

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, March 4, 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: Bill Dunphy, Inverness Oran
Adam Cooke, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the February 11, 2013, Municipal Council meeting be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 4 – Presentation by Melvin O'Brien – Broad Cove Banks – No cost estimate has been put together as yet.

Page 6 – Veterans Memorial Drive – No information has been received.

Page 6 – Park Street – Inverness – Councillor Mustard advised that a meeting will be held with the residents with respect to cost sharing.

Page 7 – Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital – Councillor Mustard informed Council that he has been asked to sit on this board.

**PRESENTATION BY ANDREA COOMBS, PHONSIE FARELL & DENNIE BOUTLIER
– PORT HAWKESBURY PAPER**

Information was provided from representatives of the Port Hawkesbury Paper with respect to the changes in operations and staffing as well as the types of paper now produced at the mill. The wood supply areas and the licensed crown lands were also discussed.

PRESENTATION BY REVERAND DONNA TOURNEUR & JIM FOULDS – UNESCO

Reverand Tourneur provided information on the two main projects they are currently working on – 1) Web-based Atlas of the Bras d’Or Lakes and 2) Science Education. The web-based atlas is an inventory of community groups around the watershed area which will be incorporated into a web-based public atlas of the Bras d’Or’s and will continually be updated with additional information. The Science Education is a curriculum development using the Bras d’Or Lakes to teach habitat in grade 4 science.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:05 p.m.

**PRESENTATION BY KRISTEN OVERMYER- BIOMASS GASIFICATION
OPPORTUNITIES**

Mr. Overmyer explained the differences with biomass gasification and other biomass technologies. Biomass gasification is used in many places that natural gas is used and has less of an environmental impact. Mr. Overmyer reviewed the possibilities for Inverness County if implemented in large community facilities, regional industry plants or large farms.

PRESENTATION BY MIKE MAHONEY – SEASIDE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Mahoney provided information on the community support plan embarked by Seaside Communications that will result in a \$2,000. cash donation per year to two fire departments from each county where Seaside serves customers, combined with free internet access & wifi in various fire halls throughout the Province. Seaside will also be constructing a Web Portal that will provide each volunteer fire department with their own web space, as well as a donation page where members of the community will be able to make donations to the location of their choice. Mr. Mahoney reviewed the sponsorship package and asked that the County participate. Warden MacAulay advised that this request would be referred to an Audit Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of February 11, 2013, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald reported on the Port Hawkesbury Committee meeting.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden MacDonald advised that Karen Malcolm is working on a Strategic Plan for the Energy Committee.

FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE

Seven applications have been received for the Food Security Committee which will be reviewed at a later date.

CAPE BRETON DISTRICT HEALTH AUTHORITY TASK FORCE

Joe O'Connor advised that he has been appointed to a task force for the Cape Breton District Health Authority to review patient flow and long waits in emergency rooms.

EASTERN COUNTIES REGIONAL LIBRARY

Councillor MacQuarrie reported that the board of the Eastern Counties Regional Library met with Provincial Representatives to discuss budget cutbacks. Laura Emery, Chief Librarian will be contacting the County to make a presentation to Council.

PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**FIRST READING – APPLICATION BY RAYMOND DEVEAU TO AMEND THE
CHETICAMP MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY & LAND USE BY-LAW**

Warden MacAulay advised that a Municipal Planning & Advisory Committee meeting was held previous to Council and it was recommended that this application proceed to Council for First Reading.

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

That the Cheticamp Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law be amended as follows:

- Amend the preamble to the Mixed Use (MU) Zone in the MPS to reflect that the Cheticamp Development Commission no longer owns the land zoned Mixed Use (MU), and to update the permitted used in Policy 4-2 to allow development of a marina and boat storage and service facility within the Zone;
- Amend the text of Part 14 of the LUB (Mixed Use (MU) Zone) to permit marinas and marina facilities and boat storage and servicing facilities, and to establish a 1.83 metre (6 foot) setback from the ordinary high water mark, and ;
- Amend the Zoning Map of the LUB so that the boundary of the Mixed Use (MU) Zone follows the lot lines of the subject property.
- Part 14 – Mixed Use (MU) Zone to allow for development of the following –
 - Marinas and marina facilities;
 - Boat storage and servicing facilities;

That the First Reading of the application by Raymond Deveau to amend the Cheticamp Municipal Planning Strategy & Land Use By-Law to allow construction of a Marina & Boat Storage & Service Facility on properties in Cheticamp (PID's 50206127 & 50206143) be approved.

DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Council agreed that staff set a date for a Public Hearing to be held in Cheticamp.

CORRESPONDENCE

MINISTER OF FINANCE

Correspondence was received from the Minister of Finance advising that Council's request for a fuel tax exemption for mining companies will be reviewed during budget discussions.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

CROWDIS BRIDGE

Councillor LeBlanc advised that a meeting was held with the Minister of Transportation and he agreed to review the time frame for the replacement of the Crowdis Bridge.

ROAD NAME CHANGE – WEST BIG INTERVALE ROAD

Councillor LeBlanc asked that the County reiterate the importance of having the upper portion of the West Big Intervale Road changed to “Sugarloaf Valley Road”.

MARGAREE HARBOUR – RANGE LIGHTS

Councillor LeBlanc explained that the Federal Dept. of Fisheries is divesting the two range lights at the harbor in Margaree. MADA are interested in taking over ownership and future maintenance of these lights. Councillor LeBlanc provided a letter of support to MADA from the County.

MEAT COVE ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Councillor Poirier advised that the Chief Electoral Officer should have a decision shortly with respect to the electoral boundary change for Meat Cove.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

That correspondence be forwarded to Steve MacDonald, Dept. of Transportation, with a copy to Eugene Fraser requesting that the road be repaired from the Point Cross Road to the All Aboard Restaurant.

PUBLIC HEARING – FRACTURING BY-LAW

Council agreed that the Public Hearing for the Fracturing By-Law be held on Monday, March 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall in Port Hastings.

MABOU WATER LINE BREAK

Councillor MacQuarrie expressed disappointment with the fact that the Public Works Dept. carried out repair work on the water line in Mabou while a funeral was being held. Councillor MacQuarrie asked that there be further discussion at a Policy Meeting.

FIRE TRUCK – PORT HOOD ISLAND

Moved by: Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie

**Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Carried.**

That approval be granted to forward correspondence to the Minister of Service Nova Scotia & Municipal Relations with copies to Allan MacMaster, MLA, Port Hood Fire Dept., and Port Hood Island Residents with respect to the availability of funding to assist with the construction of a building on Port Hood Island to accommodate a fire truck.

PORT HOOD & DIST. VOL. FIRE DEPT. LOAN GUARANTEE

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

That a loan guarantee in the amount of \$190,455.95 be approved for the Port Hood & Dist. Vol. Fire Dept. for the purpose of purchasing Freightliner Truck.

INVERNESS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Councillor Mustard asked that meetings be held in the Districts which were not represented at the community meeting of the Inverness Community Foundation which was held in Mabou.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

CLERK

WARDEN