

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011
1:30 P.M.**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, May 2, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Court House in Port Hood.

CALL TO ORDER

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

OATH OF OFFICE - DISTRICT #6

Chief Administrative Officer, Joe O'Connor administered the Oath of Allegiance and Oath of Office to Councillor Elect Dwayne MacDonald.

Warden MacAulay welcomed Councillor Dwayne MacDonald and invited him to take his place at the Council table.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran

PRESENTATION BY REBECCA & ROBERT PARKINS - PROTECT LAKE AINLSIE

Warden MacAulay welcomed Rebecca & Robert Parkins. Ms. Parkins advised that the "Protect Lake Ainslie" face book group presently have over 1400 members. Their mandate is No Oil and Gas Exploration or Production in the Lake Ainslie Watershed and they also support a total ban on slick water fracturing in Nova Scotia. Mr. Parkins reviewed the concerns of their group and put forward some suggestions as to encouraging business development for a green, clean

mandate for Lake Ainslie.

Concern was expressed as to the status of the provincial day park in East Lake Ainslie and Joe O'Connor agreed to contact the Department of Natural Resources.

PRESENTATION BY DONNA MACDONALD & CLAIR BEATON - AIR STRIP - STRATHLORNE

Ms. MacDonald presented a petition from concerned residents opposing the proposed commercial air strip by Cabot Links to be located at the Strathlorne Tree Nursery. Their main concern is that this project may be detrimental to the operation of the Tree Nursery.

Warden MacAulay thanked Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Beaton and advised that these concerns will be taken into consideration.

PRESENTATION BY NEAL LIVINGSTON - AIR STRIP - STRATHLORNE

Warden MacAulay welcomed Neal Livingston who also expressed concern with the proposed air strip to be located at the Strathlorne Tree Nursery.

Mr. Livingston asked Council to rescind the motion made at the Audit Committee meeting of March 28th with regard to the proposed air strip at the Strathlorne Tree Nursery.

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

That Municipal Council rescind the motion made at the Audit Committee meeting of March 28th with respect to the proposed air strip at the Strathlorne Tree Nursery.

Discussion followed as to the required number of votes to rescind a motion.

Moved by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.

That a delay of voting on the previous motion to allow Solicitor MacIsaac to review the number of votes required to rescind a motion be approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 4, 2011

Councillor Daniel Boudreau requested that it be noted in the approval of the Audit Committee Minutes of April 4, 2011, that Councillor Boudreau voted nay on the motion with respect to the Ecology Action Centre.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

That the minutes of the April 4, 2011, Municipal Council meeting as amended be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - MARCH 17, 2011

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of March 17, 2011, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

Council adjourned for a ten minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION TO RESCIND RE AIR STRIP MOTION - STRATHLORNE TREE NURSERY

Warden MacAulay requested that Council go back to previous motion as follows -

That Municipal Council rescind the motion made at the Audit Committee meeting of March 28th, 2011, with respect to the proposed air strip at the Strathlorne Tree Nursery.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Nay Votes - Warden Duart MacAulay
Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Motion Defeated.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Warden MacAulay advised that the Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2011, were reviewed at an Audit Committee meeting held earlier today.

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

That the Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2011, be approved.

TAX WRITE-OFF

The following tax accounts were presented from the Finance Department for write-off:

Dist. #2, Acct. #09008187, Stephen B Brooks - \$134.01 plus interest (lot deleted)
Dist. #3, Acct. #00621641, Estate of Mary Campbell - \$228.00 (house burnt)

Moved by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.

That the tax accounts as presented be approved for write-off.

DELEGATION APPEARING BEFORE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL POLICY - APPROVAL

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

That the Delegation Appearing Before Municipal Council Policy be approved.

PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL - POLICY 7.1 - VACATION PAY - HOURLY PAID EMPLOYEES

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

That Policy 7.1 - Vacation Pay - Hourly Paid Employees be approved.

DUNCAN MACKINNON PROPERTY - INVERNESS

Joe O'Connor advised that several properties at the Strathlorne Tree Nursery were identified for the purpose of a possible light industrial park but were rejected by the province.

Discussion followed and it was agreed that John Bain provide an updated report on the MacKinnon property and Councillor Mustard agreed to meet with Mr. MacKinnon to see what progress he has made.

HOWARD SLEEP PROPERTY - LONG POINT

It was agreed that John Bain provide an updated report on this unsightly premises property.

CORRESPONDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Correspondence was received from the Dept. Of Transportation in response to previous road requests.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES & AQUACULTURE

Correspondence was received from the Dept. Of Fisheries advising that Nicole Sampson has been hired to fill the vacant position of the Coastal Resource Coordinator.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

UPDATE ON SECOND PHASE OF SIDEWALKS - PORT HOOD

On question from Councillor Susan Mallette, Garret Beaton reported that he is waiting for approval from the Dept. Of Transportation in Halifax for Phase II of the Port Hood Sidewalk Project.

CLEAN UP WEEK

On recommendation from the Director of Public Works it was agreed that clean up week be held the week of May 30, 2011. Warden MacAulay asked that Mr. Beaton give consideration to what could be done with the seasonal residents who miss out on the spring and fall cleanup.

BOAT - MARGAREE HARBOUR

Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc questioned whether the boat which is aground in Margaree Harbour could be considered an unsightly premises.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Carried.

That John Bain, Administrator of Unsightly Premises be contacted to inspect the boat which is aground in Margaree Harbour.

PROVINCIAL DAY PARK - SOUTH WEST MARGAREE

Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc requested that the Dept. of Natural Resources be contacted as to what work, if any, will be carried out at the day park in South West Margaree.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Carried.

That correspondence be forwarded to the Dept. Of Transportation requesting that the drainage concern on Old Barberton Road be investigated and addressed.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald requested that John Bain, Administrator of Unsightly Premises be asked to investigate two unsightly properties on WW MacLean Road.

POPULATION FORUM

Councillor Jim Mustard reported on the Population Forum he attended in Truro. There continues to be a problem with a declining population and ways of reversing this declining population was reviewed.

PELLET MILLS

Councillor Jim Mustard reported that he and Garret Beaton toured an environmentally friendly pellet mill operation in Sydney which may be of interest to Inverness County.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

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

That Councillor Dwayne MacDonald be appointed to the Port Hastings Airport

Committee and the Strait Area Transit Board.

CHILD CARE AWARENESS DAYS

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

That the month of June be declared "Child Care Awareness Days Month".

A motion was made by Councillor Mustard, seconded by Councillor Mallette that Council adjourn to "In Camera".

A motion was made by Councillor Boudreau, seconded by Councillor MacDonald that Council adjourn to "Open Council".

RECOMMENDATIONS OF "IN CAMERA"

BACKHOE REPLACEMENT

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

That the backhoe that was burnt at the Kenloch Transfer Station be replaced

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Council adjourned at 4:15 p.m. on motion of Councillor Mustard, seconded by Councillor MacDonald.

WARDEN

CLERK