

**Municipality of the County of Inverness**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**9:30 am**  
**Council Chambers**

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

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

Warden Cranton called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and welcomed all in attendance. Roll Call was taken.

**1. WATER METER REPLACEMENT UPDATE**

Inefficiencies with the water billings led to the water meter replacement and upgrade project in 2019. This project saw the Municipality retrofit usable water meters and upgrade others with the new Neptune meters. Over 1500 meters were upgraded with the new Neptune meters. Some are still awaiting the upgrade. Overall, the Municipality's water utility revenues have increased since this project began. The remainder of the water meter replacement project will cost \$28,000.00.

**MOTION:** *That Council approve the \$28,000.00 cost of completing the remainder of the water meter replacement project with funds coming from the Gas Tax funds.*

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Poirier

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Warden MacIsaac

**MOTION CARRIED**

**2. BUDGET DISCUSSION: GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS**

The Director of Finance, Tanya Tibbo, led a discussion on the various categories for Grants to Organizations which form part of the operating budget. These categories include Transportation, Protective Services, Community Development Grants, Cultural and Tourism Grants, Cultural

Centre Grants, Recreation Grants, Arena Grants, Libraries as well as various Grants to Organizations. These grants were highlighted for upcoming budget meetings and further discussion.

Recommendation made by Councillor MacLennan to defer any un-spent community development grants for one year - If such grants are un-spent in the fiscal year in which they have been budgeted, they are to be rolled over to the next fiscal year.

*12:32pm – Warden Cranton left Council Chambers to take a phone call; Deputy Warden Maclsaac took over as chair.*

*12:37 pm – recess for lunch*

*1:30 pm – resume from lunch*

*1:30 pm – Warden Cranton returned as Chair.*

### **3. ICE STORM IMPACT**

During the 2021 Easter Weekend, (April 3 & 4, 2021), Inverness County experienced extreme weather in the form of an ice storm, which left many residents without power, downed many trees and branches, and caused severe damage to some roads and culverts. Council discussed their concerns regarding this ice storm and noted that it would be ideal to develop a Master Emergency Measures Plan going forward.

**MOTION:** *That a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Active Transit for the access of funds required to do proper repairs to roads as a result of recent weekend storm.*

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Maclsaac

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Chisholm

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **4. IN CAMERA**

The purpose of the In Camera session was to discuss matters related to:

- a) Personnel Matters.

**MOTION:** *That Council move to “In Camera” at 2:07 pm.*

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Maclsaac

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** *That Council move out of “In Camera” at 2:43 pm.*

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Maclsaac

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Poirier

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. NEXT MEETING**

Committee of the Whole: April 15, 2021 at 9:30 am (followed by Budget Meeting)

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *That Council adjourn at 2:43 pm.*

**Moved:** Councillor Poirier

**MOTION CARRIED**