

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Thursday July 18th, 2019  
9:30 am  
Council Chambers

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
Donna MacDonald, Director of Recreation/Tourism  
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance  
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Coordinator  
Trudy Gillis, Manager of Environmental and Facility Compliance  
Debbie Nicholson, Municipal Council Administrative Assistant

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

**UPDATE ON FINES RECEIVED FROM PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS** – A summary of fines received from 2013 to 2018 by the water and waste water operations from the Department of Environment and Labour and Advanced Education issues was presented. The Department of Infrastructure and Emergency Services staff are working to repair the various systems. There are significant issues with equipment, and with the age of some of these plants. It will take quite some time to get things fully operational in the short term. Many other Municipalities do not get a similar amount of fines. Over \$20,000 was paid out in fines over this period. The extent, and history of the fines was discussed, how they were arrived at, and the plan going forward to work closely with the Department of Environment.

**INVERNESS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT** – A number of calls regarding the condition of the Inverness Waste Water Treatment Plant have been received. The plant is currently being overwhelmed by the volume of material. As of late, the odour is of particular concern. Staff are working to add infrastructure to rectify the issue. The Whycomagh and Inverness Water and Waste Water Treatment replacements were identified as priorities. ICIP project applications have been submitted. Open houses may happen to make people aware of the situation, and the plan to rectify the current situation.

**PORT HAWKESBURY PAPER** – Presentation by Allan Eddy and Andrew Fedora; the key discussions included an update on economic impacts, communications and community engagement, sustainable forestry highlights, and new business opportunities. A question and answer session followed.

**MARGAREE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION** – Brian Peters and Neal Livingstone presented. They feel that County Council should have a say in how \$18 million in taxpayer dollars potentially intended for an airport should be invested. They encourage sustainable development, and alternatives to an airport should be considered for these monies. They propose that a better alternative would be wellness infrastructure such as an aquatics and fitness center. Question and answer and comments followed. Warden MacQuarrie stressed the fact that this money is not transferable.

**INTERNET FOR NOVA SCOTIA** – An update on the work of Develop Nova Scotia on their Broadband initiative was provided by the CAO. By the end of July they will shortlist the 10 organizations or businesses that expressed an interest in working with the province to get to 95 % internet coverage. Council will await the final decision by Develop Nova Scotia.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

**SAT UPGRADES:** Itemized expenditures are: uniforms: \$1472.00, website: \$1265.00, GPS \$4213.60, and phones \$437.00 Total cost - \$7387.00. A cost share with the Town of Port Hawkesbury, County of Richmond, and Strait Area Transit is proposed. Council recommends funding 25 % of the project costs, or \$1846.75 along with the three other contributors, with monies coming from Regional funds.

**L'ACABIE:** L'Acabie is piloting an extension of public transit hours to include weekends and evenings. Total request of the Municipality is \$8,000.00. Staff recommends for Council to consider funding up to a maximum of \$4,000.00 with funds coming from either Regional CDC or District # 1 CDC budget. Council recommends funding L'Acabie \$4,000.00, from District # 1 CDC funds to do the pilot program.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No Correspondence

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That Council move to “in camera” at 11:50 am

**MOTION CARRIED:**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That Council move back to the regular meeting at 12:15 pm

**MOTION CARRIED:**

**Recommendations from “In Camera”** – That Council arrange for sale 2 undersized lots that have been deemed surplus by Council: 1 to Camille Chiasson, PID # 50306232, and 1 to Marcel J Cossette, PID # 50188838.

**Consensus to adjourn at 12:20 pm**