

Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday March 7th, 2019  
1:30pm  
Whycocomagh Fire Hall

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor  
Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant  
Lynne MacLennan, Economic Development Officer, Cape Breton Partnership

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

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Mustard  
**MOTION:** That the regular council minutes of February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be approved.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard  
**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**MOTION:** That the committee of the whole minutes of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 be approved.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING** – Deputy Warden Poirier informed Council that residents of Cheticamp were upset with the request presented to Council for the Port Hood and District Recreation Commission, for upgrades to that facility. He brought forward a letter regarding the Cheticamp Arena from December 2017. Interim CAO, Tanya Tibbo, stated in the letter that there was no funding available for arenas at that time. It was decided that a meeting with all arenas in the County will take place in the near future.

## Purple Day for Epilepsy Proclamation

Whereas Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world, and

Whereas Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, an nine year old girl from Nova Scotia, who wanted people to know that if you have epilepsy, you are not alone, and

Whereas epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect more than 50 million people worldwide, and more than 300,000 people in Canada, and

Whereas the public is often unable recognize the common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid, and

Whereas Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally,

I therefore proclaim March 26, 2019 Purple Day in Nova Scotia, in an effort to raise epilepsy awareness everywhere.

Jour violet pour l'épilepsie proclamation

Alors que le jour pourpre est un effort mondial consacré à la promotion de la sensibilisation à l'épilepsie dans les pays du monde entier, et

Alors que Purple Day a été fondée en 2008 par Cassidy Megan, une jeune fille de neuf ans de la Nouvelle-Écosse, qui voulait que les gens sachent que si vous souffrez d'épilepsie, vous n'êtes pas seul, et

Alors que l'épilepsie est l'une des conditions neurologiques les plus courantes, estimée à affecter plus de 50 millions personnes dans le monde, et plus de 300 000 personnes au Canada, et

ATTENDU que le public est souvent incapable de reconnaître les types de saisies courantes, ou comment répondre avec les premiers soins appropriés, et

Tandis que le jour pourpre sera célébré le 26 mars annuellement pour augmenter la compréhension, réduire la stigmatisation et améliorer la qualité de vie pour les personnes épileptiques dans tout le pays et globalement,

Je proclame donc le 26 mars 2019 jour violet en Nouvelle-Écosse, dans le but d'accroître la sensibilisation à l'épilepsie partout.

## STRAIT AREA TRANSIT

Councillor Dowling read the following email:

*Dear Mr. Dowling:*

*Thank you for your email of January 21, 2019 requesting funding for a marketing and communications project for the development of a community transit service in Victoria County and two accessible vehicles for this service.*

*The province has developed an action plan that will improve access to expand community transportation across the province to help strengthen our communities and our economy. This investment will enhance existing community transit programs and assist with new community transit initiatives that will provide transportation options for citizens so they can access services such as health care, travel to a job or to school; and stay connected to their communities.*

*I am pleased to confirm that the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage will contribute \$30,245 for a consultant to undertake a marketing and communications project for the development of a community transit service in Victoria County. The department will also contribute up to \$147,539 towards the purchase of two accessible vehicles for use in Victoria County.*

*Mr. Greg Sewell, Executive Lead for Community Transit, will be in contact with Strait Area Transit's Executive Director regarding the Terms and Conditions document that must be signed before any monies can be released. Mr. Sewell can be reached at 902-719-7673 or [gregory.sewell@novascotia.ca](mailto:gregory.sewell@novascotia.ca).*

*Sincerely,*

*Leo Glavine  
Minister*

*cc: Tracey Taweel, Deputy Minister, Communities, Culture and Heritage*

## **MOTIONS**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**MOTION:** That Municipal Council approve a Land Use By-Law amendment to rezone 12 Lakeview Lane in Whycocomagh, 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.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling  
**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**MOTION:** That Council adopt the “**Communications Policy**” at the next regular meeting of Council on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2019.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Mustard

**MOTION:** That council address the Cheticamp Association for Community Living during budget deliberations, in consideration of the Green Door, be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**SECONDED:** Councillor John Dowling

**MOTION:** That \$450 be contributed to the tree planting ceremony taking place in Cheticamp, for the Highland Metis Nation Association in April, from District 1 community development funds, be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Cranton

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION:** That council and municipal staff meet with all arenas boards within the municipality to discuss funding, sustainability, finances and future plans.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION:** That \$1527 be contributed to the repair of a sign, welcoming visitors to Whycomomagh, from District 4 discretionary funds.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**WHEREAS** it is well established that climate change is increasing the frequency of extreme weather events and posing other risks, such as drought, forest fires and rising sea levels, which present serious threats to our natural environment, our health, our jobs and our economy;

**WHEREAS** the 2016 Paris Agreement, signed by more than 190 countries, including Canada, committed to limit the global temperature increase to below two degrees Celsius and to pursue efforts to limit this increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius, in order to avoid the most severe climate change impacts;

**WHEREAS** local governments are essential to the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement;

**WHEREAS** Canada's cities and communities influence approximately 50 per cent of national greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and can drive systemic low-carbon practices, including: building high-efficiency buildings, undertaking building retrofits and developing district heating; building active transit, electric vehicle infrastructure and electrified public transit; implementing near-zero GHG waste plans; and delivering high-efficiency water and wastewater services;

**WHEREAS** investments in these types of measures also reduce operating costs, help municipalities maintain and plan for future community services, protect public health, support sustainable community development, increase community resilience and reduce a community's vulnerability to environmental, economic and social stresses;

