

**Policy Committee Meeting
Monday January 22th, 2018
10:00am
Council Chambers**

Council: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
 Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
 Councillor Laurie Cranton (10:15)
 Councillor John MacLennan
 Councillor John Dowling
 Councillor Jim Mustard
 John Bain, EDPC
 Sean Donovan, EDPC

Staff: Tanya Tibbo, Interim CAO/ Director of Finance
 Garett Beaton, Director of Public Works
 Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 10:00am

DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES POLICY

John Bain explained the policy to council and staff. People can make complaints anonymously. The only time a name would become public is if, there is a court case. Councillors are urged not to put in complaints themselves. EDPC will deal directly with residents on behalf of the municipality. If a structure is deemed immediately dangerous, EDPC take action right away. Contractors are needed in the county for a preferred list. The cost of demolition stays with the property. This policy was not previously adopted by Inverness County, so it was recommended that it be sent to the February 5th council meeting as a notice of motion to adopt.

ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW

It is recommended that the organizational review by Davis Pier be made a motion to adopt at the February 5th regular council meeting.

BYLAW REVIEW

Bylaw is something that can be enforced and a policy is a procedure that can be followed. Tanya did a review of current bylaws and some are not needed so they will be repealed. Others need to be reworded so it is still a work in progress. The new CAO will have to look everything over before they are finalized.

AGENDA REVIEW

An open session would give the people in the gallery the opportunity to speak for 15 minutes after the regular council meeting. Correspondence, action items and audit, policy or planning items can be better prepared for by staff, if they are aware of the items before the council meeting. Petitions and resolutions will be taken off the agenda for a trial period to see how the council does with everything as an agenda item instead. Councillors will send agenda items prior to the meeting. There may still be something that comes up last minute and that will be dealt with accordingly before the council meeting begins.

Warden MacQuarrie stepped out for 5 minutes at 12pm and Deputy Warden Poirier took the chair.

DOG BYLAW

Tanya recommended that the changes to the current Dog Bylaw move to the regular council meeting of February 5th to be approved as first reading to amend.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.