

Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, January 2nd, 2020  
1:30 pm  
Council Chambers

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

Regrets: Councillor John Dowling

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
Dave Coulombe, Director of Infrastructure and Emergency Services  
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance  
Donna MacDonald, Director of Recreation and Tourism  
Trudy Gillis, Manager of Environmental and Facility Compliance  
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council  
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator

Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor, EMM Law

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and welcomed all in attendance, and extended Happy New Year greetings to all. She acknowledged the passing of Councillor Dowling's father: Mr. Raymond Dowling.

#### **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 Mustard  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton  
**MOTION:** That the regular Council minutes of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be approved.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**MOTION:** That the Committee of the Whole minutes of December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **INTERNET FOR NOVA SCOTIA UPDATE**

Develop Nova Scotia has been providing regular updates on the progress of the Internet for Nova Scotia project. Develop Nova Scotia are addressing gaps within internet service for Nova Scotia. The Municipality is still waiting to hear what has transpired with the first round of proposals. More information will be provided by Develop Nova Scotia in the near future. Develop Nova Scotia is committed to reaching 95% of homes and businesses with reliable, high-speed Internet.

#### **MOTIONS**

#### **INVERNESS BEACH HISTORICAL DUMP**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard  
**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**MOTION:** That staff contact other government organizations to have an assessment done at this location and to determine if any remediation could be carried out.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **CELL TOWER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**MOVED:** Councillor Cranton  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Mustard  
**MOTION:** That the Municipality proceed with the Cell Tower Request For Proposals process, and that Council is updated on the progress of the Request For Proposals process at a meeting of Council in the next few months.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **311 INITIATIVE**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard  
**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**MOTION:** That Council supports the CBRM forwarding calls originating from Inverness County through the 311 initiative directly to the Municipality of the County of Inverness.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **MUNICIPAL HOUSING STRATEGY**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION:** That Council issue Mr. Rodney MacDonald a letter acknowledging receipt of his letter regarding the Housing Strategy.

**MOTION CARRIED**

CAO Keith MacDonald proposed January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as a date for Council to consider for a strategic planning session. An agenda, and location will be prepared in advance of this date.

**Next Regular Council meeting:** February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Next Committee of the Whole meeting:** January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton

**MOTION:** That Council move to “in camera” at 1:52 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That Council move back to regular council at 3:44 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Cranton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mustard

**MOTION:** That Council adjourn at 3:44 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**