**WHEREAS** a number of government and international and national organizations have called for greater cooperation among all stakeholders to meet reduction targets, including Canada's Big City Mayors' Caucus, which supports binding GHG emission reduction targets at the international, national and city levels, action plans that cut emissions, identification of risks and mitigation solutions, and regular municipal GHG emissions reporting;

**WHEREAS** the **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)** and **ICLEI–Local Governments for Sustainability** have established the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program to provide a forum for municipal governments to share their knowledge and experience with other municipal governments on how to reduce GHG emissions;

**WHEREAS** over 300 municipal governments across Canada representing more than 65 per cent of the population have already committed to reducing corporate and community GHG emissions through the PCP program since its inception in 1994;

**WHEREAS** PCP members commit to adopt a community GHG reduction target of 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030, in line with the Government of Canada's target, and to adopt a corporate GHG reduction target that is similar or more ambitious, and to consider adopting a deeper community and corporate emissions reduction target of 80 per cent by 2050;

**WHEREAS** the PCP program is based on a five-milestone framework that involves completing a GHG inventory and forecast, setting a GHG reduction target, developing a local action plan, implementing the plan, and monitoring progress and reporting results;

**WHEREAS** PCP members commit to carry out the five-milestone framework within 10 years of joining the program and to report on progress at least once every two years;

**WHEREAS** PCP members accept they can be suspended from the program — subject to prior notice in writing by the PCP Secretariat — in the event of non-submission of progress reports within the established deadlines;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ endorse the Government of Canada's commitment to the Paris Agreement to limit global temperature increase to below two degrees Celsius and to pursue efforts to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ review the guidelines on [PCP member benefits and responsibilities](#) and then communicate to FCM its participation in the PCP program and its commitment to achieving the milestones set out in the PCP five-milestone framework;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the municipality of \_\_\_\_\_ appoint the following:

a) Corporate staff person (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Contact number) \_\_\_\_\_

(Email address) \_\_\_\_\_

b) Elected official (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Contact number) \_\_\_\_\_

(Email address) \_\_\_\_\_

to oversee implementation of the PCP milestones and be the points of contact for the PCP program within the municipality.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND

The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) says in its 2014 *Fifth Assessment Report* that warming of the Earth's climate system is unequivocal and that "the IPCC is now 95 per cent certain that humans are the main cause of current global warming."

The IPCC concludes this warming is caused primarily by increased atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide released from burning coal, oil and natural gas and from cutting trees and clearing land for agriculture and development.

The IPCC has a high degree of confidence that the following climate-related impacts are occurring or will occur over the next century in North America:

- More frequent hot and fewer cold temperature extremes, resulting in longer and more frequent heat waves.
- More frequent and intense extreme precipitation events.
- Thawing of permafrost, causing greater emissions of greenhouse gases and leading to disruptions to infrastructure and the traditional ways of life in northern communities.
- Melting of glaciers and polar ice, causing sea level rise in over 70 per cent of coastal communities.
- Increased risk of extinction for a large fraction of terrestrial, freshwater and marine species, undermining food security in many regions.
- In urban areas, increase risks for people, assets, economies and ecosystems including risks from heat stress, storms and extreme precipitation, flooding, landslides, air pollution, drought, water scarcity, sea level rise and storm surges.
- In rural areas, impacts on water availability and supply, food security, infrastructure, and agricultural incomes, including shifts in food production areas.

Under business-as-usual scenarios, the IPCC has high confidence that global surface temperature is likely to exceed two degrees Celsius by the end of the 21st Century.

The IPCC observes that warming resulting from human influences could lead to abrupt or irreversible impacts, depending on the rate and magnitude of climate change, and that the more human activities disrupt the climate, the greater the risks.

Under a stringent emission reduction scenario, the IPCC concludes that surface warming could be kept under two degrees Celsius, which would reduce the risks and impacts of climate change..

## MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the "Audit Committee" members be accepted by council as follows: Patricia Danberger beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 for two years, Larry Lariviere beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 for one year and Caspar Young beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 for two years.

## MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That Councillor Dowling and Deputy Warden Poirier, as well as, Warden MacQuarrie sit on the "Audit Committee" for the municipality.

## MOTION CARRIED

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That the following capital purchases, totaling \$74,468.25, be funded 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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Mustard  
**MOTION:** That the capital improvements, to the Judique water treatment plant and the Cheticamp water reservoir, be funded from the funding transferred to the Inverness County Water Utility when the Cheticamp Water Utility was transferred to the municipality.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That the remaining unfunded portion of the Inverness Wellfield project be funded from gas tax reserve in the amount of \$14,161.48.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That the purchase of a one tonne service vehicle be deferred, in order to replace it with the purchase of two half ½ tonne service vehicles for water and wastewater operations, with the total of \$72,138.70 being funded from the capital reserve.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Recess at 2:38pm

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That the regular council meeting resume at 2:49pm.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 1:30pm in municipal council chambers.

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton  
**MOTION:** That council move to “In Camera” at 2:49pm.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **“IN CAMERA”**

Recommendation to Council that staff work with municipal legal counsel and Route 19 Brewing, to rework the current lease, to include parking on municipal property.

Recommendation that Council meet with Stephan Richard of Housing Nova Scotia to discuss future plans for the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority office in Inverness.

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling  
**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**MOTION:** That council move back to the regular council meeting at 3:48pm.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Consensus to adjourn at 3:48pm**