

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, November 5, 2012, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Joe O'Connor provided the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council:

District #1	-	Alfred Poirier
District #2	-	Gloria LeBlanc
District #3	-	Jim Mustard
District #4	-	Duart MacAulay
District #5	-	Betty Ann MacQuarrie
District #6	-	Dwayne MacDonald

**CALL TO ORDER**

Joe O'Connor called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Councillor Duart MacAulay  
Councillor Alfred Poirier  
Councillor Gloria LeBlanc  
Councillor Dwayne MacDonald  
Councillor Jim Mustard  
Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran  
Marie Aucoin, Participaper  
Scott Oakley, The Hawk

**APPOINTMENT OF WARDEN**

Joe O'Connor advised that three names have been put forward to serve as Warden – 1) Duart MacAulay; 2) Jim Mustard; and 3) Betty Ann MacQuarrie.

Mr. O'Connor asked for any further nominations three times. There were no further nominations.

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

**That nominations cease.**

Ballots were provided to Councillors. Mr. O'Connor and Solicitor MacIsaac counted the ballots. Council was informed that Duart MacAulay received the most votes.

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

**That the official count appointing Duart MacAulay as Warden be approved.**

**Warden Duart MacAulay took his seat.**

#### **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY WARDEN**

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald put his name forward to serve as Deputy Warden.

Warden MacAulay asked for further nominations three times. There were no further nominations.

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

**That Councillor Dwayne MacDonald be appointed Deputy Warden.**

#### **WARDENS REMARKS**

Warden Duart MacAulay thanked Council for their support in appointing him as Warden. Warden MacAulay advised that the process for appointing the Warden or Mayor and Deputy Warden will be reviewed over the next several months.

Warden MacAulay welcomed Alfred Poirier on Council representing District #1. Warden MacAulay expressed gratitude to Daniel Boudreau for his 28 years of service on Council and wished him success in his future endeavours.

Warden MacAulay welcomed Betty Ann MacQuarrie to Council representing District #5. Warden MacAulay also expressed gratitude to Susan Mallette for her term on Council.

Warden MacAulay advised that the County is in good financial condition and looks forward to working together with all Council members over the next 4 years.

#### **APPROVAL OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

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

**That Councillors' Alfred Poirier, Dwayne MacDonald and Gloria LeBlanc be appointed to the Nominating Committee.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That the minutes of the October 1, 2012, Municipal Council meeting be approved.**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Page 5 – Strait Highlands RDA -** Councillor Mustard provided an update on the proposed amalgamation of the Regional Development Associations. Warden MacAulay pointed out the liability issue with respect to staff and asked Councillor Mustard to bring this issue forward at the next board meeting.

**Page 6 – Employment Insurance Representative –** A representative from Service Canada will make a presentation at the December Council meeting.

**Page 3 – Derelict Boat – Margaree Harbour –** Joe O'Connor advised that he was in contact with the Dept. of Environment and they have no environmental concern. Mr. O'Connor will contact the Dept. of Fisheries.

**Page 3 – Surplus Property – Mabou Marina** – Joe O’Connor advised that he has been in contact with Eddie MacDonald from the Mabou Development and is waiting to receive a copy of their liability insurance.

**PRESENTATION BY JOHN HART – MARGAREE SALMON ASSOCIATION**

Warden MacAulay advised that Mr. Hart is unable to attend today’s meeting.

Councillor Gloria LeBlanc reviewed the information that was received from Mr. Hart with respect to open pen systems. The Margaree Salmon Association are requesting that Council declare Inverness County an open pen aquaculture free zone and that there be no further expansion to any open containment site in any waters adjacent to, or within Inverness County.

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

**That this request be referred to a Policy Committee meeting.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of October 1, 2012, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Correspondence was received from the Dept. of Transportation advising that their department staff is currently reviewing the options with regard to the structure of the Crowdis Bridge and concerns will be taken into consideration.

**PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**NORTH EAST MARGAREE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

It was agreed that the request received from the North East Margaree Volunteer Fire Dept. for a loan guarantee in the amount of \$65,000. be referred to an Audit Committee meeting.

**COASTAL EROSION – CHETICAMP ISLAND**

Councillor Alfred Poirier advised that the Dept. of Transportation are reviewing the erosion problem on Cheticamp Island.

**ROAD NAME CHANGE**

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

**That the petition from the residents of “5407 Private Road” in Point Cross for road to be named “Salvage Lane” be forwarded to the District Planning Commission for approval.**

**GARBAGE HOLIDAY COLLECTION**

Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald asked that the garbage pickup on holidays be reviewed.

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

**That the discontinuation of collection of garbage on holidays be reviewed and garbage be collected on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and on all holidays until a new policy is put in place.**

**FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE**

Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald asked that a Food Security Committee be put in place and this be referred to a Policy Committee meeting.

Deputy Warden MacDonald advised Council that he is looking forward to working with the new Council.

**FOOD SEMINAR**

Deputy Warden MacDonald advised that approximately 40 people attended the Food Seminar in Strathlorne. A representative from the Dept. of Agriculture made a presentation and there was strong support from those in attendance.

Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie thanked Council for their warm welcome back for another four year term.

#### **PORT HOOD ISLAND ASSOCIATION**

Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie advised that the Port Hood Fire Dept. and the residents of Port Hood Island are proposing to build a structure to accommodate the fire truck which is currently on the island.

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

**That a meeting be set up with Warden MacAulay, Joe O'Connor, Councillor MacQuarrie, Port Hood Fire Chief and Allan MacMaster, MLA to review a solution to accommodate this fire truck on the island.**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Councillor MacQuarrie expressed concern with the deterioration of the back roads in the County and questioned whether the DOT have a winter maintenance program.

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

**That a representative from the Dept. of Transportation be invited to make a presentation to Council.**

#### **WATER TOWER – MABOU**

Councillor MacQuarrie asked that a gate be installed at the end of the road leading to the Water Tower in Mabou. Garret Beaton advised that this item is on the work plan for the Public Works Dept.

#### **FAÇADE – INVERNESS**

Councillor Mustard advised that the Inverness Development Association will be requesting a \$5,000. contribution towards the conceptual plan for the façade for

Inverness. Councillor Mustard requested that this be referred to an Audit Committee meeting.

**HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD**

Councillor Mustard asked that Councillor MacQuarrie sit on the Hospital Advisory Board. Council agreed.

**CITIZENS CARING FOR ANIMALS**

Councillor Mustard requested that a meeting be set up with Council and the Citizens Caring for Animals group located in Inverness.

**SIGNAGE BY-LAW**

Deputy Warden MacDonald questioned whether the Signage By-Law for Port Hastings had been approved by the Province. Mr. O'Connor will contact the Planning Commission.

Councillor Alfred Poirier thanked Council for their warm welcome and looks forward to working together over the next four years.

**FISH PLANT – PETIT ETANG**

Councillor Poirier advised Council that there is a delegation from China interested in purchasing the old fish plant in Petit Etang to process crab. He will provide more information to Council as it becomes available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**CLERK**

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**WARDEN**