

Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, November 14, 2019  
1:30 pm  
Council Chambers

Council: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie  
Councillor John MacLennan  
Councillor Laurie Cranton  
Councillor Jim Mustard  
Councillor John Dowling

Regrets: Deputy Warden Alfred Poirier

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council  
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator  
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That the agenda be approved as presented.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That the regular council minutes of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 be approved.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That the committee of the whole minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be approved with the following amendment: The funding amount granted to the Inverness Playground & Recreation Association be correctly stated as \$4,521.00.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Mustard also noted that “Welcoming Youngest Citizens” celebrations will be taking place in Baddeck, and Inverness November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION:** That the sewage discharge by-law be approved and proceed to second reading, with these changes to the offences portion, section 10.

First exceedance: range of \$500.00 – \$2500.00 fine based on level of exceedance and intention

Second exceedance: \$10,000.00

Third exceedance: removal from the system

Any person (with an existing or new sewer connection) in default of payment will face imprisonment for a term of not more than ninety (90) days and each day that the offence continues shall constitute a new offence. These offences would apply to both new and existing connections.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **NOVA SCOTIA POWER: PAUL CASEY; VP OF TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION AND DELIVERY**

Mr. Casey spoke specifically on Hurricane Dorian, and the restoration efforts during and following the storm. Safety was stressed as the most critical factor for Nova Scotia Power staff during the restoration. From a power systems perspective, this storm was much larger than any weather event the province had ever seen before. Approximately 412,000 customers were impacted at the peak of the storm. Nova Scotia Power and Municipalities all must work closely with EMO to ensure critical infrastructure is on priority lists, and updated on a regular basis. Vegetation management investment is ongoing.

### **CAPE BRETON PARTNERSHIP: CARLA ARSENAULT; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Arsenault spoke on the Cape Breton Unama'ki Economic & Population Growth Strategy. The Partnership recognizes the importance of the entire island working together toward a common goal. The potential areas of focus for the strategy include population growth, labour shortages, infrastructure gaps, technological advances, and entrepreneurship. A consultant has been hired and public engagements sessions will occur over the coming months. A final strategy will be in place by February. The public is encouraged to take the online survey and be part of the engagement process.

### **ATLANTIC FISHERIES FUND: JAMES MULLINS; SEAFOOD STRATEGIST**

Mr. Mullins spoke on the purpose of the Atlantic Fisheries fund; to transform and drive innovation in the Atlantic fish and seafood sector through innovative processes, infrastructure investments, and science partnerships. In Inverness County there was \$79,000,000 in reported seafood and aquaculture purchases in 2018. Mr. Mullins outlined the commercial and non-commercial organizations that can apply, and provided examples of approved projects such as

innovation in harvesting, processing, and aquaculture. Fisheries and Aquaculture are open to meet with any association or group in the municipality seeking further information on this fund.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARDS: MARIE AUCOIN; NORTH INVERNESS COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Community Health Boards are an advisory body to the Nova Scotia Health Authority. The Community Health Boards ensure that community voices are considered in provincial health planning. The 2018 Community Health Survey identified factors impacting overall health. Factors in North Inverness include culture, social environment, gender, income, working conditions, literacy, and social status. The board is eager to partner with the Municipality to help address some of the challenges that negatively impact the health of residents and communities.

**MOTIONS**

**GAELIC COLLEGE TAX EXEMPTION**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton

**MOTION:** To exempt the residential portion of the Gaelic College (AAN 00892777) in the amount of \$2506.35 and to add the property to the 2020-2021 Charitable Exemption list.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INVERNESS PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That Council approve funding of \$4521.00, with funds coming from District 3 CDC Funds.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**HARBOUR AUTHORITY FOR MARGAREE HARBOUR – BELLE COTE BEACH ROAD PAVING**

**MOVED:** Councillor Cranton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That Council approve funding of \$2,500.00 (25% of the \$10,000 request, with 75% coming from the St. Rose Community Dividend Fund) to the Harbour Authority of Margaree Harbour, with funds coming from District 2 CDC Funds.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **SOLID WASTE VEHICLE PURCHASE**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That Council approve the purchase of a new solid waste vehicle for \$98,325.00 with funds coming from the Gas Tax.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Cranton spoke about cell service. He plans to attend the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Margaree and Area Development Association which has cell service on the agenda. At the next Committee of the Whole meeting, staff will have an update on a RFP process for improved cell service in the Municipality.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That Council invite representative(s) from Bell Aliant to a future meeting of Council to address telephone and internet service in the Municipality, and discuss telecommunication issues faced in the wake of Hurricane Dorian.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillor Dowling mentioned a good news story reported in the Chronicle Herald: Strait Area Transit volunteered a vehicle and driver to delivery toys to the IWK hospital on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Committee of the Whole meeting:** November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Next Council meeting:** December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION:** That Council move to "In camera" at 3:50 pm

**MOTION CARRIED**

**"IN CAMERA"**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That Council move back to regular Council at 4:32 pm

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That Council approve a quick claim deed for an unmapped 5 acre Municipal parcel in Chimney Corner to Gary Dean Evans.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Consensus to adjourn at 4:40 pm**