

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

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Donna MacDonald, Director of Tourism and Culture
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Trudy Gillis, Water/Wastewater Operator
Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 10am.

HOUSING UPDATE – CONRAD TAVES – Presentation attached.

NORTHERN PULP AND PAPER – Recommendation to council that a letter be written to the Premier of NS, Minister of Natural Resources and Minister of Environment recognizing the issues, but still supporting the employment the mill provides to Nova Scotia.

CELL SERVICE – Councillor Dowling would like to have West Bay and Marble Mountain added to the coverage area request for towers within the Municipality. Ideally, all areas for coverage could be done at the same time. The RFP is not complete and a staff report is still being worked on.

ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE – Recommend to council that an invitation be sent to the Town of Port Hawkesbury, Municipality of the County of Richmond and the Municipality of the County of Victoria to meet to discuss the formation of a possible regional committee on accessibility.

Council is asked to send any suggestions along to Councillor Cranton for the Accessible handbook to be distributed.

INTER-MUNICIPAL EARLY YEARS COMMITTEE – Recommendation to council that the Municipality of the County of Inverness will invite representation from Victoria County, the Town of Port Hawkesbury, We’koma’q and Wagmatcook First Nations and representation from Childcares, Family Place Resources, Public Health, Early Intervention, Family Doctors and municipal staff, to look at forming a coalition of people and organizations committed to focusing on the Early Years.

This coalition will ensure that our region continues to foster the collaborative leadership and partnerships needed to monitor, plan and advocate for what’s needed to provide the welcoming community’s that support the healthy development for our youngest citizens.

The first meeting to be hosted at the Municipal Building in Port Hood in May of 2019.

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING DATE – The first meeting of the committee will be April 18th at 9am.

TAX WRITE OFFS –

Recommendation to write off balances on accounts previously assessed with 1/18 ownership. Property is unable to be sold at Tax Sale and has since been consolidated by PVSC into one account as follows:

Account	Owner	Status	Total	Penalty	Principal
01712055	Morgan Marcella	Inactive	1,604.27	1,014.79	589.48
05338301	Milligan Katherine	Inactive	1,226.93	833.76	393.17
05338328	MacLean Rene	Inactive	1,760.39	1,143.18	617.21
05338336	MacDougall Dougal	Inactive	1,700.62	1,124.18	576.44
05338344	Beaudois Marg Cassie	Inactive	23.72	1.32	22.40
05338352	MacLellan John Est	Inactive	1,576.39	990.96	585.43
05338379	McGrane Anne Est	Inactive	1,597.89	1,048.78	549.11
05338387	Campbell Catherine Est	Inactive	1,760.39	1,143.18	617.21
05338395	MacPherson Thomas	Inactive	1,367.50	849.10	518.40
05338409	O'Neil Alberta Est	Inactive	45.00	4.20	40.80
05338417	MacPherson Angus Est	Inactive	38.17	3.30	34.87
05338425	MacPherson Anne Est	Inactive	36.51	3.15	33.36
05338433	Piazza Margaret A	Inactive	1,760.39	1,143.18	617.21
05338441	Estes Catherine Anne	Inactive	1,680.81	1,077.36	603.45
05338476	Johnson Jessie Bell	Inactive	1,698.47	1,091.90	606.57
05338484	Thorpe Katherine Margaret	Inactive	<u>1,587.75</u>	<u>1,000.17</u>	<u>587.58</u>
		Totalling	\$19,465.20	\$12,472.51	\$6,992.69

Recommendation to write off balances on accounts the Municipality receives a conservation grant as follows:

Account	Owner	Status	Total	Penalty	Principal
02836912	Nature Conservancy	Conservation	66.95	3.75	63.20
10135893	Nature Conservancy	Conservation	<u>60.75</u>	<u>7.95</u>	<u>52.80</u>
		Totalling	\$127.70	\$11.70	\$116.00

Recommendation to write off balances on capital accounts with no frontage and are not serviceable by sewer as follows:

Account	Owner	Status	Total	Penalty	Principal
9004340019	Ehler Ryan	Capital	\$6,331.67	\$2,131.67	\$4,200.00
5002800853	Chisholm Edmund	Capital	<u>1,056.64</u>	<u>98.24</u>	<u>958.40</u>
		Totalling	\$7,388.31	\$2,229.91	\$5,158.40

Recommendation to write off the following balances and added to the Municipal properties for the charitable exemption as follows:

