

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday January 3rd, 2019
1:30pm
Council Chambers

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Erin Gillis, Occupational Health and Safety Specialist
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement
Harold MacIsaac, Solicitor
Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant
Lynne MacLennan, Economic Development Officer, Cape Breton Partnership

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

Warden MacQuarrie wished everyone a Happy New Year.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That the agenda be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the regular council minutes of December 6th be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That the committee of the whole minutes of December 19th be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING – Councillor Mustard asked what the municipal staff involvement would look like for the use of municipal lands in Inverness with EDPC staff. Keith MacDonald responded that a meeting will be set up with EDPC, municipal staff, Cape Breton Regional Economic Network and Develop Nova Scotia before the end of January to address that role.

MOTIONS

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That council adopt the “**Hospitality Policy**” as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That council adopt the “**Audit Committee Policy**” as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That council approve payment of the outstanding balance of \$37,677.51 for the Inverness Water Project, from gas tax funds.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That council approve the write off of inactive tax accounts in the amount of \$35,940.61.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That council approve the funding amount of \$4,000 for Co-operative Radio Cheticamp from District 1 community development funds.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That council approve the funding amount of \$1,000 for the Jingle Bell Ball from District 3 discretionary funds.
MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Cranton asked that the letter being written to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal include such items as the timeline of when the new Cranton Crossroad bridge would be ready for installation, removal of the old bridge since it has been completely closed, and any other preparation work that can be done such as abutments, so as not to interfere with the tourist season.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7TH 2019 AT 1:30PM

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That council move to "In Camera" at 1:55 pm
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That council move back to the regular meeting at 3:09 pm
MOTION CARRIED

"In Camera" – No recommendations

Consensus to adjourn at 3:09pm