

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, December 2nd, 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
Councillor John MacLennan

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Jenna Beaton, Chief of Staff
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
Chestley Carr, Director of Public Works
Ellen Murphy, Manager of Infrastructure

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.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the Agenda be approved as presented.*
Moved by: Councillor Chisholm
Seconded by: Councillor Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Regular Council Meeting minutes of November 4th, 2021 be approved as presented.*
Moved by: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of November 18th, 2021 be approved as presented.*

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

4. UPDATE: MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHT REQUESTS

Requests for street light installations have been made by Council and submitted to NS Power. The anticipated completed date for installations is late January 2022.

5. MUNICIPAL AUDIT COMMITTEE VACANCY

There is an opening for a member of the public to serve on the Municipal Audit Committee. The Municipality must advertise this volunteer opportunity.

MOTION: *That Council advertise the vacancy on the Municipal Audit Committee via the advertisement provided in today's Council package.*

MOVED BY: Warden Cranton
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

6. FIRST READING: BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE VOTING BY TELEPHONE/INTERNET FOR THE 2022 SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE DISTRICT 1 COUNCILLOR

MOTION: *That Council approve First Reading of the By-Law to authorize the voting by telephone/internet for the 2022 Special Election for the District 1 Councillor.*

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

7. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

District 1 Municipal Councillor Alfred Poirier has indicated his intent to retire as of December 31, 2021. The following committees will have a vacancy as of January 1, 2022: Planning and Advisory, Eastern District Planning Commission, Eastern Counties Regional Library, and the Municipal Housing Corporation. Council will make recommendations to fill these vacancies at an upcoming Nominating Committee meeting.

8. WINTER MAINTENANCE RFP UPDATE

The Municipality sought quotes for the provision of services related to winter sidewalk maintenance. The following companies will be addressing Winter Sidewalk Maintenance for the 2021-2022 winter season: Cape Breton Concrete Army in Whycomomagh, O'Connor's Ground Works in Port Hood and Chiasson Brothers in Chéticamp. Municipal staff will be servicing the communities of Inverness and Mabou regarding Winter Sidewalk Maintenance.

9. NOVEMBER 23rd STORM UPDATE

A significant weather event impacted Nova Scotia on Tuesday November 23rd, 2021. Parts of Victoria County experienced the brunt of the damage due to unprecedented rainfall totals. Municipal Staff have been contacted by the Emergency Management Office (EMO) to determine the level of damage experienced. A request for assistance was received from Victoria County and Municipal staff reached out in the days following the storm to provide aid.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- WELLFIELD EXPLORATION AT PW1 PORT HOOD

MOTION: *That Council approve drilling a replacement production well in the vicinity of PW1 in Port Hood due to significant deterioration at an estimated cost of \$86,064.62 with funds coming from the Gas Tax Fund.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

- ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: TERMS OF REFERENCE AND VISION STATEMENT

MOTION: *That Council adopt the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and Vision Statement as presented in today's Council Package.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

- LOAN GUARANTEE: CHÉTICAMP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MOTION: *That Council approve the loan guarantee request for the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$ 136,331.00 for the purpose of refinancing a loan for the 2013 International Tracker.*

WHEREAS the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department is a registered fire department with the Municipality of the County of Inverness;

WHEREAS the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department is incorporated by the Societies Act;

WHEREAS the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of One Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$136,331.00) for the purpose of Refinancing a loan for a 2013 International Tracker by special resolution on the 10th day of November, 2021, as per Section 10 (d) of the Societies Act;

WHEREAS the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department has requested the Municipality of The County of Inverness; to guarantee the said borrowing;

WHEREAS Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes; and

WHEREAS Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED

THAT the Municipality of the County of Inverness does hereby approve the borrowing by the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department of One Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$136,331.00) for the purpose set out above;

THAT subject to the approval of the Minister of the Municipal Affairs and Housing of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

THAT upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

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

- RINK REVITALIZATION FUND: DR. BERNIE MACLEAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CENTRE

MOTION: *That Council support this request of \$30,000.00 with funds coming from the following:*

- \$7628.13 – Recreation Facility Grant
- \$22,371.87 – Municipal Facility Capacity Grant

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

- RINK REVITALIZATION FUND: MABOU AND DISTRICT ATHLETIC CENTRE

MOTION: *That Council support this request of \$44,522.92 with funds coming from the following*

- \$7628.13 – Recreation Facility Grant
- \$36,894.79 – Municipal Facility Capacity Grant

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

- RINK REVITALIZATION FUND: PORT HOOD AND DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION

MOTION: *That Council support this request of \$31,381.00 with funds coming from the following*

- \$7628.13 – Recreation Facility Grant
- \$23,752.87 – Municipal Facility Capacity Grant

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

- RINK REVITALIZATION FUND: NORTH INVERNESS RECREATION CENTRE ASSOCIATION

MOTION: *That Council support this request of \$40,000.00 with funds coming from the following*

- \$7628.13 – Recreation Facility Grant
- \$32,371.87 – Municipal Facility Capacity Grant

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

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- **West Bay Road and District Volunteer Fire Department** - Correspondence was received from the West Bay Road and District Volunteer regarding a lack of availability of the dry hydrants they operate from.
Direction to staff to investigate the dry hydrant location in Glendale and report back to Council at the January 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

- **New Horizons for Seniors Funding**

MOTION: *That Council provide a letter of support to the Glendale and Area Community Cooperative towards accessing the New Horizons for Seniors Funding.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

December 16th, 2021 9:15 am: Nominating Committee

December 16th, 2021 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 3:39 p.m.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED