

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2011
10:00 A.M.**

The Annual Meeting of the Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, June 13, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

Warden Duart MacAulay
Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc
Councillor Susan Mallette
Councillor Jim Mustard
Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO
Eveylena Gillis, Council Recorder
Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor
Garret Beaton, Director/Public Works
Tanya Tibbo, Director/Finance

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Carrie Penny, The Hawk
Matt Draper, CIGO

CALL TO ORDER

Warden MacAulay called meeting to order at 10:10 am.

Warden MacAulay asked for a Moments Silence for Deceased Councillors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of May 2, 2011, be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 2 - Provincial Day Park - Lake Ainslie - Councillor Susan Mallette questioned the status of the provincial park in Lake Ainslie. Warden MacAulay explained that he was in contact with the Area Supervisor of Natural Resources and they have removed the steps to the beach and

they will maintain the path to the beach and the bathrooms.

Deputy Warden LeBlanc indicated that they are waiting for Natural Resources to give up their claim to the Day Park in South West Margaree after which a community group in SW Margaree are willing to take over the park.

BOAT - MARGAREE HARBOUR

Deputy Warden LeBlanc advised that according to John Bain the boat does not fall under the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Act.

Deputy Warden LeBlanc explained that she has been in contact with various government departments and it seems no one is responsible for removing this boat. She will continue to work towards getting the boat removed.

FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE

Warden MacAulay welcomed Chris van den Heuvel, President of the Inverness/Victoria Federation of Agriculture.

Mr. van den Heuvel thanked Council for their ongoing support and provided an update on the past year of the Federation. There are currently 140 farms in Inverness County consisting of a wide variety such as blueberry, organic, vegetable, sheep, wool, etc. Agriculture in Inverness County remains relatively stable as compared to other areas of the Province.

The Federation continues to provide machinery rentals, as well, the Cape Mabou Community Pasture will remain in operation this year. Mr. van den Heuvel advised that the Federation encourages residents to buy local produce and support the farmers markets.

EASTERN DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

Warden MacAulay welcomed John Bain, Director, Eastern District Planning Commission. Council was provided with a copy of the 2010-2011 Annual Report and Financial Statements for the EDPC.

Mr. Bain reviewed the financial statements and advised that there was a decrease in development permits last year but an increase in sub-division applications. The revenues across the five units was up and the Planning Commission completed the year with a surplus of approximately \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 11:15 am

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Warden MacAulay welcomed RCMP Staff Sergeant Craig Seafoot. Staff Sergeant Seafoot advised that the Inverness District has a full complement of 15 officers with 2 First Nations Officers paid for by the Province and Federal Government.

Staff Sergeant Seafoot reviewed the crime statistics for 2010-2011 which shows a decrease over most crimes from last year.

Staff Sergeant Seafoot put forward a request for an additional police officer for the Inverness District. Warden MacAulay advised that this request would be considered during budget discussions.

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES - PROPERTY OF HOWARD SLEEP

Joe O'Connor read correspondence from John Bain, Administrator of the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises By-Law. Mr. Bain reported that another inspection was carried out and after a comparison the building has deteriorated further.

Mr. Bain recommended that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council.

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.

That the recommendation from the Administrator of the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises By-Law for the structure to be demolished be approved and followed through by July 15, 2011.

PROPERTY OF DUNCAN MACKINNON - INVERNESS

Councillor Mustard reported that there is no difference in Mr. MacKinnon's operation at this location. Discussion took place with respect to the breach of the Land Use By-Law by E.D. MacKinnon Trucking Limited and/or Duncan MacKinnon.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Carried.

That our Solicitor proceed with a charge under Section 5.5 of the Municipal Government Act for resolution of the Inverness Land Use By-Law of E.D. MacKinnon Trucking Limited and/or Duncan MacKinnon.

Adjournment to lunch.