AAN	Owner	Status	Total	Penalty	Principal
05591015	Inverness County	Taxable	\$2,321.48	\$131.40	\$2,190.08
03772179	Inverness County	Taxable	498.08	91.68	406.40
03899861	Inverness County	Taxable	39.90	5.40	34.50
05580544	Inverness County	Taxable	31.46	5.46	26.00
09632573	Inverness County	Taxable	15.67	1.47	14.20
10215420	Inverness County	Taxable	115.18	6.54	108.64
10769361	Inverness County	Taxable	50.12	2.82	47.30
5003310418	Inverness County	Taxable	1,056.64		1,056.64
5003398781	Inverness County	Taxable	1,056.64		1,056.64
5009623590	Inverness County	Taxable	<u>1,056.64</u>		<u>1,056.64</u>
		Totalling	\$6,241.81	\$244.77	\$5,997.04

Recommendation to write off the following balances on inactive accounts for the reasons listed as follow: structures no longer exist, gear sheds taken over by a harbour authority or duplicate accounts and all confirmed by PVSC:

AAN	Owner	Status	Total	Penalty	Principal
01653954	Gaudet Construction	Inactive	\$3,712.16	\$1,784.97	\$1,927.19
05809304	Rankin John Archie	Inactive	1,646.97	493.97	1,153.00
08805970	Rooyakkers Melody	Inactive	205.93	79.24	126.69
10592488	Cotton Mary Jessie	Inactive	2,494.22	405.42	2,088.80
07949286	Herget Gerhard	Inactive	737.21	69.54	667.67
07960557	Herget Gerhard	Inactive	752.34	71.19	681.15
05612357	Young Murdock	Inactive	363.77	90.07	273.70
05612446	MacDonnell Harold	Inactive	1,109.78	491.68	618.10
05629489	Doyle Bernard	Inactive	90.90	11.70	79.20
05629527	Smith Roderick Colonel	Inactive	58.26	5.46	52.80
05629551	Lefort Tommy	Inactive	1,034.25	512.65	521.60
05629616	Gillis Joseph	Inactive	576.11	224.27	351.84
05640644	Larade Dale	Inactive	38.00	2.16	35.84
08036268	Cameron Scott	Inactive	62.16	5.88	56.28
08036276	Cameron Grant William	Inactive	61.88	5.88	56.00
08036292	Cameron Carl Stanley	Inactive	1,359.52	725.26	634.26
02972212	MacRae Joseph Gerard	Inactive	2,359.18	1,666.44	692.74
00549185	Primeau Martha	Inactive	2,683.87	747.67	1,936.20
01559605	MacDonnell Ewan	Inactive	824.08	134.16	689.92
03752674	Phillips Wm H	Inactive	214.30	35.10	179.20
05101204	Pardoe William J	Inactive	760.18	124.02	636.16
05187281	Kennedy Elizabeth	Inactive	24.30	3.90	20.40
05825318	MacEachern Brett	Inactive	189.75	24.75	165.00
05994845	Brophy Greg	Inactive	712.06	116.22	595.84
06176836	Bourgeois Aurel & Sherry	Inactive	1.65	1.65	
07937962	Taylor A E	Inactive	1,146.74	186.90	959.84
09080791	Gale Joseph Patrice	Inactive	2,514.13	1,446.04	1,068.09
00643599	Canadian Nat. Rail	Inactive	382.74	21.66	361.08
05590566	MacDonnell Harold	Inactive	287.32	122.02	165.30
		Totalling	\$26,403.76	\$9,609.87	\$16,793.89

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

Le Societe St. Pierre Renovation Project: Request \$5000

The project involves re-shingling the entire exterior of the Les Trois Pignons building, as well as, priming and painting. Applications are pending with ACOA and the Provincial Community Facilities Infrastructure program (CFI). Estimated total is \$95,000. Recommend to Council that this project be supported, pending approval of other funders, with funding from CDC District 1 funds.

West Mabou Development: Request \$10,700

This project involves renovations to the West Mabou Hall including exterior maintenance and improvements, drainage work around the hall and the courts, building up the parking area and completion of a barrier free washroom. Applications are pending with the Provincial CFI program and Provincial Accessibility grant. Estimated total: \$41,473. Recommend to Council this application be approved at \$10,700, with \$4700 pending the CFI grant approval with funds allocated through District 5 CDC funds.

Le Club des Retraites de Cheticamp: Request \$500

Recommend to Council that \$500 be contributed to assist the seniors group purchase an AED (defibrillator) for the facility with funds to come from District 1 community development funds.

PAN CAPE BRETON FOOD HUB – ALICIA LAKE – Presentation attached

BUDGET PROCESS – Discussions with staff and council will take place on April 9th and 16th beginning at 9:30am in council chambers.

STAFF REPORTS –

Council had no questions.

NEXT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 18TH 2019 AT 10AM

Consensus to go to **“In Camera”** at 1:49pm

Ellen Murphy left at 2:18pm and Keith MacDonald left at 2:40pm.

Consensus to move back to **Regular Council** at 3:08pm

No Recommendation from **“In Camera”**

Consensus to adjourn at 3:10pm