

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday August 1, 2019
1:30pm
Council Chambers

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

Regrets: Councillor Jim Mustard

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor EMM Law
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Trudy Gillis, Manager of Environmental and Facility Compliance
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist
Aaron MacDonald, Procurement Officer

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the agenda be amended. Addition to the agenda:
Discussion on the proposed airport in the vicinity of the community of
Inverness.

MOTION DEFEATED

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the agenda be amended. Addition to the agenda: a tribute to the late
Philip Poirier.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as amended. Addition to the agenda: a
tribute to the late Philip Poirier.

MOTION CARRIED

Council expressed fond memories of the late Philip Poirier. Warden MacQuarrie remembered him fondly during any visit to the community of Chéticamp, often raising funds for community causes. Deputy Warden Poirier remembered Philip as a strong survivor of humble beginnings, who rose past his circumstances to make a positive change. The community, in turn had been very good to him, making sure he was provided for. Councillor Cranton remembered Philip as a faithful presence in Chéticamp, who received a wonderful send off by the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That the regular council minutes of July 4th, 2019 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That the committee of the whole minutes of July 18th, 2019 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Ben Cowan Dewar requested that his appearance at a future Council meeting be changed from August 1st, 2019 Regular Council to the Committee of the Whole on August 15th, 2019.

Development Nova Scotia is finalizing their review of service provider companies. More community sessions are planned for the future. The goal is to have them come and speak to Council soon.

PRESENTATION – WATER METER PROJECT

Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance gave an update.

Staff have identified a need for increased efficiencies with billing the water utility customers. Radio frequency read meters are ideal. An RFP was posted in February, and Neptune Technologies have been awarded the contract. Letters have been issued to water utility customers to book an appointment for replacement or new installations. All installations should be completed by October 2019. Neptune software enables municipal staff to view the progress of the installation project.

PRESENTATION – INVERNESS WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Trudy Gillis, Manager of Environmental and Facility Compliance gave an update.

A number of complaints have been received by Municipal staff regarding the odor coming from the Inverness wastewater treatment plant. There has been tremendous growth in Inverness since the plant was built in 1973. It is long overdue for a replacement. Inadequate air being supplied to the aerated lagoon in response to the increased flows is the main reason for the odor. Municipal staff, along with Nova Scotia Environment staff have met, and agree that a new plant is the only option. Recent repairs, and replacements have occurred. Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program funding has been submitted for a new plant. A response to the funding submission is anticipated in the near future.

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That Council write a letter to the Provincial and Federal parties who are involved in waste water treatment plant infrastructure replacements expressing that Inverness and Whycomagh facilities be made priorities.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTIONS

STRAIT AREA TRANSIT UPGRADES

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That Council approve funding of 25% of the total project costs, or \$1846.75 with funds coming from the regional funds.

MOTION CARRIED

L'ACABIE PILOT PROGRAM

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That Council approve funding in the amount of \$4,000.00 with funds coming from District # 1 CDC funds.

MOTION CARRIED

SURPLUS LOTS

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Council arrange for sale 2 undersized lots (PID # 50306232 and 50188838) that have been declared surplus.

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

CLARIFICATION ON DOG CONTROL BY-LAWS

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That municipal staff update the by-law section of the municipal website to reflect all of the most current by-laws.

MOTION CARRIED

The following correspondences were distributed:

A letter from Ben Cowan Dewar extending thanks for an invitation to speak to Council.

A letter from the Heart and Stroke Foundation inviting participation in the Fall Mayor's March.

An update from Forest Nova Scotia (summer 2019).

The 2018 Annual Report from 211.

Report from Gaming Nova Scotia Corporation.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday September 5th, 2019 at 1:30pm in Municipal Council chambers.

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That council move to "in camera" at 2:45 pm

MOTION CARRIED

NO RECOMMENDATIONS

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That council move back to the regular council meeting at 3:06pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Consensus to adjourn at 3:07pm