

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, February 6th, 2020
1:30 pm
Council Chambers

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

Regrets: Warden Betty Ann MacQuarrie

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Dave Coulombe, Director of Infrastructure and Emergency Services
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist

Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor, EMM Law

Due to Warden MacQuarrie's absence, Deputy Warden Poirier chaired the meeting. Deputy Warden Poirier called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Councillor Cranton
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED: Councillor Mustard
MOTION: That the regular Council minutes of January 2nd, 2020 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the Committee of the Whole minutes of January 16th, 2020 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION: SENIORS COUNCIL

CAO Keith MacDonald spoke on the project. The goal is to bring people, ideas, and information together to build a Seniors Strategy, utilizing a collaborative approach, to address and support circumstances affecting older adults within the Municipality. Twelve seniors or senior service organization representatives are being sought to sit as members on the Council. Letters of application will be received until February 15th, 2020. The anticipated start date is April 2020.

FIRST READING: BY-LAW 30 CAPITAL COST OF SEWER AND WATER

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: To proceed with First Reading of By-Law 30: Capital Cost of Sewer and Water. In the area served by the Judique Water System, the unit charge for the construction of the Judique Reservoir is \$935.97 per serviceable lot. A public hearing on the by-law will be scheduled for the near future.

MOTION CARRIED

FIRST READING OF VENDING BY-LAW TO REPEAL AND REPLACE BY-LAW 15 AUCTIONEERS, PEDLARS, HAWKERS, AND TRADERS OF GOODS

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: To proceed with First Reading of the Vending By-Law, and repeal and replace By-Law 15: Auctioneers, Pedlars, Hawkers, and Traders of Goods.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTIONS

INVERNESS PLAYGROUND

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That staff draw up a land agreement between the three parties involved (Cabot Links, the Municipality, and Mill Road Social Enterprises), to be reviewed by Council.

MOTION CARRIED

LEMOINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: To approve the request for an increase in the fire tax rate for the LeMoine Volunteer Fire Department to 10 cents for both residential and commercial for the 2020 – 2021 fiscal year.

MOTION CARRIED

CHARITABLE TAX EXEMPTION – PAROISSE SAINT PIERRE

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Mustard

MOTION: That a charitable tax exemption be granted to Paroisse Saint Pierre in the amount of \$1107.80 (AAN # 01414542).

MOTION CARRIED

EASEMENT – PID # 50333566

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That a water and sanitary sewer easement be granted to Ms. Yvonne Rice on PID # 50333566.

MOTION CARRIED

PID 50306232

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That both abutting owners of PID 50306232 (PIDs 50066455 and 50306224) be approached regarding a purchase of this property. Council determined the property as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED

PID 50188838

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That staff negotiate with the abutting owner (PID 50188663) regarding a sale price. Council determined the property as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED

PID 50328756

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That staff negotiate with the abutting owner (PID 50065846) regarding a sale price. Council determined the property as surplus.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: Whereas Section 22(2) of the Municipal Government Act provides the authority for Council to meet in closed, in-camera meetings to cover information such as to discuss personnel matters, labour relations, legal

advice or other sensitive topics that must be kept confidential to protect the integrity of all parties involved.

Whereas there needs to be strict adherence to the code of conduct when in camera, to not share any information outside of the meeting. This allows and encourages greater honesty, independence and oversight and should enhance the relationship of Council.

Whereas Council unanimously recommended that the County Solicitor investigates possible in-camera breaches and Council Code of Conduct violations.

Whereas it was determined, based on the Solicitor's investigation and report, that Councillor John MacLennan breached in-camera privilege and confidentiality and was in violation of the Municipal Council Code of Conduct Policy.

Be it resolved: That Councillor John MacLennan, who knowingly breached the confidentiality of the in-camera meetings, will lose his privilege to participate in any in-camera meetings. This disciplinary action will be undertaken and upheld until such a time that Councillor MacLennan wishes to comply and follow the Council code of conduct Policy and requirements of the Municipal Government Act and at such a time as Council reviews and accepts his request to be reinstated to in-camera meetings.

Whereas if any member of Council shares private municipal work emails with the general public, without prior written consent of fellow Councillors, CAO and/or Staff, that after being given a fair warning that they may lose Municipal email privileges.

Be it resolved: That Councillor John MacLennan, based on his repeated sharing of Municipal emails, shall lose his email privileges until such a time that he demonstrates to Council, CAO and Staff that he is willing to follow the code of conduct Policy with regards to email communication protocol.

Further be it resolved: that Councillor John MacLennan based on his repeated breach of confidentiality of the in-camera meetings and sharing of municipal emails will lose all privileges to represent the Municipality on committees until such a time that he demonstrates that he is willing to follow the code of conduct for in-camera meetings and email confidentiality.

Deputy Warden Poirier, Councillor Cranton, Councillor Mustard, Councillor Dowling voted in favour. Councillor MacLennan voted against.

MOTION CARRIED

NO CORRESPONDENCE

Next Regular meeting of Council: March 5th, 2020

Next Committee of the Whole meeting: February 20th, 2020

Councillor Cranton noted that the Cranton Bridge is now open to the travelling public.

Councillor Cranton also noted that Trail groomer proposals will likely be coming to the Municipality soon from the Ceilidh Trail Federation and the Cheticamp Trail Groomer Association.

No "in camera"

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That Council adjourn at 2:12 pm

MOTION CARRIED