

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, November 4th, 2021
3:00 pm
Council Chambers

MINUTES

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

Regrets: Councillor John MacLennan

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Deputy Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm 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. Condolences were extended to Councillor MacLennan and family on the recent passing of his wife Monica MacLennan.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the Agenda be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Nominating Committee Meeting minutes of October 7, 2021 be approved as presented.*

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

MOTION: *That the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 7, 2021 be approved as presented.*

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

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of October 21, 2021 be approved as presented.*

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

4. UPDATE: Chestley Carr; Director of Public Works, New SCADA System

SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) is in place within the Municipal Water Treatment Facilities. It is a digital network that can gather and analyze real-time data, allowing for high-level supervision of machines and processes. An operational overview can be accessed for any plant at any time. The lift stations will be on the Municipal SCADA system soon. Alarms can be received via text message, allowing for staff to respond to situations in a timely fashion.

5. AMENDMENT TO SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE POLICY

At the October 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting Council received a Notice of Motion to amend the Sidewalk Maintenance Policy. The amendment involves deleting “24 hours” from section 6(3) and replacing it with “72 hours”.

MOTION: *That Council adopt and accept the revised Sidewalk Maintenance Policy which deletes “24 hours” from section 6(3) and replacing it with “72 hours”.*

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

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. SPECIAL ELECTION ELECTRONIC VOTING

MOTION: *That electronic voting is the sole method of voting for the Special Municipal Election for District 1.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

b. POLICE ADVISORY BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

MOTION: *That Council approve the Joint Police Advisory Board Terms of Reference as presented in today's Council package.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

7. RINK REVITALIZATION FUND

The Port Hood & District Athletic Commission is seeking financial assistance to purchase a new Zamboni for the arena. The current Zamboni was purchased in 1994 and is a significant operational risk for the arena. The total project cost is \$154,662.00. The applicant has applied for one third of the project funding from the newly announced Rink Revitalization Fund Program (RRFP) or \$51,554.00. The applicant intends to fundraise \$20,173.00 in addition to providing a monetary contribution of \$51,554.00. The request of the Municipality is \$31,381.00.

Municipal staff has been directed to provide letters of support to the other three arenas in the Municipality (Cheticamp, Inverness and Mabou) towards any application they intend to submit to the Rink Revitalization Fund. Council will address any remaining applications that come forward from arenas at the November 18th Committee of the Whole.

8. DOMESTIC BURNING

Provincial rules on domestic burning end on October 15th. Recent brush fires near the village of Inverness resulted reduced air quality.

Recommendation to staff to seek a legal opinion on whether the Municipality has the authority to address domestic burning and provide a recommendation to Council on whether or not to implement a policy or by-law on this issue.

9. INVITATION TO DEPUTY PREMIER MACMASTER

MOTION: *That an invitation be extended to Inverness MLA MacMaster to attend a meeting of Council. In addition to meeting with Council, an invitation to meet with Municipal staff will be extended to MLA MacMaster.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

10. SECOND READING: VENDING BY-LAW

MOTION: *That Council approve second reading of the Vending By-Law as presented in today's Council Package.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

11. ADOPTION: VENDING PERMIT FEES POLICY

MOTION: *That Council adopt and approve the Vending Permit Fees Policy as presented in today's Council Package.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Warden Cranton

12. UPDATE: PORT HOOD AREA RESOURCE SOCIETY

Council approved a motion for the building located at 214 Main Street Port Hood to revert back to the Municipality. The legal transfer is complete. Some upgrades will follow at that building, and it will be repurposed for further use.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Rebate Programs for Low Income Nova Scotians:** Correspondence was received from the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities outlining some rebate programs for Low Income Nova Scotians.
- **Royal Canadian Legion:** Correspondence was received from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 043 with information for the Remembrance Day 2021 ceremony in Port Hawkesbury.

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 9th, 2021 10:00 am: Joint Council Session at We'koqma'q First Nation

November 18th, 2021 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

15. "IN CAMERA"

The purpose of entering into "In Camera" at today's meeting is to discuss matters relating to:

- a. Personnel matters

MOTION: *That Council Move to "In Camera" at 4:15 p.m.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council Move out of "In Camera" at 4:30 p.m.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 4:30 p.m.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
MOTION CARRIED