

Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 27th, 2019
9:30 am
Council Chambers

Council: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie
Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier
Councillor Jim Mustard
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
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist

Regrets: Councillor Laurie Cranton

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

Recent applications were submitted to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for funding; the Whycomagh waste water treatment plant upgrade and the Inverness waste water treatment plant upgrade. The Whycomagh application was approved. Council is hoping that the Inverness application can be advanced with the Provincial and Federal Governments.

DILLON REPORT OVERVIEW

Dillon was contracted to complete an assessment of existing water and waste water infrastructure with the Municipality of the County of Inverness. Currently the Municipality owns \$186,000,000.00 in water and waste water assets. The estimated 10 year investment cost is \$103,100,000.00. Estimated breakdowns by community were identified. High priority upgrades were identified, and poor performing infrastructure outlined.

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council move forward with the design phase of the Inverness waste water treatment plant upgrade and possibly cost sharing with the Province of Nova Scotia.

MOTION CARRIED

Additional Municipal Infrastructure needs were identified. These are priorities for the Municipality, and involve significant investment. The majority of these projects were budgeted for in the Capital Budget. Some short term work is involved, as well as long term projects.

Trudy Gillis reported on the repairs to date at the Inverness waste water treatment plant, which involved maintenance, installations, updates and cleaning. A sewer discharge by-law is needed. A draft by-law has been sent to the Municipality's legal firm. The Inverness plant is overloaded, with a substance impacting that treatment process by killing bacteria, and causing the plant to go septic. Samples have been taken from manholes throughout Inverness. Staff have been in contact with Nova Scotia Environment; which recommend that the Municipality work with a qualified person or engineer for future repair options.

Consensus to break: 10:35 am

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting back to order at 10:56 am

A meeting with Nova Scotia Environment was suggested. Municipal staff were also asked to find out who is responsible to inform the public of any swimming concerns.

Consensus to meet with Nova Scotia Environment regarding water and air quality in Inverness.

The new Director of Infrastructure and Emergency Services will work closely with the CAO's office, and Department of Finance to develop a long term infrastructure strategy; a document to guide the Municipality going forward.

Consensus to Adjourn: 11:05 am