

**Municipality of the County of Inverness
Special Meeting of Council
Monday, June 29th, 2020
1:30 pm
Video Conference**

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 Tourism and Culture
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Condolences were extended to the Town of Port Hawkesbury on the sudden passing of employee Dawna MacDonald.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

WATER UTILITY OPERATIONS BUDGET 2020-2021

Tanya Tibbo presented the 2020-2021 draft water utility operating budget. A deficit is anticipated for the upcoming year.

Total Operating Revenue 2020-2021 – Budget	\$ 997,000.00
Total Operating Expenses 2020-2021 – Budget	\$ 1,433,591.00
Net Operating Revenue 2020-2021	(\$436,591.00)

It has been a number of years since the Municipality has had a water rate study. The Neptune water meter replacement program is underway. A long term plan for advancing the water utility is ideal.

J CLASS ROADS

A secondary Phase 2 allotment of funds has been made available. The Municipality was provided with a list to be distributed to Council. Staff discussed what condition these roads are currently in, and if Municipal infrastructure needs to be addressed prior to surface upgrades. In some cases, considerable investment in Municipal infrastructure is required. Possible funding options include a debenture through the Municipal Finance Corporation (FCM), infrastructure charges, area rates, and a provincial/ federal funding option.

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Council accept the following roads for upgrades under the J Class Road Cost Shared Program Phase 2: Chemin Laurie, Chemin Robin, Corner Street (Inverness), Milford Road (from Hwy 105 to Munro), Milford Road (from Whycocomagh Village to Hwy 105), Main Street (Whycocomagh), Birch Street (Mabou), Maple Street (Mabou), Court Street (Port Hood), Bethel Drive, Hilltop Drive (from Charles MacLean to Grant), Hilltop Drive (from Grant to end of turning circle), Davis Drive, MacKenzie Court (from Hilltop to Grant), MacKenzie Court (from Grant to end of listing at turning circle), and Grant Street to be funded through a debenture to be paid back over ten years through the Annual Operating Budget.
Councillor MacLennan voted against the motion. Deputy Warden Poirier, Councillor Cranton, Councillor Mustard, Councillor Dowling voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council request an extension of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal of the J Class Road program for Mann Avenue, Veteran's Memorial Court, Forest Street, Lower Railway Street, and Maple Street, Inverness so that further costs associated with Municipal Infrastructure improvements can be established.

MOTION CARRIED

UPDATE ON CAPITAL BUDGET

Tanya Tibbo presented an update to the 2020-2021 Capital Budget.

The total Capital Budget for the Water and Operating budget, with the exception of J Class Roads is \$12,457,480.00.

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Dowling

MOTION: That Council accept the Capital Budget as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

WHYCOCOMAGH ROUNDABOUT COST-SHARE AGREEMENT

MOVED: Councillor Mustard

SECONDED: Councillor Cranton

MOTION: That the Municipality agree to the cost-share agreement with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal with respect to the Municipal Infrastructure improvements with the Whycomomagh Roundabout Project.

MOTION CARRIED

NS-TIR THREE YEAR COST SHARE AGREEMENT

A Three-Year Cost Share Agreement for Subdivision Streets with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal was presented to Council.

Consensus to table a decision on this issue, until such time Council can have a further breakdown of costs, and the Municipality's and Province's obligations under this agreement (namely ditching, and storm sewers).

NS-TIR staff will be invited to attend the next meeting of Council.

Next Meeting Date:

July 9th – Regular Monthly Council

No "In Camera"

MOVED: Councillor Dowling

SECONDED: Deputy Warden Poirier

MOTION: That Council adjourn at 4:20 pm

MOTION CARRIED