

Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, March 5th, 2020
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
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Donna MacDonald, Director of Recreation and Tourism
Charlotte MacDonald, Recreation Manager
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator
Aaron MacDonald, Procurement Specialist

Maurice Boudreau, Solicitor, EMM Law

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the regular Council minutes of February 6th, 2020 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That the Committee of the Whole minutes of February 20th, 2020 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That the Council minutes of February 27th, 2020 be approved.
MOTION CARRIED

NO BUSINESS ARISING

PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY PROCLAMATION

The Warden, Council and CAO wore purple ribbons during today's Council meeting to show support for Epilepsy Awareness Month.

PURPLE DAY PROCLAMATION

Whereas Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world, and

Whereas epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect over 50 million people worldwide and 42 people in Canada are diagnosed every day, and

Whereas one in ten persons will have at least one seizure during his or her lifetime, and

Whereas the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid, and

Whereas Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally.

Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim March 26, 2020, "Purple Day", in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in Canada.

MODÈLE DE LA PROCLAMATION DE LA JOURNÉE LAVANDE

Puisque la journée lavande est un effort mondial dédié à la sensibilisation à l'épilepsie partout dans le monde, et

Puisque l'épilepsie est l'un des troubles neurologiques les plus courants, qui selon les estimations toucherait plus de 50 millions de personnes dans le monde et que 42 personnes au Canada sont diagnostiquées chaque jour, et

Puisqu'une personne sur dix aura au moins une crise d'épilepsie au cours de leur vie, et

Puisque le public est souvent incapable de reconnaître les types de crises d'épilepsie les plus fréquentes ou comment prodiguer les premiers soins appropriés, et

Puisque la Journée lavande sera célébré annuellement le 26 mars pour permettre une meilleure compréhension, réduire la stigmatisation et améliorer la qualité de vie des personnes atteintes d'épilepsie dans l'ensemble du pays et mondialement.

Maintenant je proclame le 26 mars 2020 comme «la Journée lavande», dans le but d'accroître la sensibilisation à l'épilepsie au Canada

Signed _____

STAFF UPDATE: INVERNESS COUNTY SIGNATURE SPACES & SIGNAGE STRATEGY

Donna MacDonald provided an update on the strategy. An announcement was held on March 3rd, 2020 regarding this initiative. The strategy combines the attractive branding of “Canada’s Musical Coast” for visitors along with a strong pride of place for current and potential residents.

The contributions to the strategy are as follows:

ACOA: \$999,170.00

The Province of Nova Scotia: \$398,500.00

The Municipality and Community Groups: \$477,153.00

PRESENTATION: CAPE BRETON PARTNERSHIP

Carla Arsenault and Lynne MacLennan updated Council. Current initiatives of the Partnership include: the Cape Breton – Unama’ki Economic & Population Growth Strategy, Labour Market Development & Immigration, Women’s Entrepreneurship, Elevate Magazine, the Dream Business Program and the Creative Economy Growth Plan.

PRESENTATION: AI MACINNIS SPORTS CENTRE

Brian MacInnis and Lloyd MacDonald presented to Council. Highlights included the management structure of the Port Hood District Recreation Commission, explanation of financial statements, The Cape Breton West Minor Hockey program, and plans for long term sustainability.

APPOINTMENT OF 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS RETURNING OFFICER

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That Dornie Gillis be appointed the Returning Officer for the 2020 Municipal Election.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF UPDATE: WHYCOCOMAGH TO WE’KOQMA’Q FIRST NATION SIDEWALK

Melanie Beaton provided an update to Council. Municipal staff has worked together to confirm a tender deadline. The construction start date has been pushed ahead to September 2020 due to the relocation of existing utilities. Therefore the tender deadline has been moved to May 8th, 2020. Staff continue to work with Strum Consulting to design and collect pricing information for the proposed sidewalk. Financing options will be brought to Council for review.

MOTIONS

JUDIQUÉ RECREATION ASSOCIATION

MOVED: Councillor Dowling
SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier
MOTION: That Council write off the interest in the amount of \$3,180.74 for Assessment Account Number 02287781, assessed to Judique Recreation Association.

