

**Regular Council Meeting
Thursday August 9th, 2018
1:30pm
Keltic Quay, Whycomagh**

A meeting of Municipal Council was held on Thursday, August 9th, 2018 at 1:30pm in at the Keltic Quay with the following individuals in attendance:

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
 Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
 Garett Beaton, Director Public Works
 Harold Maclsaac, Solicitor
 Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:30pm

APPROVAL OF REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES – JULY 9TH, 2018

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the minutes of the regular council meeting of July 9th, 2018 be approved

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES – JULY 9TH, 2018

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the minutes of the Audit Committee of July 9th, 2018 be approved

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES – JULY 9TH, 2018

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the minutes of the Audit Committee of July 9th, 2018 be approved

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Municipal Staff will meet with directors of Mill Road Social Enterprises to discuss further the Reclamation project.

Councillor Mustard will ask the board of the Cape Mabou Community Pasture to prepare a report to council on the ongoing issues.

Municipal staff will look into the ownership of the Maple Brook Community Pasture in Glendale.

Locations for two new fire hydrants have been mapped out and will be installed by Municipal Public Works staff. The date of the installation will be passed on to Councillor Dowling.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That the Mabou Development Association be granted \$2000.00 for the beautification project from District 5 discretionary community development fund.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor Mustard

MOTION: That the Judique Historical Society be granted \$3000.00 contingent on provincial funding, for improvements to the Storyteller's Gallery, from District 6 discretionary community development fund.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the HR/Personnel Policy Manual be approved based on the updates.

MOTION CARRIED

RIVER STREET EXTENSION

Councillor Mustard asked council's permission for the municipal housing coordinator to put a housing plan together for the municipal land at the top of River Street Extension. Council agreed and the plan will be reviewed in October.

COASTAL PROTECTION ACT AND THE POWER TO EXPEND

Both Keith and Tanya attended separate meetings on the Coastal Protection Act which is being legislated by the Province of Nova Scotia and will be advanced by the Department of Environment. A request has been made by the CAO to have a representative either from Department of Environment or Department of Municipal Affairs come and speak to council regarding the newly planned legislation. Council is asked to review this plan and provide any feedback to the CAO's office by August 31st so it can be submitted to the Province.

The Department of Municipal Affairs is also seeking input from municipalities on new Power to expend legislation. The CAO is to ask the municipal advisor to attend the next meeting of council.

ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGNS

Staff will look into cost estimates, as well as, cost sharing with NSDOTIR and RCMP. Perhaps this cost could come out of the regional development fund. The signs are more effective when moved to different locations that have 70km/hr and lower speed zones.

JUDIQUÉ VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN GUARANTEE

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That a loan guarantee in the amount of \$280,000 for the purchase of a new mini pumper truck.

MOTION CARRIED

PAVING OF UPPER RAILWAY ST IN INVERNESS COST ADJUSTMENT

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That council approve the cost adjustment of an additional \$30,000 on the 50/50 cost share agreement for the paving of Upper Railway St., with the Province of Nova Scotia

MOTION CARRIED

NOTICE OF REPEAL FOR BY-LAW 2 – THE COUNCIL

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That council has given notice to repeal By-Law 2 - The Council at the Thursday September 6th 2018 at 1:30pm regular meeting of council.

MOTION CARRIED

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Tax/Finance

Properties that have not sold in tax sales will be put up for public tender possibly in the fall.

Public Works

The Whycomomagh Sewer Treatment Plant requests for proposals have been received and there is a ninety (90) day timeline on the awarding.

The former Port Hastings School Board Office is with the Municipality's legal counsel then it will be advertised for sale with a timeline for bids to be received and it will be sold to the successful bidder.

Councillor MacLennan and Keith will have to meet with the members of the Waycobah Band Council to discuss the smell of the fish nets and what is the intent of the former Whycomomagh Arena property.

Tim Rhyno owns property in Egypt Falls and is concerned about the liability to him as a property owner. The Trails Federation may be able to help with insurance if necessary. A meeting will be held in Scotsville on August 16th at the fire hall with all the land owners involved as well as Lake Ainslie Development Association.

There has been an agreement to sell surplus fire truck from the Margaree Fire Department to the Port Hood Island fire department for \$1.

Councillor Dowling would like to see the information compiled regarding the funding of the Allan J MacEachen Airport formerly the Port Hawkesbury Airport and have further discussion on funding the Airport further.

CORRESPONDENCE

An annual report was received from Gaming Nova Scotia. It will be available in the CAO office.

"In Camera"

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That council move to "In Camera" at 2:49pm

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: To move back to regular council at 4:19pm

MOTION CARRIED

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM "IN CAMERA"

INVERNESS WATER PROJECT

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the CAO have the authority to negotiate the land acquisition of PID 50127570, on behalf of the Municipality, based on the \$750,000 budgeted amount for the entire project.

MOTION CARRIED

WATER UTILITY

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That \$150,000 be transferred from the operating reserves to the water operating account.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2018

CONSENSUS WAS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 4:23PM

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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