

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Building in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Grant McDaniel, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of May 18, 2016, be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 4 – Microphone System in Council Chambers – Councillor LeBlanc questioned if a cost had been received for a microphone system. Mr. O'Connor is waiting for a cost estimate.

Page 5 – Department of Housing – Joan McKeough was unable to attend this meeting. Eveylena Gillis will contact Ms. McKeough to set up a meeting.

Page 5 – Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal – Councillor LeBlanc asked if any information had been received with regard to the East Margaree Road. Mr. O'Connor advised that in conversation with Steve MacDonald they are still working on a design.

Page 5 – Report on Water Capacity in Mabou – Deputy Warden MacQuarrie explained that at a meeting held previous to Council Garrett Beaton reported that the Mabou water continues to be monitored and there is no concern of a shortage of water.

PRESENTATION BY SEASIDE COMMUNICATIONS

Warden MacAulay welcomed Angela Bresson from Seaside Communications. The Mabou and North East Margaree Volunteer Fire Departments were unable to attend therefore Ms. Bresson presented the Seaside Communications cheques to the Councillor representing these areas.

TAX REFUND

Joe O'Connor reviewed the tax history of Thomas Roy Deveaux, Tax Acct. #10475414.

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

That a refund in the amount of \$823.90 be provided to Thomas Roy Deveaux.

FIRST READING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 30 – CAPITAL COST OF SEWER & WATER CONSTRUCTION

Joe O'Connor reviewed the amendments as follows: addition to Section 14 “(k) In the area served by the Port Hood/Harbourview Sewer & Water system, the frontage rate is hereby set at \$19.03 per lineal foot for sewer and water; and the Trunk Sewer and Water charge is hereby set at \$958.40 per unit”. Also in Section 9 (b) reduce the interest rate from 10% to 5%.

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

That the First Reading for an amendment to By-Law #30 – Capital Cost of Sewer & Water Construction be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of May 18, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

PLANNING & ADVISORY

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc

Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier

Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning & Advisory Committee meeting of May 31, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

LAND PLANNING

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard

Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Land Planning Committee meeting of May 31, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

FAÇADE MEETINGS

The Inverness and Port Hood Façade projects are ongoing.

STRAIT AREA TRANSIT

The Strait Area Transit Annual General Meeting is being held Tuesday, June 14th at 10am.

BIOSPHERE MEETING

The next Biosphere meeting is being held on Thursday, June 16th at 7pm at the Senior's Club in St. Peters.

NEXTGEN FORUM 2016

The NextGen Forum 2016 is being held on Tuesday, June 14th in Sydney.

STRATHLORNE TREE NURSERY

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30 pm at the tree nursery.

REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK

Warden MacAulay advised that CBRM has withdrawn from the REN. A meeting was held in Arichat last week and approval was granted from the Province to continue with the remaining municipal units as in the past. Contributions from each municipal unit will remain the same.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN BAIN – EDPC

Mr. Bain reviewed the financial statements for 2015/16 and noted that the EDPC have been in operation for 25 years. There was an increase in building permits and the construction value was 23.2 million for the year.

PRESENTATION BY SEAN DONOVAN - UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Mr. Donovan reviewed the Unsightly Premises files and advised that all property owners were notified that they could appear and speak at today's Council meeting.

Property of Robert Campbell – 8043 Marble Mtn Rd – building has been demolished by owner.

PROPERTY OF LESTER MORGAN – 24 MACKENZIE AVE & PROPERTY OF SARAH DINDOFF – 26 MACKENZIE AVE

Mr. Donovan recommended that these two properties be provided with a 30 day demolition order.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Carried.

That the recommendation from Mr. Donovan to provide the property owners with a 30 day demolition order be accepted.

PROPERTY OF HUBERT MATTHEWS – 8303 MARBLE MTN RD

Mr. Donovan recommended that this property owner be provided with a 30 day demolition order.

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

That the recommendation from Mr. Donovan to provide the property owner with a 30 day demolition order be accepted.

