

**Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, May 5th, 2022
3:00 pm**

MINUTES

Council: Warden Bonny MacIsaac
Deputy Warden Catherine Gillis
Councillor Lynn Chisholm
