommended by the tax department.

COUNCIL MEETING - MARBLE MOUNTAIN

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald advised Council that the community of Marble Mountain have invited Council to host a Council meeting in their community.

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

That the September Municipal Council meeting be held in the community of Marble Mountain and also invite the Deputy Minister of Transportation and DOT representatives.

PROVINCIAL CABINET

Warden MacAulay asked that the Provincial Cabinet be invited to host a cabinet session in the County.

PAVING – MACKENZIE AVENUE AND BEACH ROAD #1

Councillor Mustard questioned when MacKenzie Ave and Beach Rd #1 are going to be paved. Joe O'Connor will investigate.

CBC RADIO

Councillor Mustard questioned whether any council members would be interested in the CBC Radio series "Seeking Council". Several Councillors expressed interest in participating.

FIRST NATIONS MEETING

Councillor Mustard asked that a meeting be set up with Council and the First Nations.

ENGAGE CONFERENCE REPORT

Councillor Mustard noted that the Engage Conference Report will be available within the next several weeks.

EAST COAST SOCIAL CHANGE

Councillor Mustard provided information on the East Coast Social Change.

HIGH SPEED AND CELLULAR SERVICE

Councillor Mustard reported that he and Deputy Warden Poirier attended a meeting in Cheticamp with respect to concerns with high speed internet and cellular service.

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

That a committee be set up to form a strategy for high speed internet and cell service in the County.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Deputy Warden Poirier expressed thanks to those who attended the Relay For Life in Cheticamp and congratulations to those involved in organizing this event which raised over \$28,000.

J ROADS

Deputy Warden Poirier asked for a list of the J Roads in the County and have a priority list in each district.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLERK

WARDEN