

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Thursday, November 17, 2016, at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Building in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Councillor Laurie Cranton
Councillor Jim Mustard
Councillor John MacLennan
Councillor John Dowling

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Grant McDaniel, Reporter
Yvonne LeBlanc-Smith, CBC News

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 3, 2016

Moved by: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Seconded by: Councillor John MacLennan
Carried.

That the Minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of October 3, 2016, be approved.

APPROVAL OF SWEARING IN CEREMONY MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Laurie Cranton
Seconded by: Councillor John Dowling
Carried.

That the minutes of the Swearing In Ceremony of November 7, 2016, be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie welcomed new and returning Council members.

**PRESENTATION BY LIONEL ROACH – SACRED HEART HOSPITAL –
CHETICAMP**

Warden MacQuarrie welcomed Lionel Roach who provided information on their fundraising campaign for the purchase of an x-ray machine at an estimated cost of \$311,000. They will not be receiving any funding from the Health Authority due to financial restraints. The policy followed by the Health Authority is for the hospital to be put on a priority list. Councillor Cranton would like to see a copy of the policy change re the purchase of equipment for hospitals. It was agreed that Council try to set up a meeting with the Minister of Health and the Minister of Acadian Affairs during the UNSM Conference.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Seconded by: Councillor John MacLennan
Carried.

That a letter of support for the purchase of this equipment be forwarded to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Acadian Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY – OCTOBER 3, 2016

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of October 3, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

AUDIT – OCTOBER 3, 2016

Moved by: Councillor John MacLennan

Councillor Mustard noted that his name should be removed from the Additional Arts Centre Funding information.

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of October 3, 2016, be approved with above noted changes and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 3, 2016

Moved by: Councillor John MacLennan
Seconded by: Councillor Laurie Cranton
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the CDC meeting of October 3, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

STRAIT AREA TRANSIT

Councillor Mustard questioned whether SAT received any funding from Richmond County. Mr. O'Connor will followup.

PRESENTATION BY NEAL LIVINGSTON

Warden MacQuarrie welcomed Neal Livingston. Mr. Livingston reviewed the transfer of property between the County and Cape Bald. Mr. Livingston would like to see the property expropriated by the County and turned into a park. Discussion followed and it was felt that this issue has taken up enough of Council's time.

Mr. Livingston also feels that the County has not fulfilled its obligation to provide another access to the beach. Mr. Livingston was advised that Mr. Cowan Dewar and the MacLeod's are negotiating an access to the beach and Council will await the outcome.

ADVERTISEMENT OF SECOND READING OF BY-LAW #47, RESPECTING CHARGES FOR THE PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor John Dowling
Carried.

That the Second Reading of By-Law #47 be advertised before final approval.

APPOINTMENT OF CAROL MORRIS TO THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved by: Councillor John MacLennan
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.

That Carol Morris be appointed to the Municipal Planning & Advisory Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE

TAX WRITE-OFF

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Laurie Cranton
Carried.

That taxes in the amount of \$9057.04 plus interest be written off for Mill Road Enterprises (formerly the Inverness Cottage Workshop) as provided by the Tax Department.

TAX REFUND

Moved by: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Seconded by: Councillor John MacLennan
Carried.

That a tax refund in the amount of \$2300.07 be provided to Michealette Ann Barrington as provided by the Tax Department.

MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION

Followup correspondence was received from the Minister of Transportation advising that inspectors will not be stopping fire department vehicles and fees associated with the overweight permits will be waived.

MUNICIPAL AWARENESS WEEK

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Laurie Cranton
Carried.

That the week of November 21-November 25, 2016, be declared Municipal Awareness Week in Municipalities in Nova Scotia.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES – 101 HIGHWAY 19, PORT HASTINGS

Moved by: Councillor John MacLennan
Seconded by: Councillor John Dowling
Carried.

That a 30 day demolition order be issued for property of Gerald Moffatt, 101 Highway 19, Port Hastings PID 50001767.

MINISTER OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

Followup correspondence was received from the Minister of Health advising that the Continuing Care Branch is in the process of contacting all facilities impacted by budget reductions to discuss their situation.

PORT HOOD & DISTRICT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. LOAN GUARANTEE

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

That a loan guarantee in the amount of \$45,976.00 be provided to the Port Hood & District Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck.

INVERNESS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN GUARANTEE

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor John MacLennan
Carried.

That a loan guarantee in the amount of \$270,000.00 be provided to the Inverness Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of purchasing a new fire truck.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**Councillor Jim Mustard**

Storm Sewers – Councillor Mustard advised that repair work is being carried out on the storm sewers in front of the Post Office in Inverness.

PACE Program – Councillor Mustard questioned whether a staff person will be assigned to work on this program. It was agreed to refer this item to a Policy meeting.

Water Issue – Inverness – Councillor Mustard would like to provide a subsidy for water softeners to those affected by the water problem. He will take this request to an Audit meeting.

Meeting with Inverside Residents – Councillor Mustard will set up a meeting with the residents of Inverside as soon as possible.

UNSM Conference – SAT – Councillor Mustard advised that SAT is offering to take one of their buses to the UNSM Conference for those interested in this service.

