

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Friday, September 20th, 2019
9:30 am
Council Chambers

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

Regrets: Councillor Laurie Cranton

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Donna MacDonald, Director of Tourism and Culture
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.

J CLASS ROADS

Each Councillor listed their priorities for J Class Roads improvements:

District 1: 15 Goirrior Road (culvert); Marteau Road; Schomphe

District 2: n/a

District 3: Veteran's Memorial; Forest Street up to the racetrack; Maple Street; Corner Street

District 4: Johnson Lane; Hillcrest Drive; Valley Mills to Malagawatch (not on list); Milford Road (Whycocomagh)

District 5: Highland Avenue; Highland Avenue extension; Court Street; Beaton Road

District 6: Celtic Drive, Judique; Cemetery Road; Lover's Lane

PCAP

The PCAP application was submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Municipality has asked the province for additional funding to assist with the system assessment and pre-design for the Inverness sewage treatment plant. The province is open to amending that submission.

Recommendation to Council that an amendment be included in our PCAP application for the system assessment and pre-design for the Inverness sewage treatment plant.

SEWAGE DISCHARGE BY-LAW

A draft by-law was presented. This by-law would enable the Municipality to prohibit the disposal of material that is not permitted to be discharged into Municipal waste water treatment plants.

Recommendation to Council that the sewage discharge By-Law goes to first and second reading after being proofread and an adjustment to the fines amount to be considered.

ARTS CENTRE ROAD

This road is a lane on Municipal property, with no official road status.

Recommendation to Council to follow up with staff to advance the issue of granting this road official road status.

HURRICANE OUTCOMES

Hurricane Dorian was very impactful to the Municipality. A debrief with staff will occur today. Two communities lost water due to lengthy power outages – Whycomomagh and Mabou. The RFP for Municipal generators will be going out shortly. The Municipality's EMO plan is dated and needs to be updated. An EMO co-ordinator role was discussed. This will be addressed by the new Director of Infrastructure and Emergency Services.

Recommendation to Council that a letter be sent to Cape Breton Island Housing, and cc the deputy minister for the Provincial Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the inoperable generator at the Judique Seniors complex.

Discussion around financial assistance for residents who lost food as a result of no power took place.

Recommendation to Council that the Province be approached to identify compensation for residents who lost food as a result of no power and experienced significant tree damage. Any expenses incurred by a comfort center will be forwarded to EMO.

Crews responding to the power outage were recognized for working very long shifts.

Recommendation to Council that a letter be sent to NS Power asking for clarity on how they prioritize outages. (what is their definition of their last mile customer?)

COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUESTS

Orangedale Station Association – Property, Marketing and Building Improvements

Recommendation to Council to approve funding of \$5000.00 to the Orangedale Station Association, with funds coming from District 4 CDC funds.

Inverness/ Victoria County Federation of Agriculture – Machinery Project

Recommendation to Council to approve funding of \$4,000.00, with funds coming from the Regional CDC funds.

Inverness Development Association – Visitor’s Guide Brochure

Recommendation to Council to approve funding of \$1461.29, with funds coming from District 3 Discretionary Funds.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Dowling brought forward a thank you presented to the Municipality from the Strait Area Museum, for funding the new wheelchair accessible ramp.

Inverness/ Victoria Federation of Agriculture

Warden MacQuarrie read a letter addressed to the attention of CAO Keith MacDonald, Leanne MacEachen. *See enclosed*

Citizen Concern – M. Ojoleck

Warden MacQuarrie read a letter addressed to the attention of Warden, Council and CAO Keith MacDonald. *See enclosed*

Next Committee of the Whole – October 17th, 2019

Recommendation to move to “in camera” – 11:07 am

Recommendation to move back to Committee of the Whole – 11:40 am

Consensus to adjourn – 11:40 am