

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Special Meeting of Council
Wednesday, June 30th, 2021
1:15 pm
Video Conference

Present:

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
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Karolyn Aucoin, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist
Donna MacDonald, Director of Tourism and Culture
Charlotte MacDonald, Manager of Recreation

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Warden Cranton called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken.

2. CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW

CAO Keith MacDonald provided an overview of the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP). A number of Capital Projects were reviewed during previous meetings of Council. Some of these are very costly. Requests for funding to Federal and Provincial programs can be made to help offset these costs. One such funding avenue is the PCAP. The Provincial Capital Assistance Program is administered through the Department of Municipal Affairs and supports investment in high priority municipal infrastructure projects. Municipalities can apply for funding from the Provincial Capital Assistance Program annually to help reduce the cost of infrastructure projects. Projects are eligible to receive up to 50% of net eligible costs and should focus on water supply, sewage disposal or solid waste. Submissions to this program must be supported by a resolution of Council.

Three projects have been identified by staff as priorities:

1. Establishment of PW8 and WTP Upgrades, Inverness
2. Pre-Design and Detailed Design of Water, Wastewater Treatment Plants and Collection System and Wellfield Exploration, Judique
3. Detailed Design of Inverness Wastewater Treatment Plant and Outfall Repair

MOTION:

WHEREAS the Municipality of the County of Inverness, (the "Municipality"), wishes to make an application for partial funding of certain Municipal projects under the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) for the 2021– 2022 year;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Municipality of the County of Inverness, ("Council"), has reviewed and considered the project descriptions, overviews, consultant, and staff recommendations for three (3) Municipal projects to be included in the Municipality's application for partial funding under the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) for the 2021– 2022 year;

AND WHEREAS such projects are (1) the Establishment of PW8 & Water Treatment Plan Upgrades in the community of Inverness, (2) the Pre-Design and Detailed Design of Water, Wastewater Treatment Plants and Collection System and Wellfield Exploration in Judique, and (3) the Detailed Design of the Inverness Wastewater Treatment Plant & Outfall Repair;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to approve the Municipality's application for partial funding of the three (3) above-noted Municipal projects under the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) for the 2021- 2022 year and to establish the priority of such projects;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

THAT Council hereby approves the Municipality's application for partial funding of the following Municipal projects under the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP) for the 2021-2022 year, and that such projects be prioritized in the following order:

- 1) Establishment of PW8 & WTP Upgrades Inverness
 - Total Project Costs (net HST): \$374,925.00
 - Provincial Contribution: \$187,462.50
 - Ultimate Municipal Cost: \$187,462.50

- 2) Pre-Design and Detailed Design of Water, Wastewater Treatment Plants and Collection System and Wellfield Exploration, Judique
 - Total Project Costs (net HST): \$856,930.64
 - Provincial Contribution: \$428,465.32
 - Ultimate Municipal Cost: \$428,465.32

- 3) Detailed Design of Inverness Wastewater Treatment Plant & Outfall Repair—
 - Total Project Costs (net HST): \$894,773.84
 - Provincial Contribution: \$447,386.92
 - Ultimate Municipal Cost: \$447,386.92

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden MacIsaac

MOTION CARRIED

3. GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET MOTION - AMENDMENT

MOTION:

WHEREAS at the June 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, Council for the Municipality of the County of Inverness (“Council”), approved the Municipality’s 2021 -2022 General Operating Budget by way of motion;

AND WHEREAS following the June 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, it was discovered that the Wastewater Service Area Rates in that motion did not accurately reflect the Municipality’s approved 2021-2022 General Operating Budget;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to amend that motion to accurately reflect the Wastewater Service Area rates for the Municipality’s approved 2021-2022 General Operating Budget;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the June 3, 2021 motion of Council approving the Municipality’s 2021-2022 General Operating Budget is hereby amended by deleting the following:

Wastewater Area Rates

- *Wastewater Service Area Rate – Districts 3,4,5,6: \$0.374 Per \$100 of assessment*
- *Wastewater Service Area Rate – District 1: \$0.363 per \$100 of assessment*

and replacing it with the following:

Wastewater Area Rates

- *Wastewater Service Area Rate – District 1: \$0.374 Per \$100 of assessment*
- *Wastewater Service Area Rate – Districts 3,4,5,6: \$0.363 per \$100 of assessment*

2. **THAT** except as specifically amended herein, the June 3, 2021 motion of Council approving the Municipality’s 2021-2022 General Operating Budget continues in full force and effect, unamended.

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED

4. COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

a. BAYVIEW EDUCATION CENTRE – Bayview Education Centre Trails

Recommendation to Council that Municipal staff continue working with the Bayview Education Centre and the Trails Federation and other funding partners to find a way forward for funding of the Bayview Education Centre Trails project.

b. JUDIQUÉ PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE – Judique Playground and Tennis Courts

MOTION: *That Council fund this \$15,000.00 request in full with \$5,000.00 being funded through the District 6 CDC Budget and \$10,000.00 being funded through the Recreation Facility Budget.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden MacIsaac

MOTION CARRIED

c. NORTH MOUNTAIN CULTURAL AND RECREATION CENTRE – Community Building Roof Repairs, Waterfront

MOTION: *That Council fund this \$7,000.00 request in full with \$2,000.00 being funded through the District 6 CDC Budget, and \$5,000.00 being funded through the \$300,000.00 capital amount budgeted from Gas Tax for the Tourism Strategy (Canada's Musical Coast).*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden MacIsaac

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

d. ST. MARYS PARISH HALL SOCIETY – Generator Installation Project

MOTION: *That Council deny this request of the St. Mary's Parish Hall.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

e. MARGAREE SALMON ASSOCIATION – Accessibility Improvements

MOTION: *That Council fund this \$1,500.00 request in full with funds from the District 2 Community Grant Funding.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

f. MABOU AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION – Marina Enhancements

MOTION: *That Council fund this \$5,000.00 request in full with \$2,000.00 being funded through the District 5 CDC Budget and \$3,000.00 being funded through the \$300,000.00 capital amount budgeted from Gas Tax for the Tourism Strategy (Canada's Musical Coast).*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: John MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED

g. DR. BERNIE MACLEAN CULTURAL AND RECREATION CENTRE – Emergency Door Upgrade

MOTION: *That Council fund this \$9,487.50 request in full with funds from the 2021-2022 Recreation Facility Budget.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

h. WHYCOCOMAGH WATERFRONT CENTRE – Waterfront Enhancements

MOTION: *That Council fund this \$25,000.00 request in full with \$5,000.00 being funded through the District 4 CDC Budget and \$20,000 being funded through the \$300,000.00 capital amount budgeted from Gas Tax for the Tourism Strategy (Canada's Musical Coast).*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 3:28 pm*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Maclsaac

MOTION CARRIED

