

Municipal Council Meeting  
Council Chambers  
July 10, 2017  
1:30 pm

A meeting of municipal council was held on Monday July 10, 2017 at 1:30 pm at the municipal building in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie, by phone  
Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier  
Councillor Laurie Cranton  
Councillor John MacLennan  
Councillor John Dowling  
Councillor Jim Mustard

Staff: Joe O'Connor, CAO  
Donna MacDonald, Dir/Recreation & Tourism  
Garett Beaton, Dir/Public Works  
Tanya Tibbo, Dir/Finance  
Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor  
Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran  
Grant McDaniel, Port Hawkesbury Reporter

Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 12, 2017**

**Moved by Councillor Mustard**  
**Seconded by Councillor MacLennan**  
**Motion Carried**

**That the minutes of the municipal council meeting of June 12, 2017, be approved as amended**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Mustard reported that the response from letters sent out to residents of the Broad Cove Banks Road was not favorable for moving forward with the extension of the sewer line at this time. Thanks to the Public Works department and Johannes Winter. Johannes Winter's thanked the municipality for the project not moving forward at this time.

Deputy Warden Poirier welcomed the following presenters:  
Paul Gallant, Yvette McPhee and Stephane Sogne of the CCCL  
Derek Peters Clean Foundation of Nova Scotia

## **RFP**

There have been many responses to the strategic review and organizational review. Council and staff will meet to go over them on July 18 at 1pm.

## **Committee Reports**

**Moved by Councillor Mustard**  
**Seconded by Councillor MacLennan**  
**Motion Carried**

**That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of June 12 be approved**

**Moved by Councillor Dowling**  
**Seconded by Councillor MacLennan**  
**Motion Carried**

**That the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of June 12 be approved**

## **Cheticamp Water System**

Councillor Mustard felt disrespected by Shannon Delbridge's phone conversation regarding takeover of the water system. He would like to send a letter to the minister of DOTIR and all of caucus. The solicitor will look into easements for the water line in Cheticamp to make sure all are recorded and report back to council

**Moved by Councillor Mustard**  
**Seconded by Councillor Dowling**  
**Motion carried**

**That a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, Lloyd Hines, and copied to all caucus members regarding the lack of respect shown to council on the transfer of the Cheticamp Water System**

**Moved by Councillor Cranton**  
**Seconded by Councillor Dowling**  
**Motion Carried**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** the mission of the Lifesaving Society Canada is to prevent drowning throughout this great country, and even one drowning in the Municipality of the County of Inverness, Nova Scotia is one too many; and

**WHEREAS** most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Smart education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present can we truly enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

**WHEREAS** the Lifesaving Society urges Canadians and residents of the Municipality of the County of Inverness to supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, and to wear a Personal Flotation Device or lifejacket at all times when boating; and

**WHEREAS** the Lifesaving Society Canada has declared July 16-22, 2017 as National Drowning Prevention Week to focus on the drowning problem and the hundreds of lives that could be saved this year.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, I, Warden Betty-Ann MacQuarrie do hereby proclaim July 16-22, 2017 as **NATIONAL DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK** in the Municipality of the County of Inverness and do commend its thoughtful recognition to all citizens of the Municipality of the County of Inverness. Certified as a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness at a duly called meeting of the council on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017

### **Correspondence**

**Moved by Councillor Dowling**

**Seconded by Councillor MacLennan**

**Motion Carried**

**That L'Arche Cape Breton be given a charitable tax exemption in the amount of \$7190.95**

**Moved by Councillor Cranton**

**Seconded by Councillor MacLennan**

**Motion Carried**

**That the property taxes assessed to David Timmons of Pleasant Bay be written off in the amount of \$787.44**

### **Petitions and Resolutions**

#### **Councillor MacLennan**

- The sewer treatment plant study is underway and will take approximately 8 weeks
- There is paving going on in Ainslie Glen as well as ditching and other road work
- Streetlights have been installed

#### **Councillor Mustard**

- Water discoloration is an issue again especially near the school, well testing is supposed to happen next week with Island Well Drillers which should help clarify some of the problem.
- Recruitment of an accessibility committee will take place to address issues. Councillor Cranton now sits on the provincial committee and is willing sit on a local committee with Councillor Mustard
- Crosswalks could possibly be identified by amber lights
- Joe and Councillor Mustard are going to Victoria County council to discuss sharing a housing coordinator
- Asphalt patching began today

- Councillor Mustard and Councillor Cranton will meet with Dan Fakkeldy to discuss development of a plan for fibre and cell phone coverage

**Councillor Cranton**

- Gave two \$500 bursary cheques out at the CB Highlands graduation ceremony from Scotia Wind
- Wants to bring up with the minister of Municipal Affairs next week about plans for better coverage in dead spots and also meet with federal and provincial governments to move forward with improvements to the coverage areas
- There will be a meeting in Belle Cote on August 31 to discuss value added forestry in that area

**Councillor Dowling**

- The Glendale Community Coop celebrated 20 years as an organization
- Attended policy advisory meeting on June 29
- Streetlights have been installed after seven lots of waiting
- Congratulations to Celtic Air on signing a contract with the Port Hawkesbury Airport

**Whereas:** Upon the overall review of the Margaree Airport Expansion project the need and timing for municipal investment is no longer a priority

**Whereas:** Port Hawkesbury Airport has been in operation for 40 years serving the counties of Inverness, Richmond, Guysborough, Antigonish and the Town of Port Hawkesbury

**Whereas:** The Port Hawkesbury Airport has just signed an agreement with Celtic Air to operate the facility with the enhanced services needed to accommodate Canadian and international non-commercial flights coming to Western CB Island

**Whereas:** Since the motion was passed to support the Margaree Airport expansion in 2014, the increased need for assessment and investment in capital infrastructure projects across the six districts has become council's priority

**Whereas;** with the 2016 census, we are still finding the overall population in decline and there is an immediate need throughout the six districts to invest in our region to make it more attractive for young families to stay here and or move here. This includes jobs, but also more affordable housing, high speed fibre connectivity and cell service, investing in our culture, recreation and tourism sectors and early child development support and services.

**Whereas:** the Municipality of the County of Inverness fully supports the Margaree Airport and any future plans for private sector support for an expansion

**Be It Also Resolved:** that we rescind the motions from July 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 and December 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 supporting a financial commitment by the Municipality of the County of Inverness towards the expansion of the Margaree Airport. Furthermore that we leave open the expansion of the Margaree Airport at any time in the future through partnership with the private sector

**Moved by Councillor Dowling  
Seconded by Councillor Mustard  
Motion Carried with Councillors Cranton and Mustard opposed**

Motion to rescind the motions of July 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 and December 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, that support the Margaree Airport Expansion in the Build Canada Fund list of priorities and that we move forward with support for the CB Island Airport Project (Margaree Airport expansion) contingent on support from our funding partners. (Provincial and Federal Gov)

**Warden MacQuarrie**

A petition was received from the residents of Hunter's Road for paving. It will be forwarded on to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

**Moved By Councillor MacLennan  
Moved By Councillor Dowling  
Motion Carried**

**That the petition for paving on Hunter's Road be sent on to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for consideration**

Next council meeting September 11, 2017 at 1:30pm

**With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councillor Dowling, seconded by Councillor Cranton that the meeting adjourn at 3:54pm.**