

**Regular Council Meeting
Inverness Fire Hall
Monday March 5th, 2018
1:30pm**

A meeting of Municipal Council was held on Monday, March 5th, 2018 at 1:30pm at the Inverness Fire Hall in Inverness with the following in attendance:

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

Staff: Tanya Tibbo, Interim CAO/ Director of Finance
 Donna MacDonald, Director Recreation/Tourism
 Garett Beaton, Director Public Works
 Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor
 Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

Warden MacQuarrie also welcomed new CAO Keith MacDonald to his first council meeting.

Purple Day for Epilepsy Proclamation

Whereas Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world, and

Whereas Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, an nine year old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone, and

Whereas epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, and more than 300,000 people in Canada, and

Whereas the public is often unable recognize the common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid, and

Whereas Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally,

I therefore proclaim March 26, 2018 Purple Day in Nova Scotia, in an effort to raise epilepsy awareness everywhere.

Jour violet pour l'épilepsie proclamation

Alors que le jour pourpre est un effort mondial consacré à la promotion de la sensibilisation à l'épilepsie dans les pays du monde entier, et

Alors que Purple Day a été fondée en 2008 par Cassidy Megan, une jeune fille de neuf ans de la Nouvelle-Écosse, qui voulait que les gens sachent que si vous souffrez d'épilepsie, vous n'êtes pas seul, et

Alors que l'épilepsie est l'une des conditions neurologiques les plus courantes, estimée à affecter plus de 50 millions personnes dans le monde, et plus de 300 000 personnes au Canada, et

ATTENDU que le public est souvent incapable de reconnaître les types de saisies courantes, ou comment répondre avec les premiers soins appropriés, et

Tandis que le jour pourpre sera célébré le 26 mars annuellement pour augmenter la compréhension, réduire la stigmatisation et améliorer la qualité de vie pour les personnes épileptiques dans tout le pays et globalement,

Je proclame donc le 26 mars 2018 jour violet en Nouvelle-Écosse, dans le but d'accroître la sensibilisation à l'épilepsie partout.

ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

HOMES BOARD APPOINTMENT

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Catherine Gillis of Judique be appointed to the municipal homes board

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES – FEBRUARY 5TH, 2018

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the minutes of the regular council meeting of February 5th, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

NO BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 5TH, 2018

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee of February 5th, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 28TH, 2018

MOVED: Councillor Cranton
SECONDED: Councillor Mustard
MOTION: That the minutes of the Policy Meeting of February 28th, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – FEBRUARY 28TH, 2018

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That the minutes of the Audit Meeting of February 28th, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Pan Cape Breton Food Hub – Alicia Lake and Marilyn MacDonald

The food hub continues to make it easy to get food from the producers to the consumers. Food consumption has increased again in the last year. There continues to be more education by means of newsletters, social media, workshops, etc. The food hub taps into urban areas such as Sydney. Sales are up, revenue for vendors is up. Inverness County has been very supportive of the food hub as have other municipalities on Cape Breton Island. There are 41 producers island wide and 7 food hubs that work with Department of Environment for inspection and food handling. Alicia can be contacted for more information at manager@pancapebretonfoodhub.ca

Inverness County Home Support Society – Angie MacEachern

The Inverness County Home Support Society is a not for profit agency that deliver home support services throughout Inverness County. It an agency of the Department of Health and Wellness, as well as, Continuing Care. Home support services enable client independence, assist with unmet needs and maintain quality of life in client's homes. These services allow clients to remain in their own homes and continue with quality of life they have become accustomed too. Some of the services offered are: personal care, light housekeeping, meal prep, respite services and other approved tasks. The agency has a staff of eight including, but not limited to the director, nurses, administrative assistant, bookkeeper. There is also a board of directors from within the county. There are currently 53 home support workers who are required to have continuing care certification. Staffing is always a challenge. The agency is completely funded through Dept of Health & Wellness at a rate set per hour of direct service to clients. Therefore, this makes meeting budget

another challenge. Budget has not been met since 2012. The agency is asking council to write a letter, on behalf of the agency, to show continued support of the home support society in Inverness County. Council is in support of the agency and will write a letter as they have done in the past. The agency will continue to work closely with health and wellness on budgeting issues.

MUNICIPAL SIGNING AUTHORITY

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the following persons will be the signing authority for the Municipality of the County of Inverness: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie, Chief Administrative Officer Keith MacDonald and Director of Finance Tanya Tibbo

MOTION CARRIED

DANGEROUS & UNSIGHTLY PREMISES POLICY

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That council adopt the Dangerous & Unsightly Premises Policy

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE SECOND READING OF DOG CONTROL BYLAW

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That council approve by way of second reading, By Law No. 48, Dog Control By Law

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE REZONING APPLICATION BY RAYMOND DEVEAU TO REZONE A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY WITH PID # 50098045 CABOT TRAIL, CHETICAMP

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That council approve the proposed application to rezone a portion of PID 50098045 in Cheticamp from C-1 Commercial Business District to R-# Residential Multiple family

