

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Thursday, December 12th, 2019
9:30 am
Council Chambers

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Donna MacDonald, Director of Recreation and Tourism
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist
Debbie Nicholson, Municipal Council Administrative Assistant

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 9:33 am, and welcomed all in attendance.

INVERNESS BEACH HISTORICAL DUMP

The area located between the Inverness Beach Village and the end of the boardwalk was used in the past as a dumping ground for old automobiles and garbage. In recent years erosion has uncovered the contents of the dump, including rusted metals and broken automobile parts. Potential injury to the public is a concern. Council discussed having a conversation with the province, to see what options are available in regards to remediation and stabilization of this location.

Recommendation to Council that staff contact other government organizations to have an assessment done at this location and if any remediation could be carried out.

CELL TOWER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Adequate cell service is a significant focus for many communities within the County of Inverness. A draft RFP has been developed by Municipal staff to address cell coverage gaps in the County. More feedback from service providers is needed, as well as mapping information from the province. Partnerships with Richmond County, and Parks Canada are possible. Once the Council provides feedback on the draft RFP, the document will be made public.

Recommendation to Council that the Municipality proceed with the Cell Tower RFP process, and that Council is updated on the progress of the RFP process at a meeting of Council in the next few months.

311 INITIATIVE

CBRM is advancing a 311 initiative. This is a simple, three-digit, non-emergency phone number that residents can use to get information about CBRM's services or programs, or to make a request for service. Anyone within the CBRM limits can call 311 free of charge, but regular pay phone and cellular charges still apply. Callers reaching CBRM 311 from outside the CBRM boundaries will be directed to the appropriate municipal agency.

Recommendation to Council that the Council supports the CBRM forwarding calls originating for Inverness County through the 311 Initiative directly to the Municipality of the County of Inverness.

CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail was received from Gaelic College CEO, Rodney MacDonald regarding the Housing Strategy.

Recommendation that Council issue Mr. MacDonald a letter acknowledging receipt of his letter regarding the Housing strategy. Council tabled this item for discussion for an upcoming Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATES

January 2nd, 2020: next Regular Council

January 16th, 2020: next Committee of the Whole

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council move to "in camera" at 10:09 am

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Council move back to Committee of the Whole at 11:15 am

MOTION CARRIED

Consensus to adjourn at 11:16 am