

Municipal Council Meeting  
Council Chambers  
June 12, 2017  
1:30 pm

A meeting of municipal council was held on Monday June 12, 2017 at 1:30 pm at the municipal building in Port Hood with the following in attendance:

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  
Donna MacDonald, Dir/Recreation & Tourism  
Garett Beaton, Dir/Public Works  
Tanya Tibbo, Dir/Finance  
Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor  
Ellen Murphy, Council Recorder

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

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES MAY 1, 2017**

**Moved by Deputy Warden Poirier  
Seconded by Councillor MacLennan  
Motion Carried**

**That the minutes of the municipal council meeting of May 1, 2017, be approved**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Dowling stated that Joe, Garett and he met with the Judique Volunteer Fire Department chief to have discussion on adding more fire hydrants to the system.

Warden MacQuarrie welcomed the following presenters:  
John Bain, Eastern District Planning Commission  
Staff Sergeant Greg Redl, RCMP  
Chestico Museum and Historical Society members, John and Cathy Gillies, George and Monica Goodall and Coleen MacLeod

### **Eastern District Planning Commission**

John Bain wanted to extend a thank you to former Warden Duart MacAulay for serving as a member of the board for the Eastern District Planning Commission. The planning commission has been dealing with the obvious duties of building permits, civic addressing, subdivision, unsightly premises as well as a review of the Wind Turbine by-law and a review of the Port Hood Planning Strategy which is nearing completion. Housing starts are up 3.9%, permit fees are up and subdivision lots created are up 18.2% over last year. The annual report will be finished by June 30 and sent to council at that time. There are still some unsightly premises in Whycocomagh that are not finalized. The demolition permit tracking is encouraged so that property owners do not continue to be assessed for a building that has been demolished.

### **RCMP**

Staff Sergeant Greg Redl reported that he has been here since July 2016. He reported that assault charges have decreased, impaired driving charges are about the same as the previous year, and drug offences have increased as a result of more enforcement and physically going out and finding offenders. Calls for service in Inverness have dropped, Cheticamp is up, the Town of Port Hawkesbury is about the same and traffic enforcement is up overall. Staff positions are presently all filled. There will be some turnover in the near future with one staff member retiring and two transfers occurring.

### **Chestico Museum and Historical Society**

Members presented on the government of the day in honor of Canada's 150 Anniversary celebrations this year. At that time the Municipality of the County of Inverness was not in existence. Women were not allowed to vote and confederation was not supported by the government of the day. There will be a confederation tea celebration on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 from 2-4 pm held at the former Kilarney Manor (stone house) in Port Hood. Everyone is invited to attend for a re-enactment of the government of that era.

### **Committee Reports**

**Moved by Deputy Warden Poirier  
Seconded by Councillor MacLennan  
Motion Carried**

**That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of May 2 be approved**

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

**That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of May 24 be approved**

## **Cheticamp Water**

There has been more discussion with NSDOTIR with taking over the Cheticamp Water System. The hydrogeologist, Fred Baechler, hired by the municipality is still not completely satisfied with the chemistry of the wells, fluctuations in the total dissolved solids when the well is not running and turbidity peaks. There is an offer of funding with the takeover, but Fred Baechler is doing more testing and the municipality is waiting on his recommendation which should be received shortly. The province has submitted a draft letter of transfer of ownership which the municipality has sent on to its solicitor for review.

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

**That the municipality postpone signing a sales agreement with the province until more information is available**

## **The County of Inverness Municipal Housing Corporation** **Foyer Pere Fiset**

WHEREAS The county of Inverness Municipal Housing Corporation (the "Corporation") proposes to enter into a mortgage of its property at Cheticamp with Housing Nova Scotia ("HNS") for the purpose of financing the renovations to the Foyer Pere Fiset at Cheticamp, in the amount of \$1,885,600.00.

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Section 12 (c) of the Municipal Housing Corporation Act, R.S.N.S 1989, Chapter 304, the approval of the Municipality is required.

RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Inverness does hereby approve the mortgaging by the Corporation of the Foyer Pere Fiset property at Cheticamp to Housing Nova Scotia (HNS) for the purpose of renovating the long term care facility and, as well, the granting of any and all other security required by HNS for this purpose.

