

**Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
October 2nd 2017
1:30pm**

A meeting of Municipal Council was held on Monday, October 2nd 2017, at 1:30 pm at the Municipal Building in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

Council: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
 Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
 Councillor Laurie Cranton
 Councillor John MacLennan
 Councillor John Dowling
 Councillor Jim Mustard

Staff: Tanya Tibbo, Interim CAO/ Director of Finance
 Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor
 Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran
 Grant McDaniel, Port Hawkesbury Reporter
 1015 the Hawk

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. There was a moment of silence for the Late Honorable Allan J MacEachen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the minutes of the regular municipal council meeting of Sept 11, 2017, be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Deputy Warden Poirier asked about a motion regarding 50/50 cost share agreement with the NSDOTIR. It was signed and returned to the province.

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That a meeting will be set up with Steve MacDonald, Darren Blundon, local departments of NSDOTIR and Gerard Jessome, District Supervisor, to meet with council on November 6, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE MINUTES

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the minutes of the Planning and Advisory Committee meeting of July 31st, 2017 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the minutes of the Planning and Advisory Committee meeting of September 11th, 2017 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of September 11th, 2017 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting of September 15th, 2017 be approved. Councillor Dowling's application to the immigration committee was accepted.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

MLA Allan MacMaster

He congratulated the municipality on the great job done on the branding of Inverness County as Canada's Musical Coast.

-Issues when he campaigned were water and roads. The major issue with roads was that they are dug up during a water leak and then not repaired in a timely manner.

-There is \$40 million in funding available in the provincial budget for roads throughout the province

-There was no mention of cell coverage in the budget, but high speed internet was brought up. Companies are waiting for federal funding to come before they put up any of their own funds. Bell is willing to partner with municipalities to put towers in and if a plan were in place then the provincial government could be another partner for funding. MLA MacMaster will assist the municipality if they are interested in proposing a certain project to Bell and the provincial government for better coverage.

-Water issues are being addressed as best they can be right now. There has been some work done to the Inverness system. The municipality is contributing to the Margaree Forks system which is a private system. Orangedale water continues to have issues with leaks and it is also a private system.

MLA MacMaster left at 2:15pm.

Department Reports

- Consolidated Financial Statements were approved in this morning's meeting of the audit committee.
- The Municipality is working with Pivot Consulting and Davis Pier Consulting who are performing the strategic plan and organizational review respectively. Davis Pier is attending council today to observe. Davis Pier will be conducting staff interviews tomorrow.
- Gerald Walsh is going to meet with council on Oct 17 to discuss the process of CAO recruitment.
- Clean-up of the old sewer treatment plant in Port Hood needs to be completed. Garrett Beaton will acquire prices from private contractors to complete this clean-up.
- Water arrears are high and need to be collected. The public works department will be looking at disconnecting water services that have accounts in arrears.
- The Dindoff property will be contracted out for demolition.

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the week of October 30th to November 3rd will be fall clean up week in the Municipality.

MOTION CARRIED

- The former Strait Regionals School Board office is still being explored for the possibility of a water source for future use by the Municipality.
- Reception building at the Margaree Airport will be demolished as well as the rest of the buildings on the property.
- Paving on the cross cuts in Judique will be done before the end of paving season.
- Warden attended the end of the bike rally which is now Ceilidh Coastal Trails Blue Route with in the county.
- Donna MacDonald will ask Mary Tulle, Destination Cape Breton, to come to council on November 6th to report on this year's tourist season.

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councillor MacLennan

- There are some rundown buildings in the district that Garrett Beaton will look at;
- Donnie Nicholson's cows, Portage Road, are still running wild. The fences have been fixed but the cows are wild and are extremely hard to corral, but there are some people going to assist him with this so there is no further damage done;
- A pre-design for the Whycocomagh Wastewater Treatment plant has been completed by CBCL consulting. Three options have been proposed. Indigenous Affairs has replacement of the wastewater treatment plant on the top of their list of priorities;
- Streetlights are going to be installed soon;
- Roads, cell service and internet are ongoing issues.

Councillor Mustard

- CAO recruitment, strategic planning, organizational review, great visit from MLA MacMaster. Disappointed in the CB Partnership with their lack of communication considering the funding they receive from the municipality. Invite Keith MacDonald to meet with council;
- Raising the Village is holding sessions from Port Hawkesbury to Bay St Lawrence. Advertising will appear in the local papers, facebook, etc. A declaration is expected to be signed on November 20 by municipalities and first nations;
- There will be storytelling event by the Gaelic, Acadian and Mi'kmaq gathering in Waycobah on Friday, October 6th from 10:00am to 2:00pm;
- Flushing of the Inverness Water system will take place in the coming weeks, but capacity has to be built up before this can take place;
- Crosswalks are still ongoing. There will be discussion with the Inverness Planning Advisory committee and NSDOTIR on moving forward. Garrett and Jim will meet to discuss next steps;
- Check on the reduction in speed limit coming into Inverness from north end of the village;
- Council will tour the county using Strait Area Transit the week of Oct 23rd to 27th;
- Strait Area Transit are currently going through strategic planning with \$7500 in funding for that coming from the province;

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That a meeting take place with the Strait Regional School Board, Councillor Mustard, another council member and Eastern District Planning Commission, to discuss Black Diamond Lane in Inverness.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Cranton

- Cell coverage, internet and roads are an ongoing issues;

- There will be a ceremony on October 28th for Raising the Villages at the Cranton Crossroads Community Centre with families and community members. It will be advertised locally;
- The Margaree Airport Committee will meet with Detriem Meagher as well as the warden and another meeting should take place with council after the committee meeting.

