

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Thursday, October 24th, 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
David Coulombe, Director of Infrastructure and Emergency Services
Donna MacDonald, Director of Recreation / Tourism
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Coordinator
Debbie Nicholson, Municipal Council Administrative Assistant

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 9:35 am, and welcomed the newest Municipal staff member: Director of Infrastructure and Emergency Services, David Coulombe.

J CLASS ROADS

A list of priority J Class roads was made by Council last month. Council will narrow this list to 10 for submission to Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (2 requests from district 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6). A letter will accompany the submission, outlining all priorities. An upcoming session with TIR will occur before the end of the year.

GAELIC COLLEGE TAX EXEMPTION

The Municipality received a letter from the Gaelic College CEO, Rodney MacDonald requesting a tax exemption for the Mabou campus.

Councillor Jim Mustard made the recommendation that Council provide a tax exemption for the Gaelic College, Mabou Campus with consensus from Council.

SOLID WASTE UPDATE

Another used vehicle purchase will be brought to Council to augment solid waste collection. That request will be in the amount of approximately \$85,000.00. This purchase will ensure better service going forward.

Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie extended a welcome, and congratulations to the newly elected Member of Parliament for Cape Breton–Canso, Mike Kelloway.

COMMUNITY FUNDING REQUESTS

INVERNESS PLAYGROUND & RECREATION ASSOCIATION – Building repairs are required.

Recommendation to Council to approve funding of \$4,521.00 to the Inverness Playground & Recreation Association, with funds coming from District 3 CDC funds.

HARBOUR AUTHORITY FOR MARGAREE HARBOUR – Belle Cote Beach Road Paving

Recommendation to Council to approve funding of \$2,500.00 (25% of the \$10,000 request supported through funds from the District 2 CDC budget and 75% coming from the St. Rose Community Dividend Fund) to the Harbour Authority of Margaree Harbour.

Council recommends a meeting of Councillor Cranton, Councillor Mustard and the St. Rose Society to solidify the funding criteria.

CORRESPONDENCE

SHORELINE BEACH EROSION – CHETICAMP HARBOUR

Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier received a letter from la Pointe du Havre residents concerned about an eroding shoreline, and potential road collapse. Residents signed a petition, and provided recent photographs taken in the area. They ask that their concerns be addressed by those who have jurisdiction in this matter.

Recommendation by Council that a letter be sent to federal and provincial departments to address the issue of shoreline beach erosion in Cheticamp Harbour.

Next Regular Monthly Council – November 14th, 2019

Next Committee of the Whole – November 28th, 2019

Councillor Mustard wants Council to make note of the date of November 20th; which is the International Day of the Child, and to support any related initiatives.

Recommendation to recess, and move to “in camera” – 10:30 am

Recommendation to move back to Committee of the Whole – 11:54 am

Recommendation from “in camera”

Recommendation to Council for the purchase of a new solid waste vehicle for \$98,325.00, and for staff to determine the budget line item prior to approval at the next regular Council meeting.

Consensus to adjourn – 11:55 am