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017

## **Correspondence**

The annual report from 211 was received

Strait Superport sent a letter stating that the term for Frank MacInnis was up. Council would also like to have an annual update from the board

**Moved by Councillor Dowling**  
**Seconded by Deputy Warden Poirier**  
**Motion Carried**

**That Frank MacInnis be reappointed to the board of Strait Superport**

## **Petitions and Resolutions**

### **Deputy Warden Poirier**

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

**That the interest in the amount of \$463.08 for property assessed to Cheticamp Association of Assisted Living not be written off**

### **Councillor MacLennan**

- Rod's One Stop in Waycobah is having its grand reopening on June 20. All councillors are invited to attend
- There are derelict vehicles throughout his district and possibly John Bain could help with that
- He and Garrett Beaton will be going to look at Joseph MacFarlane Drive this week
- There are some illegal dump sites that have popped up and he and Garrett will look at those as well

### **Councillor Mustard**

- A letter be sent to the residents of the Broad Cove Banks Road for the extension of the sewer line
- The Pan CB Food Hub now has drop offs at a location in Inverness and also in Port Hawkesbury. Sales this week were \$5000
- Funding for the boardwalk in Inverness. There are some issues that need to come back to council.
- Possibly Alan MacMaster could come to council when he is available approximately 3-4 times a year

### **Councillor Cranton**

- Councillor Cranton and Councillor Mustard have met with Scotia Wind about the St. Rose turbine monies available to the community. There is \$26,890 available to be given back to the community and a decision was made to support bursaries for CB Highlands Academy and Inverness Academy
- Robert MacKinnon took care of the garbage receptacles at the St. Joseph du Moine lookoff and he will do it again this year
- DOTIR wrote back in regards to the repair schedule for the Cranton Bridge in Margaree with the expected work to start in the fall of 2017

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

**That Robert MacKinnon will empty garbage receptacles at the St. Joseph du Moine lookoff and funds will be paid from Councillor Cranton's discretionary funds**

### **Moved by Councillor Cranton**

**Whereas the municipal airport committee for the Margaree Airport has approved that the proposed expansion move forward with Councillor Dowling opposed;**

**Whereas the management committee of the Margaree Airport recommend that the proposed expansion move forward**

**Whereas the funding partners need to know for the future of the expansion  
I so move that the proposed Margaree Airport expansion be continued as approved by previous council**

**That the recommendation by the airport review committee of moving forward with the proposed expansion of the Margaree Airport be approved, but it be noted that Councillor Dowling is opposed to the moving forward with this project.**

**Councillor Mustard will second the motion, with an amendment, if the project will move forward with partnerships from private investors, other municipal units, First Nations as well as federal and provincial government committing funding**

In the discussion that followed Deputy Warden Poirier stated he is not against the airport expansion but is not in favour of spending that much of tax payers money. Councillor Cranton asked what percentage the municipality is prepared to fund. It is usually a third from each level of government federal, provincial and municipal. Councillor MacLennan stated that the residents of district 4 are not in favour of the project. Councillor Dowling stated that Inverness County does not need another airport, he would to poll the residents and that he did not hear about the public meetings when they were being held. Warden MacQuarrie stated that three public meetings were held and 67% of Inverness County residents were in favour of the project. The municipality sent a letter to Mayor Chisholm Beaton in Port Hawkesbury letting her know that the municipality supported the Port Hawkesbury Airport. The previous council was in favor of moving forward with this project, but the warden is not sure what has changed. Members of the Margaree Airport committee would like to present to council. Warden MacQuarrie asked Deputy Warden Poirier to take the chair, but he refused.

**With no seconder, the motion by Councillor Cranton to move forward with the proposed expansion of the Margaree Airport, be withdrawn at this time**

### **Councillor Dowling**

- Discussion about the crosswalk request at the Hearthstone Inn in Port Hastings with Darren Blundon of DOTIR took place
- The abandoned vehicles at the Port Hastings Post Office will be removed soon
- There is garbage at the old Esso site in Port Hastings
- Mountainview Drive needs grading. Payment will be sent to DOTIR
- Could councillors have the monthly reports prior to coming to council
- Congratulate Alan MacMaster on his win in the provincial election. Also recognize Bobby Morris and Michelle Smith for very well run campaigns

**Moved by Councillor Dowling  
Seconded by Deputy Warden Poirier  
Motion Carried**

**Warden MacQuarrie turned meeting over to Deputy Warden Poirier**

- The submitted road name "Kay Tully Drive" be sent to NSDOTIR and EDC for their approval
- Streetlights requests have been sent to Joe O'Connor and Garrett Beaton for approval

**Deputy Warden Poirier turned the meeting back to Warden MacQuarrie**

**"In Camera"**

**Moved By Councillor Mustard  
Moved By Councillor Cranton  
Motion Carried**

**That council move to "in camera"**

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

**That "in camera" be moved back to council**

Next council meeting July 10, 2017 at 1:30pm

**With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Councillor Cranton, seconded by Deputy Warden Poirier that the meeting adjourn at 5:33pm.**