

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011
1:30 P.M.**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, March 7, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Matt Raper, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of February 14, 2011, be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard

Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of February 14, 2011, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

PRESENTATION BY CAROLINE CAMERON - GAELIC COUNCIL OF NOVA SCOTIA

Warden MacAulay welcomed Caroline Cameron and representatives of the Gaelic Council of Nova Scotia. Ms. Cameron provided information on their plans for 2011-2012 which includes a Forum Workshop to be held on May 28th at the Port Hastings Fire Hall. Ms. Cameron reviewed the sessions for this workshop and requested a contribution from the County towards the expenses and extended an invitation to Councillors to attend.

Warden MacAulay advised that this request would be discussed at an Audit meeting.

Warden MacAulay requested permission from Council to open the floor for comments from representatives of the Council of Canadians. Council agreed with this request.

Various questions were raised and addressed. Warden MacAulay reviewed the information provided by the Dept. Of Energy officials as to the process of drilling an exploratory well. The Dept. Of Energy indicated that there are no applications for fracturing before the Province at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

FCM DUES & MEMBERSHIP

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.

That the FCM dues in the amount of \$2143.96 be approved for payment.

UNSM DUES & MEMBERSHIP

Moved by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.

That the UNSM dues in the amount of \$6883.96 be approved for payment.

PRESENTATION BY ANTHONY MORRIS AND SHELLEY PORTER - BRAS D'OR LAKES COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANING INITIATIVE

Mr. Morris and Ms. Porter reviewed the function of the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (CEPI). The purpose of the CEPI is to develop a management plan for the Bras d'Or Lakes Watershed ecosystem and to facilitate its implementation. The public launch of the plan is scheduled for May 11th.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:15 p.m.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

That the following appointments for Municipal Committee structure be approved -

- 1) Police Advisory Committee - Warden Duart MacAulay**
- 2) Municipal Homes Board - Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc**
- 3) Strait-Highlands RDA - Councillor Jim Mustard**

UNSM WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BURSARY PROGRAM

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

That a contribution of \$500.00 per year for a three year period 2011-2014 be approved for the UNSM Women In Local Government Bursary Program.

COASTAL RESOURCE COORDINATOR - DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

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

That correspondence be forwarded to Nova Scotia Fisheries & Aquaculture requesting an update on the status of the Coastal Resource Coordinator position located in Mabou which has been vacant for some time.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS - INVERNESS

Councillor Jim Mustard provided an update on the two town hall meetings held in Inverness.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Seconded by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Carried.

That correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation requesting repair work to the pot holes on many of the roads in the County.

BUILDING CANADA FUND

Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc requested that the Building Canada Fund-Communities Component application for the St. Joseph du Moine/Grand Etang Wastewater Management Project be re-submitted.

DARE PROGRAM

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

That \$500.00 be contributed to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education DARE Program which is being provided in the county schools.

EASTERN DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS

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

That the recommendation from the Eastern District Planning Commission for Municipal staff appointments be approved.

“IN CAMERA”

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

“OPEN COUNCIL”

A motion was made by Councillor Mustard, seconded by Deputy Warden LeBlanc that meeting adjourn to "Open Council".

RECOMMENDATIONS OF "IN CAMERA"

GARBAGE TRUCK REPLACEMENT

Moved by: Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.

That the recommendation from the Director of Public Works for any surplus from the operating budget for garbage be used to purchase a replacement garbage truck be approved.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM

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

That the County enter into an Inter Municipal Agreement with the ten participating municipal units for a new information technology system and make the funding available in the 2011-2012 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Councillor Mustard, seconded by Councillor Boudreau that meeting adjourn at 3:55 p.m.

CLERK

WARDEN