

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, November 4, 2013, at 1:30 pm at the Fire Hall in Inverness with the following in attendance:

Warden Duart MacAulay  
Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald  
Councillor Gloria LeBlanc  
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

Not Present: Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc**  
**Seconded by: Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald**  
**Carried.**

**That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of October 7, 2013, be approved.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**STRAIT AREA TRANSIT CONSULTANTS REPORT**

Joe O'Connor reported that the Transit Consultants Report has been completed and he will be attending a meeting with the other Municipal units involved to discuss the report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICY COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 30, 2013**

**Moved by: Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald**

**Seconded by:** Councillor Alfred Poirier  
**Carried.**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of October 30, 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 – OCTOBER 30, 2013**

**Moved by:** Councillor Jim Mustard  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Gloria LeBlanc  
**Carried.**

**Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of October 30, 2013, be approved 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 30, 2013**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of October 30, 2013, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Deputy Warden MacDonald advised that two essays will be accepted from two communities in the County for the energy contest. Councillor Jim Mustard reported that the Biomass Feasibility Study has been approved by Economic & Rural Development and ECBC.

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

**That \$6,000. be expensed out of the gas tax dollars for the Biomass Feasibility Study.**

**FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Deputy Warden MacDonald and Councillor Mustard will be meeting with other Municipalities at the UNSM Conference to discuss Food Security.

**SECOND READING – APPLICATION BY HENRY & LISA TIMMONS ON BEHALF OF CELTIC HOLDINGS TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY OF INVERNESS LAND USE BY-LAW BY RE-ZONING A PORTION OF THEIR CAMPBELL STREET PROPERTY (PID#50126739) FROM COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (C-1) ZONE TO RESIDENTIAL URBAN (R-1) ZONE**

Warden MacAulay advised that a Public Hearing was held previous to Council and it was recommended that the second reading of the application by Henry & Lisa Timmons be referred to Council for approval.

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

**That the Second Reading of the application by Henry & Lisa Timmons be approved.**

**PRESENTATION BY RCMP**

Warden MacAulay welcomed Sergeant Shelby Miller. Sergeant Miller reviewed the statistics over the past several months. Sergeant Miller advised that the RCMP continues to educate in the schools as well as during public announcements. Sergeant Miller asked that a letter be written to the RCMP stating that an additional police officer for Inverness County was not approved for last year.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY WARDEN**

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

**That Councillor Jim Mustard be appointed Deputy Warden for the year 2013-2014.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**SERVICE NOVA SCOTIA & MUNICIPAL RELATIONS**

Correspondence was received from the Minister of SNSMR advising that funding for the Maple Street Sewer Extension Project was not approved. It was agreed that another request for funding be forwarded to the new Minister of SNSMR.

**CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS**

Correspondence was received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers along with two resolutions with respect to a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter.

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

**That Council support the two resolutions received from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and forward these resolutions to the President of CUPW, Rodger Cuzner, MP, and the President of the FCM.**

**PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**TAX WRITE-OFF**

The following tax account was recommended for write-off:

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

**That Acct #02102293 - Foster MacNeil – Dist #6, in the amount of \$379.16 (house burnt) be approved for write-off.**

**ROAD NAME CHANGE – DUNWANDERIN LANE**

**Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc**  
**Carried.**

**That the request from the residents of “Clarke Point Road” for road to be re-named “Dunwanderin Lane” be approved.**

**PAST YEARS ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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

**That a report of the past years accomplishments from the Municipal Council, Audit, Policy and Community Development Committee meetings be provided to Councillors as well as the status of the motions.**

**STREET LIGHT-PLEASANT BAY**

Councillor Alfred Poirier requested that the Director of Public Works investigate the possibility of having a street light installed at Civic #23308 Pleasant Bay.

**KINSMEN HEIGHTS ROAD**

Councillor Poirier advised that the residents of Kinsmen Heights Road in Cheticamp have agreed to bring their road up to standards. Councillor Poirier will discuss this issue with the Director of Public Works.

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKERS & SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

Councillor Poirier thanked the Emergency Response workers in the County and questioned whether some type of support could be provided to these small businesses. It was agreed that more discussion take place at a later date.

**UNSM CONFERENCE**

Councillor Gloria LeBlanc expressed disappointment with the cell service in certain areas of the County and in particular in the Margaree area and asked that Council support the Cell Coverage Resolution which is to be brought forward at the UNSM Conference.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Councillor LeBlanc asked that the Department of Transportation be contacted requesting that a “Hidden Driveway” sign be placed south of civic #928 Egypt Road.

**LEMOINE HALL**

Councillor LeBlanc informed Council that a group from St. Joseph du Moine will be requesting funding support from the County to carry out repair work to the LeMoine Hall and asked that this request be included on the next CDC meeting agenda.

**PARK STREET EXTENSION**

Councillor Jim Mustard updated the meeting on the status of the Park Street Extension. Solicitor MacIsaac has reviewed the land conveyance agreement and Mr. O’Connor is currently reviewing an amendment to the Local Improvement Charges By-Law. More information will be provided at the next meeting of Council.

**LAND – BIG BROOK**

Discussion took place with respect to a lot of land at Big Brook which was proposed to be exchanged with Natural Resources. Solicitor MacIsaac advised that he is unable to get clear title on this property.

**BUSINESS ALLIANCE FOR LOCAL LIVING ECONOMY**

Deputy Warden Mustard questioned whether the County should look at getting involved with the Business Alliance for Local Living Economy. It was agreed that this item be discussed at a Community Development Committee meeting.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

Joe O'Connor advised that Karen Malcolm has agreed to accept the position of Community Development Officer with the County beginning Monday, November 18, 2013.

**Council adjourned for a five minute break**

**Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:05 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Poirier that meeting adjourn to "In Camera".**

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF "IN CAMERA"**

**MURDENA MACKINNON PROPERTY**

**It is noted that Warden MacAulay declared a conflict of interest.**

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

**It was agreed that Council give direction to Solicitor MacIsaac to continue to work with those involved in the Murdena MacKinnon property dispute before mediation talks begins.**

**ISLAND WIDE MEETING – OTTAWA**

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

**That Warden MacAulay and Joe O'Connor attend the Island Wide Meeting scheduled for November 21-22, 2013, in Ottawa.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss meeting adjourned on motion of Councillor LeBlanc, seconded by Councillor MacDonald.**

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**CLERK**

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**WARDEN**