PROPERTY OF THOMAS HILL – 175 FOOT CAPE ROAD

Mr. Donovan advised that he received a letter from the property owner and he would like to take some of the possessions out of the buildings. Leslie Smith spoke on behalf of the homeowner who would like an extension to 90 days on the demolition order. Mr. Donovan recommended an extension to 90 days.

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

That the recommendation from Mr. Donovan to extend the demolition order to 90 days be accepted with the proper signage posted on the property.

PRESENTATION BY SERGEANT SHELBY MILLER – RCMP

Sergeant Miller reviewed the statistics for Inverness County. There is a slight decrease in calls for service in 2016. The priorities remain the same – crime reduction, cyber crime, road safety, etc. Sergeant Miller reviewed the transfer of officers and advised that the replacement of the District Commander will be in July. Warden MacAulay thanked Sergeant Miller for his years of service in the Inverness County District. Sergeant Miller is transferring to Richmond County.

PRESENTATION BY AMANDA MACDOUGALL – CAPE BRETON IMMIGRATION PLAN

Amanda MacDougall reviewed the rural immigration pilot project work she carried out through Cape Breton University. Ms. MacDougall is now partnering with the Cape Breton Partnership to continue with the immigration work previously carried out. Ms. MacDougall reviewed the necessity of attracting people and providing a support system for these immigrants as well as training programs for businesses to attract workers. She will be meeting with agricultural representatives next week and will continue to update Council.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Gloria LeBlanc –

Road Signs - Councillor LeBlanc provided a copy of a letter from MADA to Steve MacDonald, TIR, in which they are requesting that the damaged road signs in the Margaree communities be repaired and replace those that have fallen down.

Cellular Service - Councillor LeBlanc also provided a copy of a letter she received from MADA with respect to the lack of cellular service and slow internet service in the Margarees. A survey is going to be carried out in these areas to determine how many residents own a cell phone and how many will invest in cellular service.

Belle Cote Road – Councillor LeBlanc asked that correspondence be forwarded to Steve MacDonald requesting information as to their repair plan for the East Margaree Road to the Belle Cote Road.

Councillor Alfred Poirier –

Internet Service – Councillor Poirier expressed concern with the poor internet service in some areas of Cheticamp.

FCM Conference – Councillor Poirier provided information on the FCM Conference he attended in Manitoba.

Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie –

Inverness Oran – Congratulations to the Inverness Oran on receiving the Jack Hartery Lifetime Achievement Award in Business.

PORT HOOD FAÇADE & PORT HOOD PLAN REVIEW

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

That correspondence be forwarded to Darren Blundon and Gerard Jessome, TIR, requesting that a review be carried out at the south entrance into Port Hood and also lower the speed limit in this area.

MABOU HARBOUR ROAD –

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

That correspondence be forwarded to Steve MacDonald, TIR, requesting that repair work be carried out on the Mabou Harbour Road where there is a dip in the pavement.

Councillor Jim Mustard –

Inverness Water – A meeting was held last week and the majority of those in attendance wanted the water treated at the source and flushing carried out. Councillor Mustard has e-mailed the consultants.

Housing Plan – Councillor Mustard will provide the Housing Plan to Council within the next several weeks.

Land Use Committee – A Land Use Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 15th at 12:30 pm.

Internet Connectivity – An Internet Connectivity meeting will be held on Friday, June 17th at 10am.

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald –

TIR Updates – Paving is being carried out in Malagawatch and Marble Mountain and Councillor MacDonald would like the TIR contacted as to the status of the repair work on the Crowdis Bridge.

Kings Road – Contact the TIR as to when repair work will be carried out at the bottom of Kings Road on Pleasant Hill.

STRAIT OF CANSO SUPERPORT

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

That Frank MacInnis be appointed to the Board of Directors of the Strait of Canso Superport Authority.

Notice of Motion – Councillor MacDonald provided notice of motion re Term of Office of Warden & Deputy Warden. Policy will be brought forward at the July Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Deputy Warden MacQuarrie, seconded by Councillor Poirier that meeting adjourn.

CLERK

WARDEN