

**Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers
September 11th, 2017
1:30pm**

A meeting of Municipal Council was held on Monday, September 11th, 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: Joe O'Connor, CAO
 Tanya Tibbo, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JULY 10, 2017

Moved: Councillor Mustard

Seconded: Councillor MacLennan

Motion: That the minutes of the municipal council meeting of July 10, 2017, be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There is no business arising from the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

Cape Breton University

Dale O'Keefe, Dr. Richard MacKinnon and Gordon MacInnis from Cape Breton University presented on the changes to the university.

Mabou Farmer's Market

Michelle Smith reviewed the market statistics so far and asked for municipal help with a drainage issue this fall.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of September 1st, 2017 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That the minutes of the July 10th, 2017 Policy Committee meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the minutes of the Community Development Committee meeting of July 10th, 2017 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the minutes of the August 24th, 2017 Policy Committee meeting be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the minutes of the July 31st Special Council meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That the minutes of the August 8th, 2017 Special Council meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

The Planning and Advisory Committee meeting of July 10th, 2017 did not take place.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the five year (2018-2022) Capital Budget be approved as presented (see Appendix A).

MOTION CARRIED

SECOND READING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INVERNESS SECONDARY LAND USE BYLAW

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That the proposed changes to the Inverness Secondary Land Use By-Law, as recommended by the Eastern District Planning Commission staff is as follows:

The Inverness Secondary Land Use Bylaw adding "Personal Services Establishments" as a 4permitted use within the Residential Urban (R-1) Zone subject to site plan approvals, as well as, approve an amendment to the Inverness Secondary Land Use Bylaw adding "Carwash" as a permitted use within the Commercial Business District (C-1) and Commercial Mixed Use (C-2) Zones subject to site plan approvals.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO THE PORT HOOD SECONDARY MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY LAW

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the proposed changes to the Port Hood Secondary Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By Law, as recommended by the Eastern District Planning Commission staff, in their report dated September 11th, 2017, be passed on first reading with a public hearing set for October 19th, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Port Hood.

MOTION CARRIED

PETITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Councillor MacLennan

- Congratulations to Allister Matheson on the two new signs he fabricated. Residents are pleased with them.
- Tourists are complaining that they are not able to see road signs because of the growth roadside.
- There are cows roaming on the Portage Road belonging to Donnie Nicholson. The cows are doing a lot of damage to property in the area. Councillor Mustard has been asked by the CAO to act on this as a member of the fences and arbitration committee. Councillor Cranton

suggested contacting Nova Scotia Department of Environment who have enforcement officers for animal welfare.

- There are streetlights blocked by trees in his district that need to be addressed by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure.
- Thank you to Joe O'Connor for all his years of service.

Councillor Mustard

- Thanks to the Public Works Department for their assistance on the weekend at a home on Veteran's Memorial Court.
- The Dindoff property can now be torn down. Nova Scotia Power disconnected the power.
- Crosswalks are still ongoing.
- Raising the Village is holding two hour sessions on September 21st and 28th, 2017. All councillors are invited to attend.
- Thank you to Joe for everything they have worked on together and all the support he received from him.

Councillor Cranton

- Cell phone coverage is better on the Cabot Trail through Victoria County than in Inverness County because of towers installed in Victoria County.
- Wants to set a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal to discuss the condition of roads in the county. Also invite former Minister Geoff MacLellan.
- Councillor Mustard put together terms of reference document for an accessibility committee which would include persons with disabilities that would include but not limited to hearing and visually impaired. A limit of approximately six members with a term of four years.
- Thanked Joe O'Connor, but had hoped he would be still in for the next 3 years so that he can continue to learn from him.

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That an invitation be send to all Ministers necessary, to meet with Council to discuss roads and cell coverage in Inverness County.

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Dowling

- A representative from Eastlink regarding the progress of broadband and cell service which he will share with the rest of council.
- There has been a complaint about the noise of the siren that goes off when the Canso Causeway is going to open and there are concerns about the marine/vehicle traffic.
- The crosswalk evaluation in Port Hastings has been completed.
- When are the crosscuts going to be paved in Judique due to municipal work done?
- Celtic Air has ten full time employees because of increased traffic. The new building has arrived.

- Steve Smith would like to have a photo opportunity with Council when the cheque is given to St. Martha's Regional Hospital Foundation.
- Asked if there a date for heavy garbage collection in the fall. Staff reported that a date has not been set.
- A resident in MacKenzie Point Road would like the garbage box moved.
- Thank you to Joe and congratulations on your retirement.

Deputy Warden Poirier

- Requests to send an invitation to the superintendent of Parks Canada because of the lack of service in Pleasant Bay and on French, North and MacKenzie Mountains to see if they could help to have the matter rectified.
- There are some grants to organizations applications from Cheticamp that will be submitted.
- Thank you to Joe O'Connor and all the best in your retirement.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That a letter be sent to the superintendent of Parks Canada to meet and discuss cell phone coverage in Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden MacQuarrie

- The warden prepared a short speech for retiring CAO, Joe O'Connor. She thanked him for all the hard work he has done for the municipality. She stated that there were issues that they did not always agree on but still maintained a good working relationship. After 42 years of service she wished him all the best in his retirement.
- An email was received from the Port Hood Island Residents Association, which included minutes from the meeting held August 4th, 2017.
- There was a meeting of CBREN held in Whycocomagh August 16th to give municipalities an update and ask for support in moving forward with better coverage in all areas.

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the Municipality of the County of Inverness will work with the CBREN-led Municipal/First Nation Broadband Strategy Initiative to complete the necessary research and public engagement; develop and identify key objectives related to broadband communications infrastructure; as well as develop connectivity strategies. This initiative is carried out in recognition that high-speed, accessible and affordable broadband is mission critical in advancing economic, social and cultural development; enhancing government service delivery including health care, education and municipal services; increasing citizen engagement, government transparency and responsiveness; enhancing business capacity and job creation; increasing sustainability (including reduced carbon emissions) and enhancing safe, connected communities and emergency preparedness.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That Councillor Dowling be appointed to the Inverness County Home Support Society board of directors.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the Vital Signs group for youth be given a donation of \$1000.00

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Request for Charitable Exemption – The Society for Protection of Jersey Heritage Cheticamp

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the Society for Protection of Jersey heritage Cheticamp be provided a charitable exemption in the amount of \$253.98 for taxes and \$60.60 for interest as per recommendation by staff.

MOTION CARRIED

Maple Grove Road

Garett Beaton recommended that the Maple Grove Road in Harbourview be recognized as a private road by the municipality. Council would like some more information on this before proceeding.

Invitations

- Leaside Society has invited Council to attend the 25th Anniversary celebration on September 15th, 2017.
- Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital has invited Council to the 40th anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary on September 20th, 2017 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Rodney MacDonald Room of the Inverary Manor.

Agreement with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the agreement between the Municipality and Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal, which expires in April 2018, be renewed until March 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

Road Name Request – 1688 Shore Road, Judique be Named Moose Lane

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the submitted road name be sent to the Eastern District Planning Commission and Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal for approval.

MOTION CARRIED

Access Easement MacLean Street, Inverness

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Poirier

MOTION: That the easement presented by solicitor Harold MacIsaac be approved by council for the property owners on MacLean Street in Inverness.

MOTION CARRIED

Letter from Municipal Affairs

There was a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs thanking council for meeting with him and his colleagues on July 18.

IN-CAMERA

Consensus to move to in-camera at 3:45pm.

Council returned from In-Camera at 3:54pm.

The next Regular Council Meeting October 2nd, 2017 at 1:30pm.

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: To adjourn at 3:54pm.

MOTION CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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