

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, December 5th, 2019
1:30 pm
Council Chambers

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Dave Coulombe, Director of Infrastructure and Emergency Services
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council
Erin Gillis, Manager of Operations
Aaron MacDonald, Procurement Specialist
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the regular council minutes of November 14th, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Cranton
MOTION: That the committee of the whole minutes of November 28th, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Mustard clarified an item from the November 28th committee of the whole minutes: A future meeting is planned with TIR as a follow-up to the crosswalk concerns discussed during the meeting with Steve MacDonald and Darren Blundon.

MOTIONS

COUNCIL OFFICE EXPENSES

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That municipal staff and Council re-examine the Municipal expense policy - and make updates and revisions where applicable, and bring a draft policy back to Council for review.

MOTION CARRIED

STRATEGIC PLANNING

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor Mustard

MOTION: That municipal staff prepare a strategic planning review and update session with Council.

MOTION CARRIED

STRAIT AREA GROUND SEARCH AND RESCUE

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That Municipal staff determine how the Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue is funded through the province and to determine if there is a consistent way the Municipality can support the organization. Council will have an open dialogue with other Search and Rescue organizations in the County and discuss opportunities for additional support from the province.

MOTION CARRIED

LAKE AINSLIE WEAVERS AND CRAFTS GUILD

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Council approve funding in the amount of \$3,195.00 to the Lake Ainslie Weavers and Crafts Guild from District 3 CDC funds.

MOTION CARRIED

TAX WRITE-OFF: SOCIETY OF PROTECTION OF JERSEY HERITAGE

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council provide a charitable tax exemption to the Society of Protection of Jersey Heritage (AAN # 10454484) in the amount of \$379.10.

MOTION CARRIED

TAX WRITE-OFF: INVERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That Council provide a charitable tax exemption to the Inverness Historical Society (AAN # 10771447) in the amount of \$1135.90.

MOTION CARRIED

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

CAO Keith MacDonald delivered a presentation on solid waste collection in the Municipality.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That Council award the Solid Waste Collection services RFP to Green for Life (GFL), commencing no later than April 1st, 2020. The contract will be a three-year contract with two one-year options to renew.

MOTION CARRIED

WATER METER PROJECT ADDITIONAL FUNDING

CAO Keith MacDonald delivered a presentation on the water meter replacement project in the Municipality.

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Council approve an expense of an additional \$55,000 for the water meter project, with funds coming from the Gas Tax Reserve.

MOTION CARRIED

WATER METER TECHNICIAN

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council approve the hiring of an employee as a water meter technician.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Committee of the Whole meeting: Thursday, December 12th 2019, 9:30 am

Planning Advisory Committee meeting: Thursday, December 12th 2019, 11:30 am

Next Regular Council meeting: Thursday, January 2nd 2020, 1:30 pm

Consensus to adjourn at 3:14 pm