

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Thursday January 17th, 2019  
12pm  
Council Chambers

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
Donna MacDonald, Director of Tourism and Culture  
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance  
Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

EDPC: John Bain, Director Eastern District Planning Commission

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 12pm

**CAMERON HALL STREETLIGHT** – Recommendation that the amount of \$1000 be approved from District 4 community development funds for Nova Scotia Power to use a hydro-vac truck to install the new streetlight in Whycocomagh adjacent to Cameron Hall.

**HOUSING CORPORATION** – More information will be provided to council at the next meeting of Committee of the Whole such as a terms of reference and work plan. Conrad Taves will present to council through the budget meetings that will take place. Partnerships could be formed with other municipalities such as Victoria County and the Town of Port Hawkesbury.

Councillor MacLennan brought to the committee's attention an issue with the Orangedale Senior's complex owned by Cape Breton Island Housing Authority. Apparently, the current complex is sinking. Councillor MacLennan asked if a letter could be written on behalf of council asking Cape Breton Island Housing Authority what their plan is to address this issue. Consensus was that a letter be written.

**MI'KMAQ RELATIONS** – Andrea Curry and Margaret Poulette spoke of how the relationship with the indigenous and non-indigenous people could be strengthened by sharing stories, history and education with regard to the residential schools. A copy of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action was distributed to council and staff by Andrea. Council and staff taking part in a workshop with survivors of the residential schools at We'kpqma'q was put forth as a future activity. A trip to We'kpqma'q will be arranged by the Keith MacDonald.

**CELL SERVICE** – A recommendation for staff to move forward with and RFP for cell services including towers. Input for the RFP should come from Parks Canada, Nova Scotia government as well as service providers.

**SCOTIA WIND TURBINE** – Councillor Cranton asked if the administration of the community turbine fund could be looked after by the Municipality through some sort of agreement. A draft agreement will be sent to staff for review. Staff will then bring this back to council with a recommendation.

**HEALTH CARE** – Warden MacQuarrie asked for council's input into the crisis that is taking place in health care in Cape Breton. Minister Delorey's priorities have been set in the following areas; primary, mental and continuing care. Other concerns are the changes to zoning for health boards, particularly in Cape Breton; lack of family physicians, and doctors leaving the province. Council will continue to follow all of these issues going forward and the Warden will convey these concerns on behalf of council.

**AGENDA ITEMS** – The “**Council Meetings and Proceedings Policy**” adopted by the Council gives clear guidelines to council, staff and the public for timelines of agenda items and what is on the upcoming meeting agenda. Keith MacDonald will take the feedback from council which included portfolios, committees and funding groups for consideration of change. The policy will be reviewed annually.

**ICIP APPLICATIONS** - Recommend to council that the following two projects be submitted as presented by staff on Friday January 18, 2019:

1. **Whycomagh Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement**

Total Project Costs (net HST): \$5,912,516.00

Total Eligible Costs (net HST) \$5,876,516.00

Ultimate Recipient Cost: \$1,603,267.00

2. **Inverness Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement**

Total Project Costs (net HST): \$6,835,915.00

Total Eligible Costs (net HST) \$6,835,915.00

Ultimate Recipient Cost: \$1,823,138.00

**BUDGET**- Two half day sessions will be scheduled in February with council, as well as, community organizations and Municipal partners bringing their plans for the upcoming year for review for budgeting purposes. Donna MacDonald is working on a list of contacts and the community development grants guidelines will also be reviewed in the budget process. The timeline is to have the whole process finished by May.

**STAFF REPORTS –**

**CAO** - John Bain reviewed the public roads policy for council. Council can repeal the current public roads policy and adopt the revised one he presented to council which would be applied outside of subdivision, so that there will be no confusion for contractors and developers. Staff will take feedback and present a draft to council at a later date.

**TOURISM AND CULTURE** – Warden MacQuarrie asked Donna MacDonald what equipment was loaned out by the department. Donna replied that it was skis and snowshoes.

**FINANCE** – Councillor Mustard asked Tanya Tibbo about the outstanding arrears on taxes and how long before these properties go to the tax sale. Tanya replied that the outstanding amount has been on record for the whole year and that after two years the property goes to a tax sale once title searched by the municipal solicitor.

NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2019 AT 10AM

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That council move to “**In Camera**” at 3:34 pm  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton  
**MOTION:** That council move back to the regular meeting at 3:50 pm  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Recommendation from “In Camera”** – That an easement be granted for Shirley and Conrad MacLean over municipal land on MacLean St., Inverness, granting them access to their property.

**Consensus to adjourn at 3:52pm**