MOTION CARRIED

JUDIQUÉ WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES

MOVED: Councillor Cranton
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: Judique Water System Upgrades: remaining balance \$6,618.87. That Council fund the remaining costs from the \$6,618.87 (amount remaining from the Province for the Cheticamp Utility) and the Gas Tax Fund.

MOTION CARRIED

CAPITAL PURCHASES REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION: That Council approve the purchase of these capital items to remain in compliance with Nova Scotia Environment, totaling \$41,246.47 be funded through the Gas Tax Fund.

2019-08-13 Lynk Electric Ltd.	Mabou Scada \$26,436.50
2019-11-20 Atlantic Purification Systems	<u>Turbidity Meters – Compliance \$14,809.97</u>
	<u>\$41,246.47</u>

MOTION CARRIED

CHANGE REQUEST: 2019-2020 CAPITAL BUDGET: CUBE VAN PURCHASE

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That Council approve the purchase of a Cube Van at a cost of \$39,330 in lieu of the budgeted 1 Tonne Service Vehicle with Dump Box, Spreader and Plow at a cost of \$95,000.

MOTION CARRIED

CHANGE REQUEST: 2019-2020 CAPITAL BUDGET: CUSTOM TRAILER PURCHASE

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Council approve the purchase of a Custom Trailer at a cost of \$27,600 from Ed's Marine & Hydraulics and a SpaceKap from Action Accessories at a cost of \$17,000 in lieu of the budgeted 1 Tonne Quad Cab with Flat Bed & Crane Hoist at a cost of \$140,000.

MOTION CARRIED

WATER UTILITY FACILITY COMPLIANCE FUNDING

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council fund \$172,711.68 from the Gas Tax Reserve Fund in order to comply with Nova Scotia Environment directives.

MOTION CARRIED

WOMEN IN POLITICS INITIATIVE

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council support six individuals to attend the upcoming Leadership School for Women, May 1st and 2nd, in Port Hawkesbury in the amount of \$1500 (6 attendees @ \$250 each).

MOTION CARRIED

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.

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION: That Council support this request, considering that it is an emergency situation, with funds coming from the Recreation Budget.

MOTION CARRIED

MILL ROAD SOCIAL ENTERPRISES, INVERNESS MEMORIAL PARK

MOVED: Councillor Cranton

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council approve funding in the amount of \$30,000 for the Inverness Memorial Heritage Park (\$2805.39 – District # 3's 2019-2020 CDG budget; \$925.85 – District #3's 2019-2020 Discretionary Budget; \$6268.76 – District # 3's 2020-2021 CDG Budget and \$20,000 – 2019-2020 Recreation Facility Grant Fund).

MOTION CARRIED

WEST MABOU DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Council approve funding in the amount of \$8,800 for the West Mabou Development Association (\$4,400 from District # 5's CDG Budget for 2020 - 2021 and \$4,400 – 2019-2020 Recreation Facility Grant Fund).

MOTION CARRIED

PORT HOOD & DISTRICT ATHLETIC COMMISSION

MOVED: Deputy Warden Poirier

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council approve funding in the amount of \$48,848 for the Port Hood & District Athletic Commission (\$5,000 from District # 5's CDG Budget for 2020 – 2021; \$4,618 – Recreation Facility Grant; \$39,229.82 – Regional CDC Fund).

MOTION CARRIED

MEAT COVE DEVELOPMENT & C@P

MOVED: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Council approve funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the Meat Cove Development & C@P (\$4,000 – District # 1's remaining 2019-2020 Discretionary Budget; \$500 – District # 1's remaining 2019-2020 CDG Budget; \$500 – District # 1's 2020-2021 CDG Budget).

MOTION CARRIED

SALE OF MUNICIPAL ASSETS – GFL- OFFER TO PURCHASE OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That Council 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.

MOTION CARRIED

SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Council authorize staff to proceed with the disposal of surplus vehicles and equipment via public tender.

MOTION CARRIED

NO CORRESPONDENCE

No "in camera"

MOVED: Councillor Mustard
SECONDED: Councillor Dowling
MOTION: That Council adjourn at 3:32 pm
MOTION CARRIED