Warden MacAulay re-convened meeting at 1:15 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Moved by: Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Carried.**

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meetings of May 2 & May 26, 2011, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.**

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of May 2, 2011, 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

Correspondence was received from the Dept. Of Transportation in response to a request of a drainage concern on Old Barberton Road.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - PREMIER

A copy of correspondence was received from Premier Darrell Dexter to Billy Joe MacLean, President, UNSM, with respect to the Memorandum of Understanding.

STRAIT OF CANSO SUPERPORT CORPORATION - APPOINTMENT

Correspondence was received from the Strait of Canso Superport advising that the term of office for Mr. Scott MacDonald as board member for Inverness County is due to expire and Mr. MacDonald is eligible and willing to serve another term.

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard

Carried.

That Mr. Scott MacDonald be nominated to serve a further three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DUMPSTER - NORTH EAST MABOU ROAD

Councillor Susan Mallette questioned whether the dumpster on the North East Mabou Road which belongs to the County will be replaced. Garret Beaton explained that the dumpster will be replaced with a similar one.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - PORT HASTINGS ROTARY

Moved by: Councillor Susan Mallette

Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Carried.

That correspondence be forwarded to the Dept. Of Transportation requesting an update on the proposed infrastructure work at the Port Hastings Rotary.

PORT HOOD SIDEWALK PROJECT - PHASE II

On question from Councillor Susan Mallette, Garret Beaton reported that he has received approval from the Department of Transportation and work will begin when staff is available.

TOURISM OPERATORS

Councillor Susan Mallette wished the Tourism Operators in the County a prosperous tourism season.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

Councillor Daniel Boudreau thanked the Director of Public Works and his staff for the garbage pick up during the clean-up week.

CELL PHONE RECEPTION - PLEASANT BAY

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau

Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Carried.

That correspondence be forwarded to Bell Mobility with respect to the lack of cellular service in Pleasant Bay.

ILLEGAL DUMPING - NORTH EAST MARGAREE

Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc provided information on the illegal dump site in North East Margaree and asked that a notice be advertised in the newspaper discouraging residents from illegal dumping.

FRACTURING

Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc reiterated the danger of fracturing and is hopeful that the Province will not allow any permits for fracturing.

RESOLUTION - PAY WHAT YOU SEE LEGISLATION

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald put forward the following request -

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard

Carried.

That the following resolution be forwarded to Honourable Graham Steele, Minister of Finance, with copies to Honourable Darrell Dexter, Premier, Honourable John MacDonell, Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations, Maurice Smith, MLA, Alan MacMaster, MLA, and Councillor Dwayne MacDonald, Dist #6.

WHEREAS the people of Inverness County understand that we need to pay taxes in order to maintain government services, and,

WHEREAS some goods and services have taxes and fees added at the point of sale, and

WHEREAS the total cost is not completely apparent to the consumer until the point of sale, and

WHEREAS government outlets (i.e. Nova Scotia Liquor Commission, and Access Nova Scotia) include taxes and fees in their posted prices, and,

WHEREAS taxes and fees not disclosed until the point of sale puts an unnecessary

BE IT RESOLVED that the people of Nova Scotia pay what they see. That the posted prices include all taxes and fees, with the total cost to the consumer at the point of sale the most prominently displayed price.

Note: It is understandable that national and international advertising must advertise the base price, without taxes and fees specific to Nova Scotia, but goods and services purchased within the Province of Nova Scotia should include all taxes and fees in the listed price, prior to the point of sale.

BEACH ROAD #1 AND LOWER RAILWAY STREET

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Carried.

That the possibility of listing the road between Lower Railway Street and Beach Road #1 owned by Natural Resources be pursued.

Council adjourned to "In Camera" on motion of Councillor Daniel Boudreau.

Council adjourned to "Open Council" on motion of Deputy Warden Gloria LeBLanc.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF "IN CAMERA"

There were no recommendations from "In Camera".

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Warden MacAulay adjourned meeting at 2:20 p.m.

WARDEN

CLERK

