

Council Meeting  
Thursday, February 27th, 2020  
10:00 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  
Debbie Nicholson, Municipal Council Administrative Assistant  
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator  
Charlotte MacDonald, Manager of Recreation  
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed all in attendance.

## PRESENTATIONS

### **Update on Develop Nova Scotia's Broadband Internet Connectivity Session: Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator**

On Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the Cape Breton Partnership hosted a Stakeholder's meeting on Broadband Internet Connectivity. Updates were provided from Develop Nova Scotia and Seaside Wireless Communications. The approved projects from the first round of RFPs were announced on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Within Inverness County Bell Canada will conduct projects in Inverness and Cheticamp. Another call for projects was issued by Develop Nova Scotia on February 13<sup>th</sup> for prequalified proponents only, to seek projects for areas that remain underserved and unserved.

### **i-Valley Internet Projects: Barry Gander and Terry Dalton**

i-Valley is a community focused not-for-profit based out of New Minas, Nova Scotia. They partner with communities to arrange high-speed networks and small applications of technology.

### **Recreation Facilities Development Grant: Keith MacDonald, CAO**

This is a provincial program offered through Communities, Culture and Heritage to assist community groups, municipalities, and other non-profit organizations to develop facilities in order to increase public participation in sport and physical recreation. The Physical Activity Strategy will be a strategic document that sets out SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time bound) objectives and goals.

**North Inverness Recreation Centre Association (NIRCA).** NIRCA is requesting Municipal support in the amount of \$4,481.82 for the replacement of a hot water heater. Considerable labour has been donated towards this project.

Recommendation to Council that the Municipality approve this request, considering that it is an emergency situation, with funds coming from the Municipal Recreation Facility Fund.

**Mill Road Social Enterprises, Inverness Memorial Heritage Park: Cindy O'Neill, Phil Blackwood, Jamie White**

The goal is to provide an area for people to gather and be physically active, and enjoy a safe space, with opportunities for all ages at no cost. Features include a walking track, courts and playground equipment, to be completed over 2 phases. The amount requested from the Municipality is \$30,000.

Recommendation that staff will look at funding possibilities for this project, and have financial options available for Council to review at the next meeting of Council.

**West Mabou Development Association: Derrick Cameron**

Facilities managed by the WMDA need upgrading, primarily the hall, courts and ballfield. Current priorities are the courts, as water in cracks will heave the asphalt over time. Also, the ballfield infield area needs fill and leveling. The amount requested from the Municipality is \$8,800.00

Recommendation that staff will examine further and determine possible financial considerations for the next meeting of Council.

**Hike Nova Scotia – Hike Summit Event: Leonard and Annette LeBlanc (Les Hikers)**

The 2020 Hike Summit event will take place during June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> in the Cheticamp area. Approximately 250 participants are expected to attend. Total project budget is \$42,000. The amount requested from the Municipality is \$5,000.

Council will deliberate this item, and along with staff outline possible funding options for this request.

**Al MacInnis Sports Centre**

Current request of the Municipality is \$48,848. Consensus that arena Commission representation, and executive of the AAA Midget hockey team, be invited to Council to present a financial update, and further explain their request.

Consensus that an invitation will be extended to the Arena Commission by Keith MacDonald to present to the next meeting of Council on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Staff will also provide options for the next Council meeting.

**Meat Cove Development & C@P**

The current application is for Community Centre Repairs and Upgrades. The total project cost is \$41,750. The amount requested from the Municipality is \$5,000, through District 1 Community District Grant budget.

Recommendation to Council to approve \$4,500 from the current year's Community District Grant budget, and \$500 from next year's Community District Grant budget.

### **Communicating Climate Change Workshop**

This is an optional workshop to be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Council Chambers. This session will help council and staff strategically communicate on climate change and climate solutions while also providing tools for communicating a wide range of issues.

### **Sale of Municipal Assets: GFL- Offer to Purchase Obsolete Equipment**

Recommendation to authorize the CAO to accept GFL's proposed offer to purchase the Municipality's solid waste collection vehicles at fair market value in concurrence with the request for proposal submission for the amount of \$381,000.

### **Sale of Surplus Vehicles**

Older municipal vehicles and equipment that no longer function have been offered up for sale. Recommendation to Council that staff allow for the disposal of surplus vehicles and equipment via public tender.

### **Destination Cape Breton ACOA Funding**

Correspondence was received from Destination Cape Breton that they are renegotiating their offer with ACOA, and do not currently require a letter of support from the Municipality.

### **Next Meeting Dates**

**Regular Monthly Council:** March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Next Committee of the Whole:** March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Recess: 2:01 pm – 2:21 pm

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Councillor Mustard

**MOTION:** That Council move to "in camera" at 2:22 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That Council move back to regular Council at 3:00 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **RECOMMENDATION FROM "IN CAMERA"**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That staff proceed with a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment, and Structural Assessment of the former NSLC location in Cheticamp.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling  
**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**MOTION:** That Council adjourn at 3:00 pm  
**MOTION CARRIED**