

**Municipality of the County of Inverness**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**3:00 pm**

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  
Charlotte MacDonald, Manager of Recreation  
Erin Gillis, Manager of Operations and Occupational Health and Safety

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

**1. COVID-19 – MUNICIPAL RESPONSE TO PROVINCIAL RESTRICTIONS**

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in the province and the subsequent lockdown announced by the Provincial Government, the Municipality has implemented protocols to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. Where possible, staff are working from home. Staff providing essential services of the Municipality remain on site, and have been reminded of the importance of abiding by COVID-19 protocols. All Municipal meetings, including Council meetings, have reverted back to the Zoom platform for the time being. The Port Hood Administration Building is currently closed to the public. Courses hosted through the Department of Recreation have been cancelled, and equipment rentals through the Department of Recreation have been cancelled for the time being. The Kenloch Transfer Station remains open with no appointment required and the Municipal Recycling facility remains open. All non-essential work with contractors has been suspended. Essential contractors are required to follow COVID-19 protocols while working within the Municipality.

**2. TEMPORARY BORROWING RESOLUTION**

Recommendation to Council that the following Temporary Borrowing Resolution be approved

at the May 6, 2021 Regular meeting of Council:

*WHEREAS Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act provides that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, may borrow to expend funds for a capital purpose as authorized by statute;*

*WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness has adopted a capital budget for this fiscal year as required by Section 65 of the Municipal Government Act and are so authorized to expend funds for a capital purpose as identified in their capital budget; and*

*WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of one million fifty five thousand two hundred Dollars (\$1,055,200.00) for the purposes of J Class Road Paving, 50% Cost Share;*

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT*

*under the authority of Section 66 of the Municipal Government Act, the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness borrow a sum or sums not exceeding one million fifty five thousand two hundred Dollars (\$1,055,200.00) for the purpose set out above, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs;*

*THAT the sum be borrowed by the issue and sale of debentures of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness to such an amount as the Council deems necessary;*

*THAT the issue of debentures be postponed pursuant to Section 92 of the Municipal Government Act and that the Council borrow from time to time a sum or sums not exceeding one million fifty five thousand two hundred Dollars (\$1,055,200.00) in total from any chartered bank or trust company doing business in Nova Scotia;*

*THAT the sum be borrowed for a period not exceeding Twelve (12) Months from the date of the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing of this resolution;*

*THAT the interest payable on the borrowing be paid at a rate to be agreed upon; and*

*THAT the amount borrowed be repaid from the proceeds of the debentures when sold.*

### **3. 2021/2022 J CLASS ROAD PROVINCIAL APPROVALS**

Correspondence was received from the Department of Transportation and Active Transit regarding the roads that have been approved by that Department under the Cost Shared

Program for Paving of Subdivision (J Class) Streets for fiscal year 2021-22. That Department approved the following three roads:

Road Name	Description	KM's	Total Cost Estimate (excludes HST)	Cost Share Estimate (excludes HST)
Old Deepdale Road	from Silverwood Lane to Maple Street Extension, paving	0.17	\$70,000	\$35,000
Lovers Lane	from Trunk 4 northerly 156 m, repaving	0.156	\$90,000	\$45,000
Lochness Street	from Maple Street to end of listing, repaving	0.213	\$70,000	\$35,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>0.539</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>\$115,000</b>

Staff will determine whether any of the above-noted roads would be affected by infrastructure projects planned for the summer.

Recommendation that the Municipality contact the Department of Infrastructure and Active Transit to request details of the selection process for roads receiving paving upgrades under the Cost Shared Program for Paving of J Class Roads.

#### **4. PORT HOOD WELLFIELD TESTING**

Special Projects Facilitator, Melanie Beaton, provided an overview on the wells serving the community of Port Hood, and the supply of water versus the demand in Port Hood. The Nova Scotia Department of the Environment (NSE) has given the Municipality a deadline of July 18, 2021 to provide them with the necessary information to amend the approval to operate at current limits. A 72 hour pump test must be performed at the Dunmore well in order to obtain this approval. The budget for the 72 hour pump test is \$57,638.00.

Recommendation to Council to approve this 72 hour pump test at the Dunmore/PW 1 in Port Hood in the amount of \$57,638.00 at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of Council, with funds coming from the Gas Tax.

#### **5. NEXT MEETINGS**

Regular Council: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 3:00 pm via Zoom

Special Meeting: May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 1:00 pm

Committee of the Whole: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 9:30 am

## 6. IN CAMERA

The purpose of today's In Camera session is:

- a) To discuss matters relating to the acquisition, sale, lease and security of municipal property;
- b) To discuss matters relating to personnel; and
- c) To discuss matters relating to legal advice eligible for solicitor-client privilege.

**MOTION:** *That Council move to "In Camera" at 3:43 pm.*

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Maclsaac

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Chisholm

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** *That Council move out of "In Camera" at 3:58 pm.*

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Maclsaac

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Gillis

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** *That Council adjourn at 4:00 pm.*

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Maclsaac

**MOTION CARRIED**