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE CHANGE OF ZONING FROM "RURAL DEVELOPMENT" TO 'COMMERICAL MIXED USE' BY 3294708 NS LTD FOR MUNICIPAL LANDS TO BE PURCHASED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Mustard

MOTION: That council approve the proposed application to rezone the lands of PID 50180686 in Inverness from RD-1 Rural Development to C-2 Commercial Mixed Use and

remove the requirement of 30 feet wide two-way driveways for commercial developments other than shopping centres

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING – PROPOSED APPLICATION TO REZONE PID NO 50330844 FROM INSTITUTIONAL I-1 TO COMMERCIAL MIXED USE C-2

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That council give first reading to the proposed application to rezone the property identified by PID no. 50330844 (the lands immediately surrounding the annex building of the Inverness Miners' Museum) from Institutional I-1 to Commercial Mixed use C-2

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the public hearing for the application to rezone the property identified by PID 50330844 (the lands immediately surrounding the annex building of the Inverness Miners' Museum) from Institutional I-1 to Commercial Mixed use C-2 be set for Monday April 9, 2018 at 1pm in the Inverness Fire Hall

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That council approve the following appointment, effective April 1, 2018: Administrative, Dangerous & Unightly Premises: Sean Donovan, with Alternate John Bain; Building Inspector: Cyril LeBlanc, with alternates David MacKenzie, Leon LeBlanc, Harry Martell and Sean Donovan; Development Officer: Wanda Ryan, with alternates John Bain, Andrew Jones and Paul Dec; Fire Inspector: Leon LeBlanc, with alternates Sean Donovan, David MacKenzie, Harry Martell and Cyril LeBlanc

MOTION CARRIED

INVERNESS COUNTY GATEWAY SIGNAGE

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That council approve the sending of a letter to NSDOTIR Minister Lloyd Hines requesting that Inverness County gateway signage at the Canso Causeway be placed in the locations identified by staff, prior to entering the rotary

MOTION CARRIED

VITAL SIGNS THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the recommendation from the audit meeting held on February 28th, 2018 to contribute \$1000 from Grants to Organizations to the Department of Community Services for their Vital Signs Project be approved

MOTION CARRIED

NOVA SCOTIA NUNAVUT COMMAND

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the recommendation from the audit meeting held on February 28th, 2018 to purchase a ½ page ad in the annual Veteran's Service Recognition book be approved

MOTION CARRIED

MICAREME CENTRE

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the recommendation from the audit meeting held on February 28th, 2018 to approve community development funds in the amount of \$5000 for the Micareme Centre's proposal to hire a consultant to develop original marketable products be approved

MOTION CARRIED

PORT HOOD DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the recommendation from the audit meeting held on February 28th, 2018 to approve community development funds in the amount of \$6500 for the Port Hood District Recreation Commission's proposal towards the replacement of plant compressor no. 2

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Finance/Interim CAO

Tax Sale information is updated daily. The sale is on Friday March 23rd, 2018

Tax Write Offs

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: To write off taxes and interest in the amount of \$5700.53 for account number 10133262 assesses to Inverness Development Association – Property Valuation Services Corporation has confirmed that the account is a duplicate

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: To write off taxes and interest in the amount of \$4206.77 for account number 09834567 assesses to Inverness Development Association – Property Valuation Services Corporation has confirmed that the account is a duplicate

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: To write off taxes and interest in the amount of \$7385.14 for account number 09845658 assesses to Inverness Development Association – Property Valuation Services Corporation has confirmed that the account is a duplicate

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: To write off taxes and interest in the amount of \$8931.62 for account number 10184061 assessed to Inverness Historical Society because it is eligible for the municipal tax exemption

MOTION CARRIED

Public Works

The reduction in speed limit, Councillor Mustard asked if this could be pursued again with Steve MacDonald, NSDOTIR. This is a safety issue that needs addressing.

Recreation/Tourism

Council had no questions on Donna's Report

CORRESPONDENCE

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Milos Posavljak is interested in assisting the municipality with conducting infrastructure asset management research. Staff will reply to this request.

Nova Scotia School Boards Association

This was a letter sent to all municipalities in the province to give them an update on the Glaze Report. It is for information purposes only and no response from the municipality is necessary

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That the council be adjourned to “in camera” at 2:44pm
MOTION CARRIED

“IN-CAMERA”

Recommend that council make a motion on Wayne Gillis’ request regarding municipal land in Inverness

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: To return to regular council at 3:23pm.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That council give permission to Wayne Gillis, for the purpose of powerline installation for Route 19 Brewery Inc., to cut any excess shrubbery on a 20 foot wide strip following the south side of the existing access easement so that the guy wires can be installed for the power going to the brewery and Mr. Gillis will maintain that area by way of sodding/seeding, mowing and landscaping, etc
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That council grant an easement, over municipal property identified as PID 50274786, to Nova Scotia Power, for a powerline to Route19 Brewery Inc. and that council authorizes the clerk and Warden to sign the easement when it comes to the municipality
MOTION CARRIED

The next Regular Council Meeting April 9th, 2018 at 1:30pm in the Inverness Fire Hall.

MOVED: Deputy Warden

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: To adjourn at 3:37pm
MOTION CARRIED

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

WARDEN