

**Municipality of the County of Inverness**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 7th, 2021**  
**3:00 pm**  
**Video Conference**

Council: Warden Laurie Cranton  
Deputy Warden Bonny MacIsaac  
Councillor Alfred Poirier  
Councillor John MacLennan  
Councillor Lynn Chisholm  
Councillor Catherine Gillis

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance  
Christine Murray, Manager of Legal and Governance  
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council  
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator  
Erin Gillis, Manager of Operations and Occupational Health and Safety  
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist  
Charlotte MacDonald, Manager of Recreation

Warden Cranton called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Gillis  
**MOTION:** That the Regular Council minutes of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 be approved.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden MacIsaac  
**SECONDED:** Councillor Chisholm  
**MOTION:** That the Committee of the Whole minutes of December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be approved.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### WRITE-OFF INTEREST – NS HEALTH AUTHORITY

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Gillis

**MOTION:** That Council write off the interest on the following Nova Scotia Health Authority Tax Accounts: Account 02146231 - \$294.62, Account 02146215 - \$7,553.61, Account 03376036 - \$4,441.45.

### MOTION CARRIED

### EAST COAST CREDIT UNION: BORROWING RESOLUTION – LINE OF CREDIT

**MOVED:** Councillor Chisholm

**SECONDED:** Councillor Gillis

**MOTION:** That Council approve the borrowing resolution – line of credit with the East Coast Credit Union.

To authorize the borrowing of certain monies from East Coast Credit Union to meet the current expenditure of the Corporation of the Municipality of the County of Inverness (hereinafter called "the Corporation") for the year 2020- 2021.

WHEREAS it is necessary to borrow the sum of \$1,500,000.00 from East Coast Credit Union to meet the now current expenditure of the Corporation until such time as the taxes to be levied therefore can be collected.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation as follows:

1. That the Warden with the Treasurer of the Corporation, be and they are hereby authorized under the seal of the Corporation to borrow from East Coast Credit Union the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand dollars as the same may be required from time to time to meet the now current expenditure of the Corporation which said expenditure has been dully authorized by the Council.
2. That the said Warden with the Treasurer aforesaid, be, and they are hereby authorized to pay or allow to the said Credit Union interest on the said sum of \$1,500,000.00 dollars at a rate of Prime per cent per annum, which may be paid or allowed in advance by way of discount or otherwise howsoever as they deem best.
3. That the said sum of \$1,500,000.00 so to be borrowed shall be made payable on or before the 7th day of January next; and the promissory note or notes of the Corporation, if any, given therefore, if made payable before the said 7th day of January may be renewed by the said Municipality of the County of Inverness and Treasurer from time to time, but no renewal thereof shall fall due later than the said 7<sup>th</sup> day of January next.
4. That the promissory note or notes of the Corporation, sealed with the corporate seal and signed by the Warden and Treasurer of the Corporation be given from time to time as required, in security for the amounts borrowed from time to time under the provisions of this resolution.
5. That the giving of such renewal note or notes, as aforesaid, shall not be deemed satisfaction to the said Credit Union of the said advance or interest, but as evidence only in indebtedness.

Resolution of the council or board of the Municipality of the County of Inverness, herein called the "customer"

- I. THAT the Customer is hereby authorized to:
  - a. borrow money upon the credit of the Customer;
  - b. issue, re-issue, sell or pledge debt obligations of the Customer;
  - c. give a guarantee on behalf of the Customer to secure performance of an obligation of any purpose;
  - d. mortgage, hypothecate, pledge or otherwise create a security interest in all or any property of the Customer, owned or subsequently acquired, to secure any debt obligation of the Customer;
  - e. to sign bills, notes, contracts, and other evidences of or securities for money borrowed or to be borrowed
2. THAT the Warden and the Treasurer are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time to exercise all or any of the foregoing powers on behalf of the Customer in such a manner and subject to such regulations and restrictions as they may see fit and they are hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Customer, all documents necessary to give effect to the foregoing.
3. THAT a certified copy of this resolution be delivered to EAST COAST CREDIT UNION LIMITED  
the "Credit Union" and constitute authority and effect until notice of any amendment, alteration or revocation shall have been given to the said Credit Union.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLICY**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Maclsaac

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION:** That Council approve the Accessibility Advisory Committee Policy.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Deputy Warden Maclsaac and Councillor Chisholm expressed interest in serving on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

**MOVED:** Councillor MacLennan

**SECONDED:** Councillor Gillis

**MOTION:** That Deputy Warden Maclsaac and Councillor Chisholm are appointed to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **TERMS - ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden Maclsaac

**SECONDED:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION:** That Deputy Warden Maclsaac serve a three year term, and Councillor

Chisholm serve a two year term on the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**TIMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council discussed the various possible options for start times for Council meetings

**MOVED:** Deputy Warden MacIsaac

**SECONDED:** Councillor Gillis

**MOTION:** That for the next three months on a trial period, regular meetings of Council will begin at 3:00 pm.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UPDATES: GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Erin Gillis notes there was a previous miscommunication with Green For Life (GFL) regarding garbage collection at 1042 Eden Road. This issue has now been resolved.

GFL has proposed conducting Route 19 pickups on the right side of the highway only. Council expressed concerns with this proposal. GFL is considering an alternate solution to this issue.

**UPDATE: SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENTS TO CHETICAMP MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LAND USE BY-LAW**

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 1:00 pm is the proposed date and time for the Public Hearing for amendments to the Cheticamp Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-law. Multiple options will be made available for individuals to submit any concerns.

**WINTER MAINTENANCE**

The Municipality is responsible for snow clearing on the sidewalks in the communities of Cheticamp, Inverness, Mabou and Port Hood as well as Municipal facilities (water/ sewer plants) and hydrants. This task is contracted out in Cheticamp. Municipal staff conduct the work in Inverness, Mabou and Port Hood. During the recent storm, some residents expressed concerns that community sidewalks were not cleared in a timely manner. Keith will meet with Municipal staff to ensure that weekend snow clearing schedules are in place moving forward.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was provided to Council from the office of MP Mike Kelloway regarding the Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program (HASCAP)

**LANDLINE SERVICE INTERRUPTION**

Some councillors noted that during the recent snowstorm, and subsequent power outage, some residential telephone land lines stopped working. A Bell Aliant battery backup system was not operating. This is a huge safety concern. It was agreed that this issue will be an agenda item for the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

