

Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Thursday, August 15th, 2019  
9:30 am  
Council Chambers

Council: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie  
Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier  
Councillor Jim Mustard  
Councillor Laurie Cranton  
Councillor John MacLennan (arrived 11:30 am)  
Councillor John Dowling

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
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.

## PRESENTATIONS

### **Cabot: Ben Cowan-Dewar**

Mr. Cowan-Dewar thanked Council for the opportunity to come and speak. He reflected on the current operation at Cabot, and how it has expanded. 2019 saw the addition of a halfway hut, pro shop, and remainder of the club house, and tennis courts at Cabot Cliffs. The par 3 course will be ready for use next year. They are excited for the level of business activity in the community. They recently launched Cabot Saint Lucia, and are carrying the Cabot brand to the Caribbean. He reflected on the history of the airport idea, and that commercial airport service in western Cape Breton would be great for the area, and lead to even further expansion of the business sector. Also, commercial airport travel is ideal for getting the Cabot product to market. There is no immediate plan to resubmit the airport application.

### **Inverness Development Association: Brian Brennan**

Brian spoke to the current state of the Inverness sewage facility, especially the resulting foul odor. There is concern that the community can't accommodate any further growth. A petition was presented with 675 names stressing the need for a new waste water treatment plant, and the need to push the request on to provincial and federal departments.

Council agrees that short term solutions may not be practical, and a new facility is vital.

Council acknowledged August 15<sup>th</sup> as National Acadian Day

### **Information Technology MOU**

Diamond Municipal software is used by many provincial Municipalities. The establishment of an Inter-Municipal Information Technology Service would allow for shared services. The goal is to prevent risk of cyberattacks, while allowing for best practices, cost savings on software, and greater security. The group is looking for support from the various units.

Councillor Dowling recommends to Council to move forward on the Information Technology MOU.

### **Proposed Road Name**

Proposal for an unnamed road on Port Hood Island to be named Tobey Lane.

Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier recommends to Council that this road be named Tobey Lane.

### **Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal – Cost Shared Agreement**

Council agreed to add the cost shared agreement as a discussion item to the next meeting.

Councillor Cranton recommends to Council that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and copied to the Deputy Minister, and to Steve MacDonald that roads in serious condition be addressed by Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

### **Capital Purchase – Solid Waste Rear Packer**

CAO Keith MacDonald explained the need for an additional solid waste rear packer for the Municipality, at an estimated cost of \$225,000 (used).

Councillor Cranton recommends to Council the purchase of a used solid waste packer at an estimated cost of \$225,000.00.

## **CDC APPLICATIONS**

### **LeMoine Volunteer Fire Department**

Recommendation to Council to approve funding of \$6,000.00, for the LeMoine Rescue Centre Improvements, with funding from District 2 CDC Funds.

### **Margaree Salmon Association – Berm Remediation**

Recommendation to Council to approve funding of \$20,000 with funds coming from Regional CDC Funds.

### **Margaree Salmon Association – Barrier Free Accessible Wharf**

Recommendation to Council to approve funding of \$9,000.00, with funds coming from Recreation Facility Funds (\$4500.00) and District 2 CDC Funds (\$4500.00)

### **Lake Ainslie Historical Society**

Recommendation to Council to approve funding of \$6421.00, with funds coming from District 4 CDC funds.

### **Princeville United Church**

Recommendation to Council to approve funding of \$2,700.00, with funds coming from District 6 Discretionary Funds.

## **PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Cheticamp Development Agreement**

Application to enter into a Development Agreement for the property located at 15559 Cabot Trail in Chéticamp to permit the existing restaurant to also be used as a Lounge for the purposes of a Liquor License.

Recommendation for the application to move onto Council for First Reading.

### **Inverness Subdivision By-Law Review**

Some proposed amendments to the subdivision by-law that will help development on private roads.

- 1) removing the design and construction requirements and adding a “bona fide access” requirement for a private road subdivisions with six lots or fewer;
- 2) allowing for private roads to cross “unmaintained public roads”; and
- 3) clarifying for landlocked parcels to be created, where an access easement must cross a railway right-of-way, that a license for right-of-way and access or a permit to cross shall be sufficient;

Recommendation to Council to approve these proposed amendments to the subdivision by-law for First and Second Reading.

### **Agricultural Land Use Planning**

Decision memo for further action on agricultural land use planning was reviewed.

Recommendation to Council to invite Victoria County representatives to a meeting to discuss agricultural land use planning.

### **Wind Turbine By-Law Review**

Recommendation to Council not to engage in a comprehensive review of the wind turbine document at this time, but rather to integrate the issue into the preparation of a comprehensive land use plan for the municipality as required by changes to the *Municipal Government Act* (Bill 58).

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting: September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Consensus to adjourn at 1:15 pm.**