

**Municipality of the County of Inverness**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Charlotte MacDonald, Recreation Manager  
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council  
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator  
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist  
Erin Gillis, Manager of Operations/ OH&S Specialist

Warden MacQuarrie called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken. The Warden acknowledged that we are in Mi'gma'gi, the ancestral, and unseeded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That the agenda be approved as presented.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling  
**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**MOTION:** That the regular Council minutes of June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be approved.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton  
**MOTION:** That the Committee of the Whole minutes of June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be approved.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton  
**MOTION:** That the Special Meeting minutes of June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be approved.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS ARISING**

Charlotte MacDonald indicated that a request for funding from the Margaree Seniors Group has been sent to the Department of Finance for processing, via the Seniors' Emergency Funding.

All recommendations for letter requests for various issues have been drafted and will be issued shortly.

## **FIRST READING: BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE VOTING BY TELEPHONE AND INTERNET FOR THE 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

**MOVED:** Councillor Cranton  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That Council approve the First Reading of this By-Law to Authorize the Voting by Telephone and Internet for the 2020 Municipal Election.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **J CLASS ROADS**

Council had asked Municipal staff to reach out to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding a number of the J Class Roads, in particular some in the village of Inverness that impact Municipal Infrastructure. The province has allotted some additional time to review the costs associated with such infrastructure improvements in relation to these roads. A meeting with Transportation is planned for tomorrow to discuss this issue.

Recommendation to Council that a letter be written to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Lloyd Hines, copied to MLA Allan MacMaster requesting improvements to Arsenault's Hill Road in District # 2.

Recommendation to Council that Maple St. in Inverness be prioritized with regard to this year's J Class Road Improvements.

## **UPDATE: CAPE BRETON ISLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY: ORANGEDALE SENIORS COMPLEX**

This facility has been vacant since December 2019. The property was designated to be demolished. The Cape Breton Island Housing Authority issued a tender to undertake the demolition. It is uncertain if any responses have been received for this work. Consensus to ask Cape Breton Island Housing Authority for a reason for the demolition.

## **MOTIONS**

### **THE TOWN OF MULGRAVE LETTER OF SUPPORT**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That a letter be written to the Minister of Municipal Affairs Chuck Porter, MP Mike Kelloway, and MLA Lloyd Hines asking for clarity on the issue of wastewater treatment plant replacement funding. The letter will be copied to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, and Executive Director Marc Peck.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **SYSTEMIC RACISM**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That a committee be created to look at the actions that should be undertaken to create a fair and equitable community for all people regardless of race.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **PRIDE FLAG**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton

**MOTION:** That a Pride flag be flown outside the Port Hood Municipal Building.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ST. ROSE COMMUNITY DIVIDEND FUND**

**MOVED:** Councillor Cranton

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** Council to support the agreement between the Municipality and Scotian Web Limited Partnership.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **WEST BAY ROAD FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN GUARANTEE**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION:** That Council approve the borrowing by the West Bay Road Volunteer Fire Department of Two Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand and Seven Hundred Dollars (\$257,700.00) subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of the guarantee.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INVERNESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION; INVERNESS BEACH AND BOARDWALK  
INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That Council approve the application using the gas tax funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 pending approval of other funding sources.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CHETICAMP SALMON ASSOCIATION; BARRIER FREE FISHING PLATFORM**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton

**MOTION:** That Council approve the application in the amount of \$5,000.00. (\$1250.00 from District # 1 CDG funds, \$1250.00 from District # 2 CDG funds, and \$2,500 from the Recreation Facility Grant.)

**MOTION CARRIED**

**POLICY: APPOINTMENT OF WARDEN**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION:** That Council adopt the updated Warden Terms of Office Policy.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**POLICY: APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY WARDEN**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton

**MOTION:** That Council adopt the updated Deputy Warden Terms of Office Policy.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DALBRAE ACADEMY GRADUATION CELEBRATION**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That the Municipality sponsor this event, provided that the Municipality is named as an insurer for any insurance secured for the event.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PACE PROGRAM**

A presentation was made to Council in February of this year by Clean Energy regarding this program. The Municipality currently has a PACE bylaw, that allows the Municipality to offer financing to property owners. The onboarding phase will allow the Clean Foundation to collaborate with the Municipality to create a program specific to the Municipality's needs. A one

time start up fee of \$13,300.00 is a component of the onboarding phase. Financing payments will be collected monthly by the Municipality.

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION:** That the Municipality accept the staff recommendation to allow for ten property owners to participate in the program annually, up to a maximum of \$15,000.00, which can be paid back over ten years.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A report to the Cape Breton Regional Enterprise Network Liaison Oversight Committee was presented to Council. Consensus that the Cape Breton Partnership provide an update at an upcoming meeting of Council.

Consensus that the CAO of the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority, as well as maintenance staff are invited to an upcoming meeting of Council.

Representatives from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal will be invited to an upcoming meeting of Council.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Committee of the Whole: July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Regular Monthly Council: August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**RECESS: 2:49 pm – 3:00 pm**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton

**MOTION:** That Council move to “in camera” at 3:00 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That Council move back to Regular Council at 4:01 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton

**MOTION:** Recommendation to Council to support the land exchange agreement with Zutphen Equipment Limited.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That Council adjourn at 4:03 pm  
**MOTION CARRIED**