

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, May 2, 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 Jim Mustard**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc**  
**Carried.**

**That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of April 12, 2016, be approved.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Page 4 – Pan Cape Breton** – Councillor Mustard noted that correspondence was received from Nova Scotia Agriculture advising that this project meets the objectives identified for the Building Industry Capacity Program for 2016-2017. A proposal will be forwarded.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Page 1 – Wind Turbines** – Deputy Warden MacQuarrie would still like to see the Wind Turbine By-Law reviewed in its entirety.

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of April 12, 2016, 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 JUDY WATTS & DAMIAN MACINNIS – PORT HOOD DEVELOPMENT**

Judy Watts advised that the condition of the Port Hood Wharf was discussed at a Port Hood Development meeting. They would like to discuss repair options with the County. Discussion followed and Warden MacAulay suggested that the Port Hood Development make a recommendation to Council as to what they would like to see done with the wharf. Warden MacAulay stated that Council will support an application for Federal & Provincial Government funding.

#### **PRESENTATION BY PAUL GALLANT – CHETICAMP-LEMOINE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gallant provided information on the activities of the CCCL since November, 2014. Mr. Gallant advised that the committee has adopted a mission statement and reviewed the plans for next year. The CCCL looks forward to working towards better serving the citizens of the county.

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

**That the annual report from the CCCL be accepted.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **SPRING CLEANUP WEEK**

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

**That the week of May 30 – June 3 be declared Spring Cleanup Week.**

#### **PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Betty Ann MacQuarrie –**

**Report on Water Capacity in Mabou** – Garrett Beaton is still reviewing and should have a report available for the next council meeting.

**Municipal Building Improvements** – Deputy Warden MacQuarrie commented on the improvements to the front of the Municipal building and would like to see some work carried out on the back of the building – parking area, etc.

**Councillor Jim Mustard** –

**Water Situation in Inverness** – Councillor Mustard would like some information re Inverness water put on facebook.

**Meeting with Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal** – Councillor Mustard asked that a meeting be set up with Bernie Murphy to discuss the crosswalks in Inverness.

**Councillor LeBlanc was excused from the meeting**

**Engage Conference** – Councillor Mustard reminded Council of the Engage Conference to be held on May 13 & May 14 at the school in Waycobah.

**Cleanup in Inverness** – Councillor Mustard asked Garrett Beaton to identify some central drop offs locations for the cleanup day on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Margaree River** – Some concerns have come forward with regard to the erosion of the Margaree River bank. The Dept. of Environment is responsible for watershed areas.

**INVERNESS COUNTY LAND USE COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mustard provided the following resolution –

**Resolution to form an Inverness County Land Use Committee**

**Whereas:** The Municipality of the County of Inverness, as part of its re-population strategy, has identified agriculture as one of the priority sectors needed to grow to support a vibrant, healthy and prosperous region.

**Whereas:** A 2013 study documented 64 municipalities who were engaged in food policies and innovative approaches to focusing on local food to advance progress towards health, social, environmental, and economic objectives. *Municipal\_Food\_Policy\_Entrepreneurs\_Final\_Report*

**Whereas:** The Municipality of the County of Inverness has recognized the importance of the agriculture sector in helping to create and support the Pan CB Food HUB pilot.

**Whereas:**

- In an Inverness County agricultural census from 1918, 140,000 acres were in production and now there are 33,000 acres.
- Currently in NS the GDP of Agriculture is \$6 billion with an average 6% annual growth
- 1 in 8 NS jobs are in agriculture and agri-food processing
- There are 242 registered farms in Cape Breton with 126 in Inverness Co.
- There were 12 new entrants to Inverness Co. in 2015

**Whereas:** There are a number of issues that need to be addressed and a strategy developed around;

- Succession planning: how to support the farmer who wants to retire and turn the farm over to family?
- Start-ups: how to offer affordable land lease/ownership models for people interested in developing agricultural enterprises.
- Expansion: what forms of incentive policies can be implemented for fallow/unused land to be made available for expanded production.
- Inventory: no integrated land maps identifying agricultural land with attributes such as active/fallow, topography, ownership, and soil type.
- Informing development: how to limit development on designated prime agricultural land.

**Therefore be it resolved:** That the Municipality of the County of Inverness immediately support the development of an Inverness County Land Use Committee. This committee will include representatives with backgrounds or affiliations with financial, legal, Inverness Victoria Federation of Agriculture, The NS Federation of Agriculture, Municipality of the County of Inverness, a member at large and ex officio member from Provincial Department of Agriculture. The committee will develop and further define the terms of reference, strategic direction and objectives over the first 4 months.

Discussion followed and it was agreed to take Inverness County out of the committee name and change to Land Planning Committee.

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

**That the resolution be accepted with the above noted name change.**

**Councillor Dwayne MacDonald** –

#### **ROAD NAME CHANGE – SOAPSTONE**

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

**That the petition received from the residents of Soapstone-Roseburn for road name to be changed to “Roseburn” be forwarded to the EDPC and the TIR.**

#### **EFFICIENCY NOVA SCOTIA – PACE PROGRAM**

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

**That the County take advantage of the PACE program sponsored by Efficiency Nova Scotia.**

**Low Income Housing** – Councillor MacDonald advised that you have to live in the Town of Port Hawkesbury for 7 years to qualify for low income housing. It was agreed to contact the Dept. of Housing for clarification.

Councillor Poirier noted that there is a long turn around for the low income units in Cheticamp.

**Senior Units – Judique** – Councillor MacDonald asked that followup on the repair work at the senior units in Judique be carried out.

**Food Hub** – Councillor MacDonald noted that Alicia Lake is looking to set up a food hub location in this area and if anyone has any suggestions he will be meeting again with Alicia in the next several weeks.

**Mountain View Drive** – Councillor MacDonald asked Garrett Beaton to provide a cost estimate for paving of Mountain View Drive.

**MacDonald Drive** – Councillor MacDonald asked Garrett Beaton provide information as to what road work is required to bring this road up to TIR standards.

**Next Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**CLERK**

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**WARDEN**