

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday July 4, 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 (via teleconference)
Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor EMM Law
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Aaron MacDonald, Procurement Officer
Trudy Gillis, Manager of Environmental and Facility Compliance
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as amended. Addition to the agenda by consensus:
6.11 Cape Mabou Community Pasture

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That the regular council minutes of June 6th, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the committee of the whole minutes of June 20th, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the special meeting minutes of June 20th, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Council agreed to arrange a meeting to gather information regarding a proposed airport in Inverness. Invitees include a Provincial Government representative, a Federal Government representative, a Cabot Links representative, and a Port Hawkesbury Airport representative. The CAO and staff will make every effort to see a meeting happen.

A request for proposal package will be made available for Port Hood Island wharf repairs.

Councillor Cranton met with the Margaree and Area Development Association (MADA). MADA has prioritized enhancing cell service in the County. A report from Development Nova Scotia, which outlines the status of cell service and connectivity should be available at the next Committee of the Whole.

PRESENTATION – WATER AND WASTE WATER COMPLIANCE

Trudy Gillis, Manager of Environmental and Facility Compliance gave an update. Her role is to liaise with NS Department of Environment and other regulatory bodies. This unit of the Department of Infrastructure and Emergency Services provides required ongoing and annual compliance reports, ensure the water and waste water facilities are in compliance with approvals, and monitor and repair water and waste water facilities. She gave an update of ongoing repairs and maintenance throughout the Municipality. A public meeting to update residents of the Port Hood water system is planned for July 10th.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

L'ACABIE

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That the funding request in the amount of \$25,000.00 (maximum) from L'Acabie for a new or used vehicle be approved by Council with funds coming from the gas tax funds.

MOTION CARRIED

INVERNESS BEACH ENHANCEMENTS

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That the funding request in the amount of \$5,078.61 from the Inverness Development Association be approved by Council with funds coming from District 3 Community Development Grant Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

WHYCOCOMAGH DAYCARE

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That the funding request in the amount of \$839.20 from the Whycomomagh Daycare for equipment upgrades be approved by Council with funds coming from District 4 Community Development Grant Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

MURPHY'S POND FUEL SYSTEM

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That Council support the Murphy's Pond Fuel System Project in the amount of \$4500.00 with funds allocated through the District 5 Community Development Grant Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

GLENCOE STATION HALL

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That Council support the funding request in the amount of \$5514.99 from the Glencoe Station hall for facilities upgrades, with funds coming from District 5 Community Development Grant Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

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 item discussion

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That Council support the funding request of \$3650.00 from the Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine for building improvements, with funds coming from District 5 Community Development Grant Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

Warden MacQuarrie returned to the meeting and resumed as chair.

STOREYTELLER'S GALLERY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the funding request of \$6910.00 from the Storyteller's Gallery for building improvements be approved by Council with funds coming from District 6 Community Development Grant Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

PORT HASTINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That the funding request of \$1395.00 from the Port Hastings Historical Society for accessibility improvements be approved by Council with funds coming from District 6 Community Development Grant Funds.

MOTION CARRIED

REGULATORY MODERNIZATION PARTNERSHIP

The Municipality of the County of Inverness has been invited to join a pilot project to work in partnership with Nova Scotia's Chief Regulatory Officer with the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness. The objective is to align regulatory processes, thus helping business operations and growth.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor Mustard
MOTION: That The Municipality of the County of Inverness joins the Regulatory Modernization Partnership through the office of Regulatory Affairs and Service Effectiveness.

MOTION CARRIED

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL ENTERPRISE NETWORK PARTNERS

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the Town of Port Hawkesbury and Wagmatcook First Nation be added as partners to the Cape Breton Regional Enterprise Network.

MOTION CARRIED

CAPE MABOU PASTURE

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Mustard

MOTION: That funding either in the amount \$10,000.00 or \$15,000.00 be granted to the Cape Mabou Community Pasture, and be funded through District 2 and District 3 Community Development Grant Funds.

Councillor Dowling, Councillor MacLennan, Deputy Warden Poirier contrary minded.

MOTION DEFEATED

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday August 1st, 2019 at 1:30pm in municipal council chambers.

Consensus to adjourn at 2:28pm