

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2013
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Monday, October 7, 2013, at 1:30 pm at the Court House in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

Warden Duart MacAulay
Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald
Councillor Gloria LeBlanc
Councillor Betty Ann MacQuarrie
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
Brad Perry, The Hawk

CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENTATION BY KENDALL MURPHY – PATIENT FLOW - CBDHA

Kendall Murphy provided information on the document which was created to improve service utilization and patient flow within the CBDHA. There has been an increase in the wait list for long term care as well patient hospital stay is primarily longer than necessary which impacts the patient flow. Council would like to see some services put back in the smaller rural hospitals.

Mr. Kendall advised that he will keep Council updated on the progress.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of September 9, 2013, be accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 1 – Generator – Banks Road – Councillor Mustard questioned whether a decision had been made with respect to the generator for the Banks Road and where the money should come from. It was agreed that this item be referred to an Audit Meeting.

Page 4 – Policing – Driver Safety – Councillor MacQuarrie questioned whether this item had been discussed at the Police Advisory meeting. Councillor LeBlanc advised that the RCMP have been carrying out extra patrols as well as providing public service announcements. Councillor MacQuarrie asked that the RCMP be invited to a Council meeting for further discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of September 9, 2013, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

POLICY MEETINGS – SEPTEMBER 9th & 30th, 2013

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Policy Committee meetings of September 9 & September 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 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of September 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.

REPEAL – MUNICIPAL ANTENNA SITE PROCEDURE POLICY

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

That the Municipal Antenna Site Procedure Policy be repealed.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden MacDonald reported that the Energy Committee is working with the Ecology Action Centre and Efficiency Nova Scotia to assist with the energy efficient contest.

FOOD SECURITY COMMITTEE

Deputy Warden MacDonald advised that the Food Forum being held in Baddeck on October 21st is proceeding as planned.

STRAIT AREA TRANSIT

The Strait Area Transit consultant review should be finalized by the end of October and currently there is an increase in the ridership.

UNSIGHTLY PREMISES UPDATE – RONALD TOUSIGNANT

Joe O'Connor reported that he received correspondence from the public trustees office appealing the decision to carry out the requested work due to money issues.

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

That the County put the siding back on the building and place the charge for this work on the property taxes.

CORRESPONDENCE

INVERNESS SCHOOL SITE VISIT

An invitation was received from the Principal of the Inverness Education Centre-Academy for a school site visit and walkabout scheduled for October 16th at 1:00 pm .

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Correspondence was received from the DOT in response to a request for maintenance work in the Margaree area.

ROAD NAME CHANGE APPROVAL

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

That the request from the residents of “Treuburg Road” located in Port Hood for road to be re-named “Treuburg Lane” be accepted.

PORT HOOD AREA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Councillor MacQuarrie received a request from the Port Hood Area Development Association for additional funding for the Port Hood Conceptual Plan. It was agreed that this request be referred to a CDC meeting.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DOYLES BRIDGE

Councillor LeBlanc asked that the Dept. of Transportation be contacted requesting that a “One Lane Bridge” sign and “Speed Limit” sign be erected on the East Margaree side of the Doyles Bridge.

ROAD NAME CHANGE

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

That the request received from the residents of “Plateau Road” located in Cheticamp for road to be re-named “Plateau/Cemetery Road” be forwarded to the Eastern District Planning Commission and the Dept. of Transportation for approval.

REDMAN BRIDGE

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

That correspondence be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation requesting that power be set up on the Redman Bridge for the purpose of installing lights on the bridge.

DOT – SIGNS

Councillor Poirier asked that the Dept. of Transportation be contacted to remove the signs which have fallen down in the Cheticamp area.

PORT HASTINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Warden Dwayne MacDonald congratulated the Port Hastings Volunteer Fire Department on their 50th Anniversary.

SIGNS – PORT HASTINGS

Deputy Warden MacDonald asked that the Dept. of Transportation be contacted requesting that the “Lovers Lane” and “Church St.” signs be put back up.

