

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday February 7th, 2019
1:30pm
Council Chambers

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

Regrets: Councillor John Dowling

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
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 acknowledged that it was Black History Month.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the regular council minutes of January 3rd, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That the committee of the whole minutes of January 17th, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING – Staff will have more information on cell service for the next committee of the whole meeting and more discussion will take place during the 2019/20 budget process. Councillor Mustard thanked staff for the new First Nations flag in council chambers.

Deputy Warden Poirier was very pleased with the meeting that had taken place in Pleasant Bay, with all the interested parties, who will benefit from cell service in Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

There is a revision to the application made to the Investment Canada Infrastructure Program which will be addressed in the motions section of the agenda.

DELEGATION APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL

Island Food Network – Jody Nelson and Eric Leviten-Reid (Presentation attached)

NEW BUSINESS

POSITION OF PALLATIVE CARE COORDINATOR CHETICAMP

- Deputy Warden Poirier informed council that the position is being re-advertised for a bilingual person.

MINING ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA

- Consensus was that staff would gather more information on this item and bring it back to council before a decision would be made.

MOTIONS

MOVED: Council MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That the recommendation to go to first reading, from the Planning Advisory Committee meeting of January 17th to rezone part of 12 Lakeview Lane in Whycomomagh, property owned by George Melnick identified as PID 50112192 from (C-1) Commercial to (R-1) Residential Centre, to reflect the discontinuation of any commercial use on the property, be approved. A public hearing will be set for Thursday March 7th at 1pm at the Whycomomagh Fire Hall.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the recommendation for extra cost in the amount of \$1000 incurred for the installation of a streetlight, to benefit Cameron Hall in Whycomomagh, be approved through District 4 community development funds.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That council approve the writing of a letter to Cape Breton Island Housing Authority, regarding subsidence concerns with the Orangedale Senior's Complex, as well as, ask for a copy of the engineering study on the building.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: Following review of the completed project descriptions, overviews, consultant and staff recommendations. The Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness agrees the following application is rated and recommended first (1st) priority for application to the Investment Canada infrastructure program (ICIP) green: Environmental quality stream:

1st Priority: replacement of wastewater treatment plants in the communities of Whycomomagh and Inverness. Replacing both the Whycomomagh and Inverness Wastewater Treatment plants will ensure that the Municipality of the County of Inverness will increase its capacity to treat and manage wastewater, while enabling compliance with the limits and criteria set by both Nova Scotia Environment and the federal wastewater systems effluent regulations and ensure continued capacity for population and commercial growth.

Although not recommended by the Municipality, of the scope of work applied for, should approval only come in part, the work within the application would be prioritized as follows:

1. Whycomomagh 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: \$1,823,138.00

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

The community contribution will be funded 50/50 between the serviced residents and the Municipality as per bylaw No. 30: Capital Cost of Sewer and Water Construction.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Mustard
MOTION: That council approve the access easement to Shirley and Conrad MacLean over municipal property located at MacLean St. in Inverness.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

The warden read a letter received from the Minister of Natural Resources regarding the Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: THURSDAY MARCH 7TH 2019 AT 1:30PM IN WHYCOCOMAGH FIRE HALL FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING

Consensus to adjourn at 2:42pm