

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Thursday February 21st, 2019  
10am  
Council Chambers

Council: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie  
Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier left at 11:30am  
Councillor John Dowling  
Councillor Jim Mustard  
Councillor John MacLennan

Regrets: Councillor Laurie Cranton

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
Donna MacDonald, Director of Tourism and Culture  
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance  
Erin Gillis, Occupational Health & Safety Specialist  
Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 10am.

**CHETICAMP ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING** – Recommendation that this be addressed during the budget process for review in consideration of the Green Door.

**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CHETICAMP LEMOINE** – Deputy Warden would like to have both English and French speaking members of the committee. Deputy Warden will follow up with the chair of the committee and keep council up to date.

**COUNCILLOR ADVERTISING** – There is currently no policy.

**CELL SERVICE** – The RFP is not complete as of yet, but once it is completed a budget will be set for this project.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS**

**Highland Metis Nation Association** – Recommend to council that \$450 be contributed to the tree planting event in Cheticamp, from District 1 community development funds.

**Port Hood & District Recreation Commission** – Recommend to council that a meeting take place with the arena commission, the Warden and Atlantic Canada's Opportunities Agency.

**Lake Ainslie Weaver's and Craft Guild** – Recommend to council that \$4035 be contributed, contingent on approval from the Community Facility Infrastructure Program, from District 4 community development funds.

**Whycocomagh Development Association** – Recommend to council that \$1527 be contributed, to repair the welcome sign to the community with the development association taking care of the installation of the sign, from District 4 discretionary funds.

**FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES** – Recommend to council that this resolution be approved at the next regular meeting on Thursday March 7th.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – Recommend to council that the following people be approved as committee members, Patricia Danberger beginning April 1st, 2019 for two years, Larry Lariviere beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 for one year and Caspar Young beginning April 1, 2020 for two years. Recommend to council that Councillor Dowling and Deputy Warden Poirier sit on this committee as well, with the Warden.

**WATER CAPITAL FUNDING** - Recommend to council that the following capital purchases, totaling \$74,468.25, from the funding given to the Inverness County Water Utility when the Cheticamp Water Utility Plant was transferred from the province:

Sansom Equipment Ltd - \$11,937.62  
Sansom Equipment Ltd - \$6,805.29  
McLennan Sales - \$9,061.38  
Riverfront Contractors Ltd - \$429.45  
Wolseley Mechanical Group - \$3,376.89  
Maritime Directional Ltd - \$1,594.90  
Maritime Directional Ltd - \$1,512.76  
Maritime Directional Ltd - \$2,766.39  
McLennan Sales - \$1,797.89  
Safety First Contracting Limited - \$1,814.58  
Wolseley Mechanical Group - \$3,056.94  
Wolseley Mechanical Group - \$1,097.37  
John Morrison Construction Ltd Road - \$9,612.79  
Scotia Tech Water Meter Supplies - \$2,080.51  
Scotia Tech Water Meter Supplies - \$9,204.96  
Scotia Tech Water Meter Supplies - \$2,484.61  
Wolseley Mechanical Group Water Line - \$5,833.92

Recommend to council to fund the capital improvements to the Judique Water Treatment Plant and repairs to the Cheticamp water reservoir, from the funding given to the Inverness County Water Utility when the Cheticamp Water Utility was transferred from the province.

**INVERNESS WELLFIELD** - Recommend to council to fund the remaining unfunded portion for the Inverness Well Field Project from the Gas Tax Reserve, in the amount of \$14,141.68.

**HALF TONNE SERVICE VEHICLES** – Recommend to council to defer the purchase of a 1 tonne service vehicle and replace the purchase with two ½ tonne service vehicles for water/wastewater operations. The total amount of \$72,138.70 is to be funded from the Capital Reserve.

**COMMUNICATIONS POLICY** – Recommend to council that a notice of motion for the “Communications Policy” go to the next regular council meeting.

**BUDGET PROCESS** – March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> have been set aside for budget presentations.

Deputy Warden was excused for a meeting in Halifax.

#### **STAFF REPORTS –**

**CAO** – Councillor Dowling asked for an update on the Judique water and Keith MacDonald responded that a contractor would be starting next week to install new equipment to bring the plant back on line.

**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 if she was contacted by Scotia Wind regarding community development funds. Tanya was not contacted and Councillor Mustard will forward her the email for Scotia Wind.

Councillor Dowling congratulated the Finance Department staff on a job well done regarding the financial condition index for 2017/18 fiscal year.

There were only two properties vested in by the Municipality at the last tax sale.

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

Consensus to go to “**In Camera**” at 11:49am

Consensus to move back to **Regular Council** at 12:53pm

No Recommendation from “**In Camera**”

**Consensus to adjourn at 12:54pm**