

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Council Chambers
Thursday June 20th, 2019
9:30am**

Council: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Councillor Jim Mustard
Councillor Laurie Cranton (arrived 9:40 am)
Councillor John MacLennan
Councillor John Dowling

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Donna MacDonald, Director of Recreation/Tourism
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Charlotte MacDonald, Manager of Recreation
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Coordinator
Aaron MacDonald, Procurement Specialist
Debbie Nicholson, Municipal Council Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

REGIONAL / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL (CDC) APPLICATIONS

Developing Lowland Cove

Council reviewed the application for funding. Consensus that the request for funding be paid through the Inverness County Trails Federation.

L'Acabie Fleet Addition

Council discussed the request for funding.

Recommendation to collect pricing of a used vehicle and have L'Acabie revise the request.

Recommendation to fund up to a maximum of \$25,000 to L'Acabie to purchase a new or used vehicle out of gas tax funds and that staff will assist them with their long term business plan.

LeMoine Rescue

Staff reported that the application is incomplete. Staff recommends that the Municipality work with LeMoine Development to find additional partners and further the application.

Lake Ainslie Housing

Council recommends that staff continue to support this project. Municipal staff will work with Lake Ainslie Development to strengthen the application.

Inverness Beach Enhancements

Council reviewed the request from the Inverness Development Association.

Recommendation to approve \$5,078.61 for the Inverness Beach enhancements from District 3 Community Development Grant Funds.

Whycocomagh Daycare

Council reviewed the request from Whycocomagh Daycare.

Recommendation to approve \$839.20 for the Whycocomagh Daycare equipment upgrades from District 4 Community Development Grant Funds.

Murphy's Pond Fuel System

Council reviewed the application provided. The original ask was \$24,500. Staff recommend that a maximum of \$5,000 be funded from District 5 Community Development Grant funds. Confirmed Funding for the project includes \$18,000.00 (Small Craft) and \$12,000 (Ceilidh Co-op).

Recommendation to approve \$5,000 from the District 5 Community Development Grant Funds. Councillor MacLennan disagreed with recommendation.

Cape Mabou Community Pasture

Staff reported that ACOA funding in the amount of \$93,000 was received. A meeting is to be set up with Councillor Poirier and the Board of Directors.

Recommendation to approve funding of \$5,000 from Districts 2, 3 and 5 Community Development Grant Funds, contingent on additional information being received prior to the next Council meeting.

Glencoe Station Hall

Council reviewed the application for Glencoe Station.

Recommendation to approve funding of \$5,514.99 from District 5's Community Development Grant Funds.

Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine

Warden MacQuarrie declared conflict and turned over the role of Chair to Deputy Warden Poirier, and left Council Chambers during this funding discussion.

Recommendation to approve a funding request of \$3,650 from District 5 Community Development Grant Funds as a tourism project. Councillor MacLennan and Councillor Dowling did not support the recommendation.

Warden MacQuarrie returned to the meeting and resumed as Chair.

Storytellers Gallery Building Improvements

Council reviewed the application for Storyteller's Gallery Building Improvements.

Recommendation to approve funding of \$6910 from District 6 Community Development Grant Funds.

Port Hastings Historical Society Accessibility

Council reviewed the application for Port Hastings Historical Society Accessibility.

Recommendation to approve funding of \$1395 from District 6 Community Development Grant Funds.

STRAIT AREA TRANSIT

Recommendation to appoint Councillor John Dowling to the Victoria County Board for Transit.

CAPTAIN'S RIVER BRIDGE

In follow-up with the Department of Transportation; new bridge construction is not scheduled until 2023. Warden MacQuarrie recommends writing a letter to the Minister of Transportation.

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recommendation for the formation of an Inverness County Housing Advisory Committee.

Recess for lunch – 11:55 am

Back in session – 12:30 pm

PROPOSED AIRPORT IN INVERNESS

Council agreed to hold a meeting to get clarification and to gather facts on the proposed airport in the area of the community of Inverness. Namely, MP Rodger Cuzner, MLA Alan MacMaster, Mayor Brenda Chisholm–Beaton, Cheticamp and Baddeck golf course reps, Ben Cowan-Dewar, or Andrew Alkenbrack, and a provincial representative. Clarification needed regarding possible location, management, future funding, and the status of past funding.

REGULATORY MODERNIZATION PARTNERSHIP

Recommendation for Council to work in partnership with Nova Scotia's Chief Regulatory Officer with the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness.

ADDITIONAL CBREN PARTNERS

Recommendation to approve the addition of Wagmatcook First Nation and the Town of Port Hawkesbury as partners to the CBREN.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Aaron MacDonald, Procurement Specialist presented the 2019/2020 Capital Budget, attached to the minutes. Councillor Cranton recommends that we move this forward, and that this capital budget be approved at our next Council meeting.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18th, 2019.

IN-CAMERA

Consensus to go to "In Camera" at 1:15 pm

Consensus to move back to Committee of the Whole at 1:55pm.

Recommendations from "In Camera"

- Grant of easement to Breanna MacDonnell. The Municipality of the County of Inverness (the Grantor) is the owner of lands designated by PID 50049063. The Grantees are Abby Lane MacDonald, Breanna Lane MacDonald, and Janna Elizabeth MacDonald. The grantees are owners of other lands adjacent to the lands of the grantor on the north, designated by PID 50299494. The grantor has agreed to grant an access of easement to the Grantees.
- Silverwood Estates. Based on the recommendation from Strait Engineering, the Municipality of the Council of Inverness recommends that this road, formerly Maple Hill Rd. be regarded as a public road.

Consensus to adjourn at 1:55pm.

Budget**General Operations**

Internet & Cellular Connectivity	250,000
Council Chambers Renovation	135,000
86 High Road Building Improvements	35,000

Infrastructure & Emergency Services

Port Hood Island Wharf - Repair/Replace	750,000
Port Hood Wharf - Decommission	250,000
Security System - Strathlorne	20,000
Strathlorne Gate/Fencing	20,000
3/4 Ton Service Vehicle	50,000
1 Ton Service Vehicle with Dump Box, Spreaders & Plow	95,000
1 Ton Service Vehicle with Dump Box, Spreaders & Plow	95,000
Metal Storage Unit (20x42)	18,900
Backhoe Hydraulic Breaker/Ripper	15,000
Zero Turn Mower	5,000
Multipurpose Tractor with Attachments	50,000
Metal Storage Unit Installation & Assembly	30,000

Wastewater Operations & Maintenance

Whycocomagh WWTP Replacement	1,750,000
Stationary Generator - Cheticamp Lift Station	60,000
Portable Generators	260,000
Vacuum Trailer	50,000
1/2 Ton Service Vehicle (Operations)	40,000
1/2 Ton Service Vehicle (Operations)	40,000
1 Ton Quad Cab with Flat Bed & Crane Hoist (Maintenance)	140,000

Kenloch Transfer Station

3/4 Ton Service Vehicle (Used)	50,000
Backhoe	170,000
Security System	10,000
Interlocking Bins (6)	40,000
Fencing	50,000
Metal Storage Unit (25x80)	28,100
Metal Storage Unit Installation & Assembly	35,000

Recycling Facility

Electric Forklift & Bucket	91,500
Metal Storage Unit (25x44)	22,100
Metal Storage Unit Installation & Assembly	35,000

Water Utility

Water Meter Replacement	750,000
Port Hood Well Exploration	180,000
Inverness Well Exploration	274,500
Decommission Mabou Water Treatment Plant	100,000

Tourism

Tourism Strategy Implementation - Signage	295,437
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