

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011
1:30 P.M.**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

Warden Duart MacAulay
Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc
Councillor Susan Mallette
Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Councillor Daniel Boudreau

Not Present: Councillor Jim Mustard

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO
Eveylena Gillis, Council Recorder

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Matt Draper, Reporter
Carrie Penny, The Hawk

CALL TO ORDER

Warden MacAulay called meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

That the minutes of the October 3, 2011, Municipal Council meeting be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from minutes.

WIND TURBINE BY-LAW

Warden MacAulay explained that John Bain, Eastern District Planning Commission, provided a Draft Wind Turbine By-Law at a Planning & Advisory Committee meeting on October 31st. Council reviewed the draft by-law at this time and it was agreed that a public consultation

process take place.

Moved by: Councillor Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.

That Council go forward with the public consultation process to be held in three communities in the County.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY WARDEN

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

That Councillor Susan Mallette be appointed Deputy Warden for the term November, 2011 - November, 2012.

Warden MacAulay thanked Councillor LeBlanc for her work carried out during her term of office as Deputy Warden.

LOW INCOME TAX EXEMPTION POLICY

The Low Income Tax Exemption Policy was provided which was reviewed at a Policy Meeting on September 30th.

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

That the Low Income Tax Exemption Policy be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE

Moved by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee Meetings of September 30th and October 11th, 2011, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed

by Council.

PLANNING & ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning & Advisory Committee Meeting of October 31, 2011, 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

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Councillor Daniel Boudreau
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of October 31, 2011, 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

Moved by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc'
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee Meeting of October 31, 2011, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Correspondence was received from the Minister of Transportation advising that the 5 year plan will be reviewed with respect to paving the remaining sections of Trunk 19 as requested in correspondence dated Sept. 23rd. This request will be fairly evaluated with other similar priorities during the repaving program review across the province for upcoming years.

OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

Correspondence was received from Premier Dexter with respect to the awarding of the \$25 billion contract of the Federal Government's combat vessel to Irving Shipbuilding. The Premier is asking for any suggestions or ideas on how to improve the supply chain development process or how communities can maximize the benefit of this opportunity.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK

Moved by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.

That the week of November 13 - November 20, 2011, be declared "Restorative Justice Week".

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

ROAD NAME CHANGE

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Carried.

That "Chisholm Road" and "MacLean Road" located in Long Point be re-named "Chisholm-MacLean Road" as approved by the Department of Transportation and the Eastern District Planning Commission.

OIL & GAS DRILLING - QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

Warden MacAulay explained that questions and concerns of Council were forwarded to the Dept. Of Energy and a meeting was held with energy officials on November 3rd to review these responses.

Councillor LeBlanc expressed concern with the fact that the Margaree River didn't require an environmental assessment.

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

That these questions from Council and the response from the Department of Energy be made available to the public.

STREET LIGHT

Councillor Gloria LeBlanc requested that a street light be installed at 861 Egypt Road at the residence of Kyle Burton.

Please note: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette put forward the following motion and information on behalf of Councillor Jim Mustard.

CAPE BRETON PARTNERSHIP

Moved by: Deputy Warden Susan Mallette
Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Carried.

That Inverness County support and participate in Cape Breton Partnership's "Cape Breton/Mulgrave Integrated Strategic Framework for Economic Prosperity" as per presentation to Council in September.

TOWN HALL MEETING

A town hall meeting will be held in Inverness on Wednesday, November 23rd to get updates on development in the region, get input from the community on new issues and review the Eastern District Planning Commissions process for the update of the Municipal Planning Strategy for District #3.

CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY

A group from the community of Inverness including Councillor's Mallette and Mustard, met with members of Cape Breton University to learn how we can better partner and collaborate to support our region with the expertise and skills of the University.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLERK

WARDEN