SIGNAGE – WEST BAY ROAD

Deputy Warden MacDonald asked that the Dept. of Transportation be contacted to see if they would install a “Kids Walking” sign on Centopath Road.

ROAD NAME CHANGE

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

That the request received from the residents of “Clarke Point Rd” located in Marble Mountain for road to be re-named “Dunwanderin Lane” be forwarded to the Eastern District Planning Commission and the Dept. of Transportation for approval.

CELLULAR COVERAGE & HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS RESOLUTION

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

That the following resolution adopted at a Committee of the Whole meeting of Guysborough Municipal Council for referral to the UNSM be accepted.

**UNSM EMERGENCY RESOLUTION- CELLULAR COVERAGE & HIGH SPEED
INTERNET ACCESS IN RURAL AREAS OF NOVA SCOTIA**

WHEREAS cellular coverage and internet service are two integral amenities necessary for communication in today's society, for both personal enjoyment and economic practicality;

AND WHEREAS cellular service is not only a necessary communication tool, it is vital to the safety of residents who live, work and travel through rural areas of Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS many rural areas of Nova Scotia are still are not equipped with the necessary communication infrastructure to provide adequate cellular service;

AND WHEREAS adequate cellular service would be an asset to improve notification, reaction and response time for first responders in the event of an emergency in rural areas;

AND WHEREAS high-speed internet is also a present day service that all individuals, small businesses, government, industry and corporations should be granted equal opportunity to access;

AND WHEREAS a commitment was made by the Government of Nova Scotia to have all civic addresses across the province, equipped with the ability to access broadband service by the end of 2009, and there are still rural areas of Nova Scotia with poor access at best;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Union of Nova Scotian Municipalities petition the Government of Nova Scotia and Nova Scotian telecommunications providers; such as Bell Aliant, Telus and Seaside High Speed Internet on behalf of all rural Nova Scotian municipal units who are currently without these important amenities; for service and equipment upgrades to allow for more progressive rural areas and a unified service provision across the Province of Nova Scotia.

CROSSWALK – MABOU

Councillor MacQuarrie questioned the status of the installation of a crosswalk in Mabou. Joe O'Connor reported that he has had discussions with the Dept. of Transportation and is waiting for a response.

CROSSWALK – PORT HOOD

Councillor MacQuarrie asked that the Dept. of Transportation be contacted requesting they investigate the possibility of installing a sidewalk at the Post Office in Port Hood.

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

Councillor MacQuarrie commented on the public information sessions with respect to the Climate Change Action Plan and the fact that these sessions were not well attended. Joe O'Connor will contact Gordon Smith re further public sessions.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MEETING

Councillor Jim Mustard advised that a meeting is scheduled for October 22nd with Bernie Murphy, DOT, to discuss his report with respect to transportation issues in Inverness.

BIOMASS FEASIBILITY STUDY

Councillor Mustard informed Council that the Biomass Feasibility Study has been approved by ECBC and Economic & Rural Development and he will be setting up a meeting with those involved.

GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE

Councillor Mustard reported that he made a presentation at the Georgetown Conference which was well attended and asked that those who attended from the County be asked to make a brief presentation to Council.

FIRST READING – APPLICATON BY HENRY & LISA TIMMONS

Warden MacAulay advised that a Planning & Advisory Committee meeting was held previous to Council and it was recommended that this application be referred to Council for approval.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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

That a Public Hearing to discuss the application by Henry & Lisa Timmons be held at the Fire Hall in Inverness on Monday, November 4th at 1:00 p.m.

Council adjourned for a five minute break.

Warden MacAulay called meeting back to order at 3:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Councillor Mustard, seconded by Councillor Poirier that meeting adjourn to “In Camera”.

A motion was made by Councillor MacQuarrie, seconded by Deputy Warden MacDonald that meeting adjourn to “Open Council”.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF “IN CAMERA”

There were no recommendations from “In Camera”.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLERK

WARDEN