

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday May 2nd, 2019
1:30pm
Council Chambers

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor EMM Law
Donna MacDonald, Director Recreation/Tourism
Tanya Tibbo, Director Finance
Aaron MacDonald, Procurement Officer
Ellen Murphy, Administrative Assistant
Lynne MacLennan, Economic Development Officer, Cape Breton Partnership

The Gaelic Flag raising took place outside the municipal building at 1pm.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That the agenda, be approved with the addition amendment to the audit committee policy”

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the regular council minutes of April 4th, 2019 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor Mustard

MOTION: That the committee of the whole minutes of April 18th, 2019 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Mustard will speak to the Inter Municipal Early Years Committee

PROCLAMATION
LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH
May 2019

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a black-legged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*; and

WHEREAS black-legged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick borne diseases;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Inverness, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month”.

Dated at Port Hood, Nova Scotia

this 2nd day of May, 2019

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie

The Proclamation

Gaelic Nova Scotia Month

WHEREAS *Gaels in Nova Scotia are a unique people who have sustained themselves over many generations while making educational, social and economic contributions to our Province; and*

WHEREAS *Approximately one third of the population in Nova Scotia has Scottish Gaelic ancestry; and 2019 marks the 23rd anniversary of Gaelic Nova Scotia Month; and*

WHEREAS *Nova Scotia represents the only remaining area in Canada, in North*

America, and outside of Europe where Gaelic language, culture and identity are shared and passed on from generation to generation,

THEREFORE I, _____, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2019 to be “Gaelic Nova Scotia Month” in the Municipality of the County of Inverness. Signed at Port Hood, Nova Scotia

PRESENTATIONS

Robert Wambolt, NS Realtors Association – Deed Transfer Tax - Presentation attached

Jonathan Martin, Eastern District Planning Commission- Dangerous and Unsightly Properties

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That the recommendation from Eastern District Planning Commission to give 30 days’ notice for demolition of the PID 50127737 at 59 Forest St. in Inverness owned by Jason MacLean, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Mustard

MOTION: That the recommendation from Eastern District Planning Commission to give 30 days’ notice for demolition of PID 50127760 at 74 Forest St. in Inverness owned by Donna MacNeil-Walsh, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

Heather Davis – Healthy Forest Coalition – Presentation attached

Paul Strome – Boat Harbour – Presentation attached

MOTIONS

INTER MUNICIPAL EARLY YEARS

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That Council approve the recommendation to 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.

MOTION CARRIED

VENDING BYLAW

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That Staff work on the preparation of this bylaw.
MOTION CARRIED

SPRING CLEAN UP WEEKS

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That the recommendation for the proposed dates for Spring Clean Up weeks of May 13th, May 20th and May 27th and advertising for these weeks, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

PROVINCIAL CAPITAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MOVED: Councillor Cranton
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That following review of the completed project descriptions, overviews, consultant and staff recommendations. Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness agrees the following application is rated and recommended first (1st) priority for application to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP)

1st Priority: Wellfield exploration in the communities of Inverness and Judique. The Municipality has identified a need for improved municipal water supplies and requires wellfield exploration programs in the communities of Inverness and Judique. The goal is to replace and/or supplement the existing source water supplies and mitigate water security issues. Developing a ground water supply will simplify operational requirements, reduce annual costs, enhance access to potable water and ensure continued capacity for population and commercial growth.

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

1. Inverness Wellfield Exploration
Total Project Costs (net HST): \$515,000*
Total Eligible Costs (net HST) \$365,000
Ultimate Recipient Cost: \$332,500
2. Judique Wellfield Exploration
Total Project Costs (net HST): \$465,000*
Total Eligible Costs (net HST) \$365,000

Ultimate Recipient Cost: \$282,500

*Ineligible costs associated with the above work is for land acquisition

MOTION CARRIED

FLOOD RISK INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That following review of the completed project descriptions, overviews, consultant and staff recommendations. Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness agrees the following application is rated and recommended first (1st) priority for application to the Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP)

1st Priority: Structural Assessment of the Judique Dam. It is a priority to have completed a detailed structural assessment of the dam in Judique. This Judique Dam is in Rory's Brook, upstream from the community of Judique. According to the Infrastructure Assessment recently completed by Dillon Consulting on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Inverness, the dam is in poor condition and a full assessment is needed to see what is required to ensure that the infrastructure remains in place.

If this dam were to fail, the flooding would have a devastating impact on homes, businesses and the surrounding environment and therefore the dam is considered an integral piece of municipal infrastructure. To prevent damage, underperformance of infrastructure and future failure, resulting in threats to public and private assets, and subsequent economic losses, a complete detailed structural assessment of the Judique Dam will be completed in the summer of 2019.

1. Detailed Structural Assessment of the Judique Dam

Total Project Costs (net HST): \$59,965.00

Total Eligible Costs (net HST) \$59,965.00

Ultimate Recipient Cost: \$29,982.08

MOTION CARRIED

EASTERN DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the list of appointments for Eastern District Planning Commission, be approved as follows: Jonathan Martin, Administrator of Dangerous and Unsightly Premises, Alternate John Bain; Cyril LeBlanc, Building Inspector, Alternates; David MacKenzie, Leon LeBlanc, Harry Martell, Jonathan Martin and Sean Donovan; Special Constable; Sean Donovan and Jonathan Martin; Wanda Ryan, Development Officer, Alternates John Bain, Andrew Jones and Paul Dec; Fire Inspector, Leon LeBlanc, Alternates Sean

Donavan, Harry Martell, David MacKenzie, Jonathan Martin and Cyril LeBlanc.

MOTION CARRIED

NOTION OF MOTION

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That Council give notice to amend appendix A of the “Municipal Travel Expense” Policy to include “Audit Committee” members, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday June 6th 2019 at 1:30pm in municipal council chambers.

Consensus to adjourn at 3:35pm