

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014  
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, October 6, 2014, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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

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

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran  
Karo Comeau, Reporter

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of September 8, 2014, be approved.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from minutes.

**PRESENTATION BY STEPHANIE JOHNSTONE-LAURETTE & KARA PALMER –  
YOUTH ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**

Ms. Laurette and Ms. Palmer reviewed the economic, health, environmental and tourism benefits of Active Transportation. The plan for a Youth Active Transportation project for Inverness was reviewed which would connect into the Inverness Façade & Streetscape Project. Ms. Laurette

encouraged the County to host an AT 101 Workshop. Deputy Warden Mustard suggested bringing the Inverness Façade Committee together for further discussion.

**FIRST READING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE PORT HOOD PLAN AREA FROM RESIDENTIAL RURAL (R-2) ZONE TO THE RESIDENTIAL URBAN (R-1) ZONE TO REFLECT THE CURRENT EXISTENCE OF MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER SERVICES**

Warden MacAulay advised that a Planning & Advisory Committee meeting was held previous to Council and the following was recommended.

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

**That the First Reading for an Amendment to the Port Hood Plan Area from Residential Rural (R-2) Zone to the Residential Urban (R-1) Zone to reflect the current existence of Municipal Water & Sewer Services be approved.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

**That a Public Hearing be held on Monday, November 3, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.**

**PRESENTATION BY LAURIE SUITOR – PITU’PAQ SOCIETY**

Warden MacAulay welcomed Laurie Sutor who reviewed the history, current membership, mandate and principles and future of the Pitu’paq Society. Ms. Sutor also reviewed the Climate Change Project which got underway in 2012 and will take place over a three year period with funding from various sources as well as the Pitu’paq member communities.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of September 8, 2014, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

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

**Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of October 1, 2014, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.**

**FEED IN TARIFF PROGRAM – BIOGAS PROJECT – CHRIS VAN DEN HEUVEL**

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

**That a letter of support be forwarded to the Nova Scotia Dept. of Energy and Chris van den Heuvel in support of the Feed In Tariff Program – Biogas Project for his “Fireblade Holsteins Farm”.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**LAND VALUE PROTECTION RESOLUTION**

Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie asked Council to review the Land Value Protection Resolution for further discussion.

**FIRST READING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE “SERVICE FEES FOR PAYMENT CARDS BY-LAW”**

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

**That the First Reading for an Amendment to the “Service Fees for Payment Cards By-law” be approved.**

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

**Moved by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc**

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

**That the Mutual Aid Agreement for the Eastern District for emergency services be accepted.**

**TAX WRITE OFF**

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

**That the tax accounts as provided by the Finance Department for 8 mobile home accounts at the Troy Trailer Court deemed uncollectable be approved for write-off.**

**EXEMPT PROPERTY REQUEST**

Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie declared a conflict of interest.

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

**That the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine in Mabou be added to the exempt properties list.**

**TAX WRITE OFF**

The following tax account was provided by the Finance Dept. for write off -

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

**That account #06287514 – Dist #5 – Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp. - \$754.80 be approved for write off.**

**ZUTPHEN BROTHERS**

Councillor Dwayne MacDonald congratulated Zutphen Brothers on receiving a Long Term Service award at the Cape Breton Partnership Investor Summit.

**PAVING – PORT HASTINGS**

Councillor MacDonald thanked the Dept. of Transportation for the paving carried out in Port Hastings but was concerned with the traffic control and asked that a letter be forwarded to the DOT for information on future paving projects.

### **TROY – CULVERTS**

Councillor MacDonald asked that the Public Works Dept. and the Dept. of Transportation investigate the washed out culverts on WW MacLean Road in Troy.

### **ROAD NAME CHANGE**

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

**That “5126 Rd” located in Troy be changed to “Castle Lane” as approved by the EDCP and the DOT.**

### **DRAFT HERITAGE BY-LAW**

Councillor Gloria LeBlanc reviewed the draft Heritage By-Law and asked Council to look over this draft for further discussion.

### **HEALTH AUTHORITIES**

Councillor LeBlanc expressed concern with the downsizing of the Health Authorities in the Province.

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

**That correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Health expressing concern with the downsizing of Health Authorities in the Province and the impact this could have on the residents of the County as well as the hospitals in this district.**

### **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – INVERNESS NORTH**

Councillor LeBlanc expressed concern with the dangerous condition of some of the roads in Inverness North. Councillor Poirier was also concerned with the snow removal schedule on the J Roads in the Cheticamp area.

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

Carried.

**That correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation with a copy to Steve MacDonald asking for a better time frame for road repair work and snow removal on the J Roads in Cheticamp.**

### **STRAIT AREA TRANSIT**

Deputy Warden Jim Mustard reported that an Interim Manager as well as new bus drivers are presently being advertised for the SAT.

### **PAN CAPE BRETON COORDINATOR**

Deputy Warden Mustard advised that 10 applications have been received so far for a PAN Cape Breton Coordinator.

### **HOUSING SUMMIT**

Deputy Warden Mustard provided the following resolution –

**WHEREAS our Council have had presentations over the years by Halifax Biomedical, Shean Housing Co-op, Cabot Links Golf Resort and CBRHA around the need for housing in many forms, from rentals, to affordable ownership for young families and professionals to quality assisted living units to offset the pressure on the health care system.**

**WHEREAS we are now embarking on a tourism strategy and business readiness strategy across the county where there are many different factors in and across each district that need to be taken into account in order to prioritize what the opportunities are when it comes to developing housing.**

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Inverness help to host and organize a housing summit for the county in the next few months, where we can bring together the public sector representatives (Community Services), interested organizations (Shean Housing Co-op) and private sector businesses to help form a plan to make sure we are open and ready for business when it comes to high quality housing.**

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

**That this resolution be provided to the Community Development Officer.**

**INVERNESS WATER EXTENSION MEETING**

It was agreed that a meeting be held on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm with the residents involved in the water extension in Inverness.

**BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

It was agreed that a By-Law Enforcement Officer be put on the agenda for a Policy Committee meeting for further discussion.

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Deputy Warden Mustard expressed disappointment with the Dept. of Transportation and the fact that they did not repair the storm sewer drains on MacIsaac St. in Inverness when they were re-paving.

**IMMIGRANTS TO THE COUNTY**

Discussion took place as to how the County can support newcomers. It was agreed that this item be put on the agenda for a Policy Committee meeting.

**PROCEDURE FOR ERECTING TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS**

Information was provided with respect to a service provided by Canadian Radiocommunications Information & Notification company which would help facilitate better communication between the proponent of a telecommunication tower, the county, the public and Industry Canada.

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

**That the Municipality participate in the service provided by the Canadian Radiocommunications Information & Notification who would assist with the procedure for erecting Telecommunications Towers in the County.**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – COST SHARED AGREEMENT**

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

**That the 3 year Cost Shared Agreement with the Department of Transportation be approved.**

**CLEANUP WEEK**

Cleanup week will be held the week of October 27 – October 31, 2014.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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**CLERK**

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**WARDEN**