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That a letter be sent to the minister of transportation along, with a copy of the previous letter received, to get an update on the progress of the Cranton Crossroad bridge repair and also ask what is happening with the awarded contract of the repair of the Margaree Road.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Dowling

- George Muise, EMO NS, will come in and do a training session with council if council is interested. The emergency plan for the municipality is near completion. It should be reviewed by staff prior to council's approval. Garrett Beaton is the alternate for the municipal committee now that Joe has retired. Fire departments would like to be better informed when and if something happens.

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That a letter be written to the Glendale and Area Community Cooperative to support their initiative for children, youth, seniors, etc who are seeking funding through NS Health and Wellness.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden Poirier

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the municipality contribute \$2500.00 to the promotion of the various tasks related to the development of the Acadian circuit in Nova Scotia through the Conseil de développement économique de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CDENE).

MOTION CARRIED

Warden MacQuarrie

- That the council meet with the residents of Maple Grove Road of Harbourview to discuss the issues with the road. Also invite EDCP and the director of Public Works;
- There was an update received about the progress of the ROC centre in Port Hawkesbury which is near completion.

MOVED Councillor Mustard
SECONDED Councillor Dowling
MOTION That the Inverness Planning and Advisory Committee put a recommendation in writing to council regarding the land at River Street in Inverness before council will decide what to do with the property.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden Poirier took the chair

MOVED Warden MacQuarrie
SECONDED Councillor Cranton
MOTION That a letter be written to the NSDOTIR representative Bernie Murphy, in consideration of a crosswalk in Mabou, at the intersection of Highway 19 and the Mabou Harbour Road, parallel to Hwy 19.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Garden of Grace

WHEREAS: October 15th is recognized worldwide, and in other regions of Canada as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day, to symbolise our support of Nova Scotia's Bill 179, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Act; and

WHEREAS: each DAY in Canada, 5 babies die within their first year and 8 babies are stillborn; as many as 1 in 5 pregnancies end in miscarriage, one family in Nova Scotia per day experience the pain of losing a child as a result of miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal loss; and

WHEREAS: there is a need to develop a greater awareness and understanding about the causes of pregnancy and infant loss, so we can improve the healthcare provided for pregnant mothers and their babies; and

WHEREAS: the existence of the babies and infants deserves to be recognised; and

WHEREAS: increased awareness of the causes and impacts surrounding pregnancy and infant loss may lead to greater understanding, support and resources in communities across Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS: this declaration acknowledges the unique grief of bereaved parents and demonstrates support to the many families across Canada who have suffered a loss through miscarriage, medical termination, stillbirth or the death of their infant during delivery or shortly after birth; and

WHEREAS: promoting awareness of pregnancy and infant loss increases the likelihood that these families will receive understanding and support as they face the challenges of their distinctive bereavement; and

WHEREAS: a day of remembrance honours the lives of the children, and supports grieving parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members whose lives are forever altered by the heartbreak of losing a child; and

WHEREAS: such activities emphasise the municipality's commitment to supporting sensitivity and encouragement to bring this cause to light; and

WHEREAS: the Day is observed with remembrance ceremonies and candle-light vigils, concluding with the International Wave of Light, a worldwide lighting of candles at 7pm; and

WHEREAS: the municipality of the county of Inverness wishes to recognise the profound grief experienced by families who lose a baby.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Betty Ann MacQuarrie, Warden of the Municipality of the County of Inverness, do hereby declare the day of October 15th as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in Port Hood this 2nd day of October, 2017.

Invitation to attend the Strait Regional School Board's meeting recognizing Mi'kmaq awareness month. The warden will be attending this meeting on Oct 4 at the Whycocomagh Education Centre.

NSDOTIR is looking for a list of roads for the 50/50 cost share agreement by Oct 31 for fiscal year 2018/19. Roads must be indicated as to which ones are priority for paving, repaving or double chip. Councillors will submit a list of their preferences to Tanya. We need to have an approximate cost per kilometer for paving, repaving and double chip.

Councillor Dowling received a thank you from Ceilidh Coastal Trails committee for his participation in Trails Day on August 26th

Eastern District Planning Commission

Eastern District Planning Commission has approved the road name "Moose Lane ". It was submitted by Donald Morrissey for the private road in Judique.

NS Medal of Bravery

The Warden is invited to the ceremony of bravery in Halifax on November 8th. She will be attending.

MOTION Councillor Dowling
SECONDED Councillor MacLennan
MOTION That council move to "In Camera" at 4:10pm.
MOTION CARRIED

IN-CAMERA

There was no recommendation from "In Camera."

MOTION Councillor Dowling
SECONDED Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION That council move to back to council at 4:36pm.
MOTION CARRIED

The next Regular Council Meeting November 6th, 2017 at 1:30pm.

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: To adjourn at 4:39pm.
MOTION CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

WARDEN