

Audit Committee Meeting
Monday March 26th, 2018
10am
Council Chambers

Council: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Councillor John MacLennan
Councillor John Dowling
Councillor Jim Mustard
Councillor Laurie Cranton arrived at 10:20am

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Garett Beaton, Director Public Works
Donna MacDonald, Director Recreation Tourism
Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 10am.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

LAKE AINSLIE WEAVER'S GUILD – Recommend to council that the application be approved for the amount of \$5372.51 contingent on other funding that has been applied for, from District 3 community development fund.

ORANGEDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE - Recommend to council that the application be approved in the amount of \$8939.81 contingent on other funding partners, from District 4 community development fund. It was also suggested that the centre apply for funding through the provincial and federal accessibility fund.

MABOU FARMER'S MARKET – Recommend to council that the work for drainage and ditching be done by municipal forces before the market opens up in May of this year.

CKJM RADIO CHETICAMP – Keith will meet with Angus LeFort to discuss this application further.

INVERNESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION - Recommend to council that the accessibility and mobility equipment, as well as, upgrades to the beach hut for storage of this equipment, as per the application in the amount of \$25,000, be approved and taken from the regional community development fund contingent on funding from the province.

BELLE COTE COMMUNITY CENTRE – More supporting documentation is needed at this time before a recommendation is made to council on this application, as well as, other funding from other partners.

Recess at 11:30
Reconvened at 11:46

CHETICAMP BOARDWALK PRESENTATION

This boardwalk is 25 year and is in need of replacement. They are trying to put a plan in place to have the boardwalk replaced and expanded. This application is to cover the costs of consultant fees not any costs involved in the actual replacement or expansion of the boardwalk. The application includes engineering documents, the design and the final cost estimates. There has to be more discussion on considering the proposal from the Consiel Economique de Cheticamp.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Water Capital funded by Depreciation Fund - Recommend to council to fund water capital in the amount of \$106,505.45 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, through the depreciation fund.

Mabou Wastewater Treatment Upgrade – Cost Overrun - Recommend to council that the cost overrun be taken from capital reserve at this time, until the final cost overrun of the project is determined.

Nova Scotia Health Authority- Recommend to council that the interest be written off in the amount of \$136,022.25, if the payment of arrears of area rates ,is received.

Year End Adjustments – Nova Scotia Health Authority- Recommend to council that the interest be written off if the principle amount of the outstanding area rates are paid.

Water Write Offs- none at this time

Port Hood Island Wharf – Keith is in discussion with Basil Mattie to put a plan in place, possibly something in the short term for this year. Options will be brought back to council when available. Municipal staff has explored the option of funding available at other levels of government and there is none available.

BUDGET

Recommendation to council that letters be sent 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.

Recommend to council that the Whycocomagh Consolidated Recreation/Arena be removed from the charitable exemption properties.

Consensus was to continue to fund the following grants to organizations:

Inverness Citizens' Caring for Animals

School Bursaries

Chestico Museum

Pit u' paq – Councillor Mustard will come back with a report for council on whether to continue funding

Inverness Consolidated Memorial Hospital

Federation of Agriculture
Cheticamp Animals
Christmas Daddies
St. Martha's Regional Hospital
Conseil des Art Cheticamp

Other Grants: Consensus to continue to fund

Inverness County Trails
Workshops for volunteer organizations
16 Inverness County Fire Departments
Cultural Centres
Pan CB Food Hub - more than last fiscal
Strait Area Transit – more than last fiscal
La Cooperative de Transport de Cheticamp
Margaree VIC
Inverness VIC
Coady Tompkins Library
Port Hood Library
Eastern Counties Regional Library
District Grants
Four Inverness County Arenas

New Requests

Erras Cooperative
Cheticamp Boardwalk
Strait Area Ground Search And Rescue
Veterans of Port Hawkesbury
Inverness Beach Accessibility

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 3:01pm.