

**MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016
1:30 PM**

A meeting of Municipal Council of the County of Inverness was held on Wednesday, May 18, 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
Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
Grant McDaniel, Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councillor MacDonald noted a change on Page 5 – MacDonald Drive – should read – that the Engineer provide information as to what road work is required to bring this road up to TIR standards.

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

That the minutes of the Municipal Council meeting of May 2, 2016, be approved with noted change.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Page 5 – Low Income Housing – It was agreed that the Dept. of Housing be invited to a Municipal Council meeting.

Page 2 – Report on Water Capacity in Mabou – Garett Beaton will have a report for the June Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MAY 2, 2016

Moved by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc

Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of May 2, 2016, 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 – MAY 2, 2016

Moved by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie

Seconded by: Councillor Gloria LeBlanc

Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of May 2, 2016, 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 – APRIL 29, 2016

Moved by: Councillor Alfred Poirier

Seconded by: Councillor Dwayne MacDonald

Carried.

Resolved that the minutes of the Planning & Advisory Committee meeting of April 29, 2016, be approved and that the recommendations made to Council therein, and the motions passed therein are hereby adopted, approved and passed by Council.

Moved by: Deputy Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Mustard

Carried.

That a meeting be set up with EDPC for further discussion of the Wind Turbine By-Law and any consultation items be submitted to EDPC beforehand.

APPROVAL OF OPERATING BUDGET 2016-2017

Warden MacAulay advised that the Operating Budget for 2016-2017 was reviewed at an Audit meeting held previous to Council.

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 72 of the Municipal Government Act, of the Province of Nova Scotia, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness estimated that sums amounting to \$10,223,800.00 are required for the lawful purpose of the said municipality for the year ending March 31, 2017, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than the rates of the said year and making due allowances for the abatement and losses which may occur in the collection of taxes for the said year which may not be collected or collectible.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby authorize the levying and collection of a commercial property rate of \$1.85 and a residential and resource rate of \$1.02 per one hundred dollars of the assessed value of property and on the assessment roll which the said Council deems sufficient to raise the sum required to defray the expenditures of the said Municipality of the said year.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the area rates be established as follows in the following areas:

2017 General Operating Budget			
Municipality of the County of Inverness			
Tax Rates & Area Rates			
Residential	\$	1.02	Per \$100 of Assessment
Commercial	\$	1.85	Per \$100 of Assessment
Resource	\$	1.02	Per \$100 of Assessment
District 1			
Sewer Maintenance Area Rate	\$	0.31	Per \$100 of Assessment
Cheticamp Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
Cheticamp Fire Department Area Rate (Commercial)	\$	0.06	Per \$100 of Assessment
Pleasant Bay Fire Department Area Rate	\$	125.00	Per Dwelling Unit
Meat Cove Fire Department Area Rate	\$	60.00	Per Dwelling Unit
District 2			
LeMoine Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.08	Per \$100 of Assessment
LeMoine Fire Department Area Rate (Commercial)	\$	0.05	Per \$100 of Assessment
North East Margaree Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
Margaree Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
Margaree Fire Department Area Rate (Commercial)	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
District 3			
Sewer Maintenance Area Rate	\$	0.30	Per \$100 of Assessment
Inverness Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.08	Per \$100 of Assessment
District 4			
Sewer Maintenance Area Rate	\$	0.30	Per \$100 of Assessment
Whycocomagh Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
Lake Ainslie/Upper Margaree Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
Valley Mills Fire Department Fire Protection	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
Blues Mills Fire Department Fire Protection	\$	0.05	Per \$100 of Assessment
District 5			
Sewer Maintenance Area Rate	\$	0.30	Per \$100 of Assessment
Mabou Fire Department Area Rate	\$	100.00	Per Dwelling Unit. Maximum of \$200
Port Hood Island Fire Department Building Area Rate	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
Port Hood Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
Port Hood Fire Department Area Rate (Commercial)	\$	0.06	Per \$100 of Assessment
District 6			
Sewer Maintenance Area Rate (Judique & Port Hastings)	\$	0.30	Per \$100 of Assessment
Port Hastings Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
West Bay Road Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment
Judique Fire Department Area Rate	\$	0.10	Per \$100 of Assessment

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council hereby require payment of the said rates to be made to the Tax Collector or Treasurer of the said Municipality on August 27th, 2016.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council hereby impose an additional percentage of twelve percent per annum on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after August 27th, 2016.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council fixes April 1, 2017 as the day after which the tax collector may proceed to issue warrants for the collection on all rates and taxes then unpaid.

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

That the Operating Budget for the year ending March 31, 2017 be accepted.

APPROVAL OF CAPITAL BUDGET 2017-2021

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

That the 5 year Capital Budget 2017-2021 be approved.

MAPLE STREET SEWER EXTENSION

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

That a Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) application for funding for Maple Street Sewer Extension be forwarded to the Province.

FIRST READING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW #30 – CAPITAL COST OF SEWER & WATER CONSTRUCTION

First Reading of By-Law #30 will take place at the June 13th Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

CAPE BRETON & CENTRAL NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY

Correspondence was received from the Premier of Nova Scotia with respect to the abandonment of the Cape Breton & Central Nova Scotia Railway line between Point Tupper and Sydney. The Premier advised that the “Discontinuance of Services and Abandonment Regulations” developed by the Province will ensure opportunities for alternative ownership, and orderly abandonment process and protect public interest during the abandonment process.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

COUNCILLOR GLORIA LEBLANC –

Microphone System in Council Chambers – Councillor LeBlanc asked for a review of costs for the installation of a microphone system in the Council Chambers.

UNSM – Fort McMurray Support – Councillor LeBlanc questioned whether the county is going to provide financial support to the residents of Ft McMurray. It was agreed to provide funding.

Department of Housing – Councillor LeBlanc asked for information on the status of the request for the installation of an elevator at the seniors' complex in Grand Etang. It was agreed that representatives of the Dept. of Housing be invited to meet with Council.

Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal – Councillor LeBlanc asked Mr. O'Connor to contact TIR as to their plans for the East Margaree Road.

DEPUTY WARDEN BETTY ANN MACQUARRIE –

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURAL RENEWAL

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

That correspondence be forwarded to TIR as to when repair work will be carried out on the shoulders of the roads in several areas along Route 19 where there are large holes.

Connectivity – Councillor Mustard advised that the connectivity report is nearly finalized.

Light at Back of Building – Deputy Warden MacQuarrie asked that the light at the back of the building be inspected.

COUNCILLOR JIM MUSTARD -

Meeting with Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal – Councillor Mustard advised that he is meeting with TIR on Friday to discuss work on the crosswalks in Inverness and also provincial roads in his district. Councillor Mustard proposed that Council provide a prioritized list of repair work on provincial roads to TIR. Not everyone was in agreement but it was suggested that there should be a priority list of repair work of the roads owned by the county.

Cape Mabou Community Pasture – Councillor Mustard questioned whether the annual funding has been provided to the Cape Mabou Community Pasture. Mr. O'Connor will check with the Finance Dept.

Land Planning Committee – Councillor Mustard asked Mr. O'Connor to set up a meeting next week of the Land Planning Committee.

COUNCILLOR DWAYNE MACDONALD –

WATER UTILITY RATE STUDY

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

That a study of the water utility rates be initiated as soon as possible.

Darryl Beaton – Councillor MacDonald congratulated Darryl Beaton on his 35 years of service with the RCMP.

ADJOURNMENT

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

CLERK

WARDEN