

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Thursday October 25th, 2018
9am
Council Chambers

Council: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Councillor John Dowling
Councillor Jim Mustard
Councillor John MacLennan
Councillor Laurie Cranton by conference call

Regrets: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Donna MacDonald, Director of Tourism and Culture
Garett Beaton, Director of Public Works
Erin Gillis, Occupational Health and Safety Specialist
Alan Benninger, Water and Wastewater Supervisor
Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 9:03am

RESTORE ACCESS TO COLINDALE BEACH –Presentation attached

FUNDING APPLICATIONS – Recommend to Council that the application for \$4440 for the Margaree Area Development Association be approved through District 2 Community Development Funds.

CAMERON HALL WHYCOCOMAGH – Donna MacDonald has reached out to the organization to make them aware of other sources of funding and Councillor MacLennan will speak to them as well.

PORT HASTINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Donna MacDonald has reached out to the organization to make them aware of other sources of funding.

POWER POLE INSTALLATION – Recommend to council that approval be given to move forward, with the installation of a power pole for a streetlight at the price of \$2153.83 on Main St in Whycomagh, through District 4 community development funds.

WHYCOCOMAGH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – Councillor MacLennan asked if this project was cancelled. CAO Keith MacDonald responded that the project was not cancelled by Council and funding is outlined in the capital budget and the Municipality is waiting on the release of funding applications from the federal government infrastructure program that could leverage a significant amount of money towards the cost of the overall project.

EASTERN DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION – Councillor Mustard would like to have advance notice provided to the Inverness Area Planning Advisory Committee of proposed developments in his district. It is currently not an EDPC responsibility to provide that information. CAO Keith MacDonald suggested that perhaps a nondisclosure agreement could be signed by the member of Inverness Area Planning Advisory Committee. More information will be gathered.

THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – Recommend to Council that the plan be approved with the suggested edits at the next regular council meeting.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF INVERNESS WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PLAN – Recommend to Council that it be approved at the next regular council meeting.

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF INVERNESS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM – Recommend to Council that it be approved at the next regular council meeting.

STAFF REPORTS –

CAO - Councillor Cranton asked about the cell coverage funding and CAO Keith MacDonald responded by saying that there has been some movement through the province but still waiting on the federal government. Also interviews for all positions have been completed with the exception of one which will be finished in the near future. Some offers are still being negotiated and others have been accepted.

PUBLIC WORKS – The hydrant at the entrance to the River Denys Road has been repaired and the two new hydrants will be installed in November.

TOURISM AND CULTURE – The signage at the entrance to Inverness County on Highway 105 has been erected.

FINANCE/TAXATION – Councillor Mustard asked, if the property list distributed to EMM Law for searching land that has unknown ownership included land at the Strathlorne Tree Nursery? Tanya responded that these were properties identified through the property matching project and these properties may not even exist but that will be determined by EMM Law.

Recessed at 10:25am

Back in session at 10:37am

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA NOVEMBER 1ST - After some discussion, the review of the warden and deputy warden will follow a round table discussion on format for the November 1st regular council meeting.

“IN CAMERA” at 11:22am

Regular Council resumed at 12:13am

Recommendations from “**In Camera**” – Staff will work with Develop Nova Scotia to develop a holistic plan for Municipal land in Inverness.

Consensus to adjourn at 12:14pm