

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Special Meeting of Council
Tuesday, September 28th, 2021
11:30 am
Council Chambers

MINUTES

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Christine Murray, Manager of Legal and Governance
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Donna MacDonald, Director of Tourism and Culture
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator
Charlotte MacDonald, Manager of Recreation

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 11:30 am and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken. Acknowledgement was made that the land on which we gather is located in the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. REVIEW OF THE AUDIT REPORT: GRANT THORNTON

Rob Wadden, CA with Grant Thornton presented the consolidated financial statements for the Municipality to March 31, 2021 to Council.

MOTION: *That Council accept the consolidated financial statements as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Warden Cranton
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council accept the audit report as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

3. NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

MOTION: *That the Municipality observe September 30th as a statutory holiday following the provisions of the Federal and Provincial guidelines.*

MOVED BY: Warden Cranton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

4. LITTLE SPIRITS SOCIETY – GLOBAL WAVE OF LIGHT EVENT

MOTION: *That the Municipality support the Global Wave of Light event with the following:*

- i. Hosting a Lighting Ceremony at the Port Hood Municipal Building on October 15th, 2021;*
- ii. Allow use of Council Chambers in the event of inclement weather; and*
- iii. Promotion of the event by the Municipality via Facebook.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

5. CHETICAMP OUTFALL PROJECT

This project involves the repair of the Chéticamp Sanitary Sewage Outfall that was damaged during Hurricane Dorian and is under the Nova Scotia Environment regulatory compliance directive to repair. Tender MCI-TEN-2021-005 Replacement of Chéticamp Sewer Outfall was issued on September 2nd, 2021 and closed on September 16th, 2021.

MOTION: *That the tender MCI-TEN-2021-005 be awarded to Zutphen Contractors for \$455,658.50 plus net HST for a total of \$501,258.50 (including net HST). The funding for this repair is expected to be reimbursed through the Federal Hurricane Dorian Disaster Mitigation Fund.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Warden Cranton

MOTION CARRIED

Recess: 12:12 pm – 12:45 pm

6. DAVIS PIER REPORT: ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW UPDATE

Devon Gillis and Angus MacIntosh from Davis Pier presented to Council. In 2017 Davis Pier completed an Organizational Review of the operations and governance of the Municipality of the County of Inverness. Through that Organizational Review, recommendations were developed in

five main areas. Through the Update process, the progress of each recommendation was assessed based on consultations with Council and staff, and review of relevant documentation. A current status was assigned to each recommendation, ranging from “implemented”, “underway” or “not yet started”. Davis Pier reported on its findings from the Update, and reviewed same with Council.

7. “IN CAMERA”

The purpose of entering into “In Camera” at today’s meeting is to discuss matters relating to:

- a) Personnel

MOTION: *That Council move to “In Camera” at 1:45 pm.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council move out of “In Camera” at 2:15 pm.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council accept the Organizational Review Update as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

8. NEXT MEETING

Regular meeting of Council – Thursday October 7th, 3:00 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 2:17 pm.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED