

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, October 3, 2016, at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Building in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the Minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of September 12, 2016, be approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 5 – Long Point Connectivity – Councillor Dwayne MacDonald advised that in speaking with representatives of East Link, upgrades are going to be carried out in the entire county. Councillor MacDonald will provide the East Link report to Councillor LeBlanc.

PRESENTATION BY CONRAD TAVES

Conrad Taves, Housing Strategy Coordinator, reviewed the objectives of the Strategic Plan and provided information on population and household trends, challenges, housing supply and costs

Mr. Taves also provided information on what the county can do to alleviate some of these challenges.

REVIEW OF DEMOLITION ORDER – 26 MACKENZIE AVE – INVERNESS

Mr. O’Connor advised that those that were to appear are not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 2015/2016

Warden MacAulay advised that the financial statements were reviewed at an audit meeting held previous to council.

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.

That the Consolidated Financial Statements for 2015/2016 be accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY

Moved by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of September 9, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

Councillor MacDonald questioned whether Mr. O’Connor has contacted the TIR with respect to the provincial cost shared J Road policy. In conversation with TIR Mr. O’Connor advised that if the county cost shared the paving would be carried out in a more timely manner.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of September 9, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

**SECOND READING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE INVERNESS
SECONDARY MPS RE-DESIGNATING LANDS AT THE NORTH WEST END OF
BEACH ROAD #1 FROM WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT TO COMMERCIAL AND
PROPOSED CONCURRENT AMENDMENT TO THE INVERNESS SECONDARY LUB
REZONING THE SAME PROPERTY FROM WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT (WD)
ZONE TO COMMERCIAL TOURISM (C-3) ZONE**

Deputy Warden MacQuarrie addressed Council on the proposed amendment and reiterated the fact that Council is pro development and will continue to encourage economic growth which will lead to an increase in the tax base in the County.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie

Warden MacAulay asked for a seconder for the motion.

A gentleman from the gallery asked to speak on the motion. Warden MacAulay advised that those in the gallery will not be permitted to speak as that opportunity was available to everyone at the Public Hearing held on August 29th at the Inverness Fire Hall.

Due to the verbal discontent from members of the gallery Solicitor Harold MacIsaac advised Warden MacAulay to adjourn the meeting and to contact the RCMP.

Warden MacAulay adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 2:20 p.m.

Warden MacAulay asked for a seconder for the motion moved by Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie re Second Reading of Proposed Amendment for Cabot Links –

Seconded by Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Councillor Mustard addressed the proposed amendment. Councillor Mustard advised that he was unable to attend the Public Hearing and he feels that an Inverness Area Advisory Committee should be in place to deal with planning in the Inverness area.

Motion Carried.

Noted: Councillor Mustard and Councillor LeBlanc abstained from voting as they were not in attendance at the Public Hearing held on August 29, 2016.

PRESENTATION BY BERNADETTE MACLEOD

Ms. MacLeod reviewed the history of the land transactions/agreements between the Inverness Beach Village and Cabot Links, the Inverness Development Association and Cabot Links and the Department of Natural Resources and Cabot Links. The MacLeod family is concerned with the fact that the Municipality is looking to expropriate the land which was deeded to Cabot Links by

the MacLeod family with a restrictive covenant prohibiting any non-golf related activity. Ms. MacLeod asked for reconsideration of this expropriation and to table any decision until a new council is in place.

EXPROPRIATION RE: NORTH ACCESS TO INVERNESS BEACH

Warden MacAulay advised that this item was discussed at a meeting held previous to Council and it was agreed to table the expropriation issue until a later date.

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

That the Expropriation re North Access to Inverness Beach be tabled until a later date.

Warden MacAulay adjourned meeting for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:10 p.m.

REVIEW OF DEMOLITION ORDER AT 26 MACKENZIE AVE – INVERNESS

Warden MacAulay welcomed Mike Towle who is appearing on behalf of the Dindoff family with respect to this demolition order. Mr. Towle feels that the Dindoff side of the company house is in less disrepair than the other side therefore is requesting that this demolition order be revoked.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Carried.

That this demolition order be reviewed again by the Dangerous & Unightly Premises Administrator of the Eastern District Planning Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE

MARGAREE FORKS WATERLINE ASSOCIATION

Correspondence was received from the Margaree Forks Waterline Association seeking financial support for the improvement of their water system. This request will be referred to an Audit Committee meeting.

HARBOUR AUTHORITY OF CHETICAMP

Correspondence received from the Harbour Authority of Cheticamp advised that they are in the process of taking over the wharf at LaPointe on Cheticamp Island. The Harbour Authority is

requesting exemption from property tax until the property has been officially transferred to them. It was agreed that this request be referred to an Audit Committee meeting.

PORT HAWKESBURY AIRPORT

Correspondence was received from the Town of Port Hawkesbury asking for reconsideration of the decision not to provide funding for 2015/16 to the airport. This request will be further discussed at an Audit Committee meeting.

CANADA’S NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK PROCLAMATION

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

That the week of October 16-22, 2016, be declared “Canada’s National Teen Driver Safety Week”.

FALL CLEAN UP WEEK

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Carried.

That fall clean up week be carried out from October 24-October 28, 2016.

MAPLE STREET/OLD DEEPPDALE ROAD SEWER EXTENSION-WATER REPLACEMENT

Joe O’Connor advised that three bids were received for the Maple St/Old Deepdale Rd Sewer Extension-Water Replacement Project.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Carried.

That the project be awarded to John Morrison Contracting Ltd. for the amount of \$483,448.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councillor Gloria LeBlanc -

ROAD NAME CHANGE

Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard

Carried.

That the request from the residents of “Unnamed Private Lane” located in Belle Cote for road to be named “Marsh Hawk Lane” be forwarded to the EDPC and TIR for approval.

TIR – Stop Sign – That the TIR be contacted requesting a reassessment for a stop sign at the corner of the East Margaree Rd and the Cabot Trail.

Department of Environment – Spraying – That the Dept. of Environment be contacted asking for a review of the agent that they plan to use for spraying in the Highlands.

TIR – East Margaree Road – Councillor LeBlanc is still waiting for a response from TIR as to their plan for the East Margaree Road.

Councillor Alfred Poirier –

TIR – That a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation with copies to Rodger Cuzner, and Cecil Godsbee asking for grading of La Prairie Road and Cheticamp Island Road.

Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal – That a letter be forwarded to the Ministers of TIR and Environment advising that trucks hauling to the quarry on Le Fort Road in Plateau are causing siltation to enter the streams and adversely affecting drinking water for houses downstream.

Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie –

Mabou Farmer’s Market – Deputy Warden MacQuarrie advised that the Farmer’s Market in Mabou continues to grow but they are having a problem with parking and drainage problems on the property adjacent to the arena which is owned by the county. Representatives of the Farmer’s Market will be making a presentation to Council in November.

Port Hood Government Wharf – Port Hood Development Association would like to meet with council and staff to discuss the Port Hood Government Wharf. Deputy Warden MacQuarrie will set up a meeting.

Drainage Problem – High Road – Port Hood – There is a drainage problem between civic #94 and #96 High Road. The Public Works Dept. will investigate.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie

Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc

Carried.

That a letter be forwarded to TIR to investigate this complaint.

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald –

Heavy Garbage Pickup – Councillor MacDonald asked that a list of what is acceptable and not acceptable during heavy garbage pickup week be put on the public works facebook page or in the newspaper.

Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal – Councillor MacDonald asked that a letter be forwarded to TIR asking that drivers remove the recycled asphalt that was put on Kings Road, Long Stretch Road and Centopth Road.

John MacIntyre & Francis King – Councillor MacDonald congratulated John MacIntyre and Francis King for their recognition with TIR for their years of service.

Flooding on WW MacLean Road – Councillor MacDonald asked that the county put more gravel on WW MacLean Road.

PACE PROGRAM

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

That the agreement for the PACE Program through Efficiency Nova Scotia be signed.

SENIOR HOUSING – PORT HASTINGS

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Carried.

That the Public Works Department provide water to the new seniors unit in Port Hastings as soon as possible.

Councillor MacDonald thanked everyone for the past four years on Council.

Councillor Jim Mustard –

Inverness Water – The water tank will be vacuumed tomorrow and flushing will be carried out. The consultants report should be available soon.

Paving – MacKenzie Avenue – The paving tender is ready for MacKenzie Ave and Mr. O'Connor will get an update from TIR.

Gateway Signs – Thanks to the CB Club for the work carried out in the past for installing and maintaining gateway signs in Inverness.

Crosswalks – The TIR have agreed to a crosswalk at the top of Beach Rd. #1.

Mill Road Social Enterprises – The grand opening of Mill Road Social Enterprises will be at 2:00 pm on Thursday, October 20th.

MAPLE STREET WATER EXTENSION

Moved by: Councillor Jim Mustard
Seconded by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Carried.

That an assessment be carried out of the costs to extend the water

Sidewalks – That maintenance work be carried out on the sidewalks in Inverness.

Paving – That paving be carried out in front of the Post Office in Inverness.

EDPC – There will be a meeting with EDPC at the Fire Hall in Inverness tomorrow to initiate a new Area Advisory Committee.

Warden MacAulay thanked Councillor LeBlanc for her 19 years of service on Municipal Council and wished her the best in the future.

Warm wishes were extended to Councillor LeBlanc from all of Council.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLERK

WARDEN