

**Regular Council Meeting
Inverness Fire Hall
Monday April 9th, 2018
1:30pm**

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

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

Staff: Garett Beaton, Director Public Works
 Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor
 Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

Media: Rankin MacDonald, Inverness Oran

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:48pm

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

TONY SAMPSON, STRAIT AREA GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE
IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 5TH, 2018

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

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

MOTION CARRIED

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

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee of March 5th, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – MARCH 26TH, 2018

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the minutes of the Audit Committee of March 26th, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES – MARCH 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 MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That the minutes of the Audit Meeting of April 4th, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

NO BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

PRESENTATIONS

Second Reading Rezoning of Inverness PID No. 50330844 from Institutional I-1 to Commercial Mixed Use C-1

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Mustard

MOTION: That council approve the recommendation of Eastern District Planning Commission staff, to rezone the property identified by PID No. 50330544 in Inverness (lands immediately surrounding the annex building of the Inverness Miner's Museum) from Institutional I-1 to Commercial Mixed Use C-2 and that council research the issue of the road, but with no guarantee of a resolution.

MOTION CARRIED

Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue – Tony Sampson- The proposed budget is to keep the organization running. The mortgage for the building has been paid. They currently have 3 heat pumps and will be installing a fourth soon. They are an emergency service provider with one truck. They have 80 members currently. They put on courses besides conducting searches. They are asking each municipal until for \$5000 to go with the \$3000 they are given from the provincial government. Therefore, they are not able to budget for anything so they would like to see an area rate imposed on residents of municipal units so the budget of \$60,000 can be met. The province

has more control over the organization than in the past. The province currently reimburses for mileage when a rescue is conducted. Zone meetings are held approximately every six weeks, as well as, monthly meetings of the Strait organization. Warden MacQuarrie thanked Mr. Sampson for his presentation.

Councillor Dowling asked Warden MacQuarrie for a moment of silence for the Humboldt Broncos hockey team and all those affected by the bus crash in Saskatchewan

PORT HOOD LAND USE BY LAW- WIND TURBINE HEIGHT

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the recommendation to council from the Planning Advisory Committee regarding the inconsistencies in the Land Use By-law be removed, while a consistent height limit of six metres for wind turbines of any kind, be introduced to the Port Hood Land Use By-law

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING – PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE PORT HOOD LAND USE BY LAW

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the public hearing for the proposed change to the Port Hood Land Use By Law take place on Monday May 7th at 1pm in council chambers

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATION- LAKE AINSLIE WEAVER'S GUILD

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That recommendation of the Audit Committee meeting of March 26th 2018 grant the funding in the amount of \$5372.51, contingent on other funding that has been applied for, be approved from District 3 community development fund

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATION- ORANGEDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That recommendation of the Audit Committee meeting of March 26th 2018 grant the funding in the amount of \$8939.81, contingent on other funding partners being approved from District 4 community development fund and that the centre also apply for funding through the provincial accessibility fund

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATION- MABOU FARMER'S MARKET

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: As per the application at the Audit Committee meeting of March 26th 2018 requesting \$4520 for improvements to the parking area, the recommendation was that municipal public works resources would carry out the work, before the market opens in May

MOTION CARRIED

INVERNESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION- APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

It was decided that this should go back to the next Audit Committee meeting for further review of where funding could possibly come from. Councillor Cranton will invite someone from the provincial accessibility committee to come to council

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING – BELLE COTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was recommended that the application would be reviewed again once more documentation is received, as well as, other funding partners identified.

WATER CAPITAL FUNDED BY DEPRECIATION FUND

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: As per the recommendation of the audit committee meeting of March 26th the water capital in the amount of \$106505.45 for the 2017/18 fiscal year, be funded through the depreciation fund

MOTION CARRIED

NOVA SCOTIA HEALTH AUTHORITY

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the recommendation to council that if the principal amount of outstanding arrears for taxes and area rates is paid on accounts 03376036 and 02146215, then the interest would be written off in the amount of \$136,022.25

MOTION CARRIED

MABOU WASTEWATER TREATMENT UPGRADE

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That council approve the cost overrun for this project and that it be taken from capital reserve at this time, until the final cost is determined

MOTION CARRIED

CHARITABLE TAX EXEMPTION

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That council approve the recommendation that letters be sent out to any organization that has arrears on their tax account, to inform them that they will not be given the charitable exemption unless the arrears are paid

MOTION CARRIED

WHYCOCOMAGH CONSOLIDATED RECREATION/ARENA

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the recommendation to remove the Whycocomagh Consolidated Recreation/Arena from the charitable exemption properties list, be approved

MOTION CARRIED

INCREASE ON ADMINISTRATION FEE ON TAX SALE PROPERTIES

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That the recommendation be approved to increase the administration fee to \$750 to cover the title search fee and other fees associated with each property as of April 1st, 2018

MOTION CARRIED

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the recommendation to approve the Standard Operating Procedures with the following changes: municipal legal counsel gather more information to find out how other municipalities and organizations are addressing drug and alcohol testing, employee mental health issues, criminal records and other vulnerable records checks to ensure a safe working environment

MOTION CARRIED

STRAIT SUPERPORT LETTER

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the recommendation be approved to respond to the Strait Superport letter monitoring the passing of the Act to amend Chapter 18 of Acts of 1998, the Municipal Government Act respecting Cape Breton Regional Municipality

MOTION CARRIED

CELL COVERAGE

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the recommendation to approve some funding for cell coverage in this budget year and leverage other partners to improve coverage.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That a meeting be set up with MP Mark Eyking, MP Roger Cuzner, Minister Mombourquette, Minister Zach Churchill, Andrew Morrison of Bell Mobility to address the issue of emergency situations in Cape Breton Highlands National Park and Pleasant Bay

MOTION CARRIED

JUDIQUÉ VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the municipality guarantee a loan in the amount of \$230,000 for the purchase of a new mini pumper truck

MOTION CARRIED

LAKE AINSLIE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

There is further discussion of this application. It will go to the next Community Development Committee meeting

INVERNESS RACEWAY

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the recommendation requested to sponsor one race in the amount of \$750 be approved

MOTION CARRIED

MEAT COVE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The application will be reviewed at the next Community Development Meeting

PORT HOOD WHARF

The recommendation to council is to put the barriers and signage back in place as soon as possible

INVERNESS WATER

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That the recommendation to council for leak detection by H₂O leaks, as well as, exploration of another source of supply be done as soon as possible, be approved

MOTION CARRIED

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That Deputy Warden Poirier replace Councillor Dowling on the Immigration Committee, be approved

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Finance/Interim CAO

Councillor Mustard asked that tax sale information be provided to council prior to tax sales. The next sale is scheduled for July and councillors will have an opportunity to review properties on the list

Public Works

The prices for mobile generators will be relayed to council for review

Recreation/Tourism

Warden MacQuarrie mentioned the provincial ceremony for volunteers was taking place in Halifax today and that John Joe Gillis of Glencoe was the representative from the county attending that ceremony.

CORRESPONDENCE

NS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the letter received under the 50/50 cost share program advising that Steele's Lane in Creignish was selected for paving and Upper Railway St in Inverness was selected for repaving, be approved

MOTION CARRIED

Gaelic Affairs

Warden MacQuarrie received a letter from Minister of Gaelic Affairs, Randy Delorey, declaring May Gaelic month in the province with a proclamation to be read at May's council meeting.

The next regular council meeting May 7th, 2018 at 1:30pm in Port Hood

CONSENSUS WAS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 3:45PM

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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