

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday April 4th, 2019
1:30pm
Council Chambers

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

Regrets Councillor Jim Mustard
Councillor John Dowling

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor EMM Law
Donna MacDonald, Director Recreation/Tourism
Tanya Tibbo, Director Finance
Erin Gillis, Occupational Health & Safety Specialist
Aaron MacDonald, Procurement Officer
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications & Community Engagement
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: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the agenda be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That the regular council minutes of March 7th, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the committee of the whole minutes of March 21st, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING – No business arising,

MOTIONS

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That Council approve the adoption of the “**Communications Policy**”.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That Council have staff, work with municipal legal counsel and Route 19 Brewery to rework the current lease, to include parking on municipal property, be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That Council meet with Stephan Richard of Housing Nova Scotia to discuss future plans for the Cape Breton Island Housing office located in Inverness, be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That a letter be written to the Premier of Nova Scotia, Minister of Lands and Forests and Minister of Environment recognizing the issues, but still supporting the employment the mill provides to Nova Scotia, be ratified.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That Council follow up to review any new information from Northern Pulp and Paper, other interested parties and the Minister of Environment as it becomes available, be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That Council invite the Town of Port Hawkesbury, Municipality of the County of Richmond and the Municipality of the County of Victoria to meet to discuss a possible regional committee on accessibility, be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

INTER MUNICIPAL EARLY YEARS

This was tabled until Councillor Mustard is in attendance.

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That Council write off the balances totalling \$19465.20 on those properties with 1/8th ownership, which are unable to be sold at a tax sale and Property Valuation Services Corporation have consolidated into one account, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That Council write off the balances totalling \$127.70 on properties that the Municipality receives a conservation grant for, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That Council write off the balances totalling \$7388.31 on accounts that do not have frontage on the road and are not serviceable by sewer, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That Council write off the balances totalling \$6241.81 and add the same accounts to the Municipal properties list of charitable exemptions, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That Council write off the balances on inactive accounts totalling \$26,403.26 for reasons such as the structure no longer exists, gear shed taken over by a harbour authority and duplicate accounts all confirmed by Property Valuation Services Corporation, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That Council support Le Societe St. Pierre Renovation project, in the amount of \$5000, contingent on other funding partners, from District 1 Community Development funds, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That Council support the West Mabou Development Project, in the amount of \$10,700, with \$4700 pending the CFI grant approval, with funds allocated through District 5 community development, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That Council support the Le Club des Retraites de Cheticamp, in the amount of \$500 for the purchase of a defibrillator, with funds coming from District 1 community development, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday May 2nd 2019 at 1:30pm in municipal council chambers.

Recess at 2:25pm

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That council move to "In Camera" at 2:54pm.
MOTION CARRIED

"IN CAMERA"

No recommendations

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That council move back to the regular council meeting at 3:35pm.
MOTION CARRIED

Consensus to adjourn at 3:35pm