

**Municipality of the County of Inverness  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, October 1st, 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 Tourism and Culture  
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council  
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator  
Charlotte MacDonald, Manager of Recreation

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED:** Councillor Mustard  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling  
**MOTION:** That the agenda be approved as amended: That Council acknowledge that October 1st is Treaty Day. Held annually on October 1<sup>st</sup>, Treaty Day marks the beginning of Mi'kmaq History month in Nova Scotia.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED:** Councillor Cranton  
**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**MOTION:** That the Regular Council minutes of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling  
**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**MOTION:** That the Committee of the Whole minutes of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Mustard  
**MOTION:** That the Special Council minutes of September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be approved.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **BUSINESS ARISING**

Councillor Mustard recently spoke with MLA Allan MacMaster, and impressed upon him the importance of working collaboratively and the need for cooperation. The MLA recently agreed to meet with Council after the October 17<sup>th</sup> Municipal election.

Consensus that a letter be written to MLA MacMaster to invite him to a meeting of Council prior to the Municipal election possibly on October 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

Communication has been made with the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding Council's request for a crosswalk to be placed in Cheticamp at the intersection of Barren Road and the Cabot Trail Highway.

#### **MILFORD ROAD, WHYCOCOMAGH**

Milford Road, Whycocomagh was approved for J Class Road Paving by the Province of Nova Scotia. This road is broken down into three components by Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal: a J, I, and K Class. The J Class portion is .49 km. Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal is looking at options to extend paving past the J Class portion. A shorter portion of Milford Road extends on the South side of the Trans Canada Highway. Councillor MacLennan and CAO MacDonald will communicate with Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal regarding a possible exchange of future paving between the Southern portion of Milford Road with the Northern portion of Milford Road.

#### **UPDATE: HEAVY GARBAGE Pick-Up; Keith MacDonald**

The 2020 Fall Heavy Garbage pick-up schedule was presented to Council. It will occur over the course of three weeks, October 5<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. The budget for the project is \$45,000.00. It is difficult to predict the volume that will be collected, due to the lack of a Spring 2020 pickup. Volume of garbage collected will be monitored weekly.

#### **UPDATE: CELL SERVICE; Keith MacDonald**

The Municipality received three submissions to the Cell Service Request for Proposals. The submissions from these potential providers have been reviewed and scored. A finalized potential plan should be ready for the next Committee of the Whole.

#### **UPDATE: ACCESSIBILITY; Charlotte MacDonald**

Under Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act prescribed public sector bodies are required to develop an Accessibility Plan which must include the following:

- How you will identify, remove and prevent barriers in policies, programs, practices, and services and achievements to date
- Processes in place to assess the effect of your policies, programs, practices, and services on accessibility

Accessibility standards will apply to the Government of Nova Scotia, public sector bodies prescribed under the Act (such as post-secondary education institutions, municipalities) and other entities, such as private businesses.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### ST JOSEPH DU MOINE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN GUARANTEE

**MOVED:** Councillor Cranton

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That a loan guarantee be granted to the St. Joseph du Moine Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$29,600.00.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### JUDIQUE WATER EXPLORATION

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That Council fund \$38,800.00 plus HST from Gas Tax Funds to deepen PW2 in Judique in hopes of achieving increased yield.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### CHETICAMP WATER TREATMENT PLANT ROOF

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**SECONDED:** Councillor Cranton

**MOTION:** That Council fund an additional \$10,218.94 for the roof replacement at the Cheticamp Water Treatment Plant.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### PORT HOOD WATER AND SEWER SERVICES

**MOVED:** Councillor Dowling

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That Council direct Municipal staff to do an assessment of the Port Hood water and sewer services, and determine the current capacity, and the availability for expansion

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE RENEWAL COST OVERRUN**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That Council accept the cost overrun of 15.5% for the Birch Street repaving project.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**GAELIC COMMUNITY SIGNS**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Dowling

**MOTION:** That Council advance the request from the Lake Ainslie Development Association for several community signs to be erected and be in both English and Gaelic throughout district 2, 3 and 4 on to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

Committee of the Whole: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Deputy Warden Poirier

**MOTION:** That Council adjourn at 2:46 pm

**MOTION CARRIED**