Unightly Premises – Dindoff Property – Joe O’Connor advised that he is waiting for a report from the EDPC.

BROAD COVE MARSH ROAD

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor John Dowling
Carried.

That correspondence be forwarded to TIR requesting that work be carried out on the Broad Cove Marsh Road.

Wind Turbine By-Law – That a meeting be set up with EDPC to further review the Wind Turbine By-Law.

Councillor John Dowling

ROAD NAME CHANGE

Moved by: Councillor John Dowling
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Carried.

That the request from the residents of “Unnamed Private Lane” located in Judique North for road to be named “Moose Lane” be forwarded to the EDPC and TIR.

No Dumping Sign – Troy - The “No Dumping” sign has been installed.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

Moved by: Councillor John Dowling
Seconded by: Councillor Laurie Cranton
Carried.

That correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of TIR asking that more snow plows be made available in District #6. Also request a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and local Area Managers.

Garbage Pickup on Holidays – Councillor Dowling asked that residents be made more aware of the change for garbage pickup on Holidays.

Councillor Laurie Cranton

Washout on the Margaree Road – Councillor Cranton advised that the tender has been awarded for this road and he will keep Council updated on the progress.

Margaree Centre Bridge – A number of letters have been sent to the Minister of Transportation with regard to the Margaree Centre Bridge. An inspection has been carried out and Allan MacMaster, MLA, is waiting for the report. Councillor Cranton concurs on getting a meeting with the Minister of Transportation.

MARGAREE FORKS WATER

Moved by: Councillor Laurie Cranton
Seconded by: Councillor John MacLennan
Carried.

That a letter of support be forwarded to the Margaree Waterline Association in support of any application for funding and also consideration for a possible financial contribution from the County.

John MacLennan

Welcome Sign – Aberdeen – This welcome sign is being worked on.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

**Moved by: Councillor John MacLennan
Seconded by: Councillor John Dowling
Carried.**

That correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation with respect to the status of the bridge in Valley Mills and the Stewartdale Bridge as well as repair work on the Roseburn Road.

Stop Light in the Village of Whycocomagh – Councillor MacLennan will discuss this request when meeting with the Minister of TIR.

Councillor Alfred Poirier

ANNETTE LEBLANC PROPERTY

**Moved by: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Seconded by: Councillor John Dowling
Carried.**

That the Solicitor review the Annette LeBlanc property as to the possibility of issuing a Quit Claim Deed from the County.

J Roads – Cheticamp - Several J Roads need some repair work. The Public Works Dept. will investigate.

Library in Cheticamp – Deputy Warden Poirier advised that they are looking to transfer the library from the school in Cheticamp to another building. More community discussion is necessary and Warden MacQuarrie will take this to a board meeting of the Eastern Counties Regional Library.

Councillor Cranton declared a Conflict of Interest.

RIVER VALLEY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

**Moved by: Councillor John MacLennan
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Carried.**

That the River Valley Equestrian Centre be granted \$2,700. from District #2 Community Development funds for the purpose of building an eco-friendly manure containment bin.

MABOU WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY REPLACEMENT

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

That Strait Engineering be awarded the contract for the Mabou Wastewater Treatment Facility Replacement in the amount of \$191,061.

WHYCOCOMAGH WASTEWATER FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Moved by: Councillor John MacLennan
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.

That CBCL be awarded the contract for the Whycocomagh Wastewater Facility Environmental Risk Assessment in the amount of \$23,500.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF INVERNESS COMMITTEE STRUCTURE FOR 2016/2017

COMMITTEE	REPRESENTATION
Audit	All Councillors
Policy	All Councillors
Emergency Management	All Councillors
Community Development	All Councillors
Planning & Advisory	All Councillors Carol Morris
Port Hawkesbury Airport	Roy MacLean Councillor John Dowling Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier (Alternate)
Margaree Airport	Councillor Laurie Cranton Ralph MacPherson Mac Fuller Staff - Joe O'Connor

Homes Board	Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier Councillor Laurie Cranton Councillor John MacLennan Michael Coady Carol Anne MacInnis Diane Chiasson Joe O'Connor
Eastern District Planning Commission	Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier (Chair) Councillor John Dowling Councillor John MacLennan (Alternate) Joe O'Connor (Advisory)
Veterinary Assistance	Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Fences Arbitration	Councillor Jim Mustard
Library	Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Occupational Health/Safety	Councillor John MacLennan
Strait of Canso Superport	Frank MacInnis
Regional Police Advisory	Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie Councillor John Dowling Councillor John MacLennan
Strait Area Transit	Councillor Jim Mustard Councillor John Dowling
Heritage Committee	Councillor Laurie Cranton Councillor John Dowling

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

That the Nominating Committee Report be accepted.

Council adjourned for a 10 minute break.

Warden MacQuarrie called meeting back to order at 3:45 pm.

“IN CAMERA”

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

“Open Council”

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

RECOMMENDATIONS OF “IN CAMERA”

There were no recommendations from “In Camera”.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councillor Mustard, seconded by Councillor Cranton that meeting adjourn.

CLERK

WARDEN