

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, May 6, 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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Adam Cooke, Reporter
Brad Perry, The Hawk

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Duart MacAulay called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the April 8, 2013, Municipal Council meeting be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 2 – Road Name Change - West Big Intervale Road – Councillor LeBlanc mentioned that if residents on both sides of the road agree on a road name then the DOT would approve the change.

Page 6 – Mabou Development Association – Councillor MacQuarrie noted that the Mabou Development Assoc. would like to possibly make changes to the agreement. A meeting will be set up with members of the association, the Warden, CAO and Solicitor MacIsaac.

Page 6 – ICSP Review Workshop – Councillor Mustard would like to meet within the next couple of weeks to review the ICSP.

Page 6 – Port Hood Government Wharf – On question from Councillor MacQuarrie, Garret Beaton advised that the floating dock is ready to be installed as well as the warning sign.

SECOND READING – FRACTURING BY-LAW

Warden MacAulay provided an overview of the Public Hearing held previous to Council.

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

That the Fracturing By-Law on Second Reading be passed.

Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald proposed amendments to the Fracturing By-Law as follows:

Amendment (1) - Insert the following on Page 1 as number 1)

- 1) **WHEREAS** The Municipality of the County of Inverness supports conventional methods of exploration for, and harvesting of oil, and gas but not chemical hydraulic fracturing, to fracture underground rock structures as a means to extract oil or methane gas from drilled wells within the territorial jurisdiction of Municipality of the County of Inverness; and

Discussion followed with respect to Amendment #1 and the following amendment to amendment #1 was proposed.

Amendment to Amendment 1

Moved by: Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Carried

That amendment #1 be approved but insert “explore for or” - before “extract oil or methane gas”....

Amendment (2) - Page 4 – insert “to explore for or” (before extract oil...)

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

Discussion followed with respect to paragraph 1 on page 4 and an addition to amendment #2 was agreed upon.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Alfred Poirier
Carried

That “either” be removed on page 4 – second line; and insert “explore for or” – before “extract oil or methane gas”.... in line five of paragraph 1 on page 4.

AMENDED SECOND READING – FRACTURING BY-LAW

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

That the Fracturing By-Law as amended be passed on Second Reading.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Council re-convened at 2:25 p.m.

PRESENTATION BY HECTOR HINES – NON-MOTORIZED MOOSE HUNT – POLLETS COVE

Hector Hines advised of the change three years ago for the moose hunt to a non-motorized moose hunting area. Over the past three years the group have invested \$120,000. and have been working with the government for funding assistance. Mr. Hines provided information on the moose hunting lottery they would like to start and if implemented would cover the costs associated with the moose hunt.

Council agreed to forward letters of support to the Departments of Natural Resources, Environment and Economic Development.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE – APRIL 8, 2013

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of April 8, 2013, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – APRIL 22, 2013

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of April 22, 2013, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

AUDIT COMMITTEE – APRIL 29, 2013

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of April 29, 2013, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

NOTICE OF MOTION – PRIVATE ROADS GARBAGE COLLECTION

Deputy Warden MacDonald provided a notice of motion for the June 10th Council meeting of a policy for garbage collection on private roads.

NOTICE OF MOTION – CAPITAL GRANTS POLICY

Deputy Warden MacDonald provided a notice of motion for the June 10th Council meeting of a District/Regional Capital Development Grants Policy.

CORRESPONDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Followup correspondence was received from the DOT advising that maintenance will be carried out on the Cabot Trail near the Point Cross Road to the All Aboard Restaurant.

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES – PROPERTY OF RONALD TOUSIGNANT – PETIT ETANG

Joe O'Connor advised that a notice was forwarded to the owner of this property advising that discussion will take place at the May 6th Council meeting with respect to the recommendation from the Administrator of the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises. Councillor Poirier noted that

cleanup and repair work is currently being carried out. Followup will take place as to the work being carried out.

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES – PROPERTY OF DONALD BAKER – WILBURN

Joe O'Connor advised that a notice was forwarded to the owner of this property advising that discussion will take place at the May 6th Council meeting with respect to the recommendation from the Administrator of the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises.

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

That a 30 day demolition order notice be forwarded to Mr. Baker.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

CLEANUP WEEK

The recommendation from Garret Beaton for cleanup week to be held the week of May 27th be accepted.

MARGAREE AIRPORT

Councillor LeBlanc asked that Mr. O'Connor set a date for a Margaree Airport Committee meeting.

UNSM WORKSHOPS

Councillor LeBlanc expressed disappointment with the fact that many of the UNSM Workshops are held in the Halifax area and she feels they should be held in different areas of the Province. Councillor MacQuarrie agreed to bring this item up at the Rural Caucus meeting during the UNSM Spring Workshop.

BRIDGE

Councillor Poirier would like to have a light installed at each end of the new bridge in Redman on the Cabot Trail. It was agreed that Garret Beaton look at this bridge with Councillor Poirier to see if street lights could be installed under the Street Light Policy.

L'ACABIE LA COOPERATIVE DE TRANSPORT DE CHETICAMP

Councillor Poirier requested that the funding committed to the L'Acadie Transit be forwarded to them.

PARK STREET – INVERNESS

Councillor Mustard asked that the most recent quote with respect to Park Street be provided to him.

ICSP WORKSHOP

Councillor Mustard provided a summary from Kristen Ovenmeyer on the ICSP Workshop held in Antigonish on April 28th.

RESERVOIR – MABOU

Councillor MacQuarrie asked for an update on the status of the gate for the reservoir in Mabou. Garret Beaton indicated that the gate has been fabricated and will be installed soon.

RURAL ROADS – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

That correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation asking for an increase to the maintenance budget for rural roads.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD

Deputy Warden MacDonald asked for a cost breakdown for residents for paving of Mountain View Drive instead of frontage billing.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:40 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Councillor Poirier, seconded by Deputy Warden MacDonald that meeting adjourn to “Open Council”.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF “IN CAMERA”

There were no recommendations of “In Camera”.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Warden MacAulay adjourned meeting at 4:05 p.m.

CLERK

WARDEN