

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 5th, 2019 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That the Committee of the Whole minutes of December 12th, 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 housing.

MOTION CARRIED

CAO Keith MacDonald proposed January 30th, 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 6th, 2020

Next Committee of the Whole meeting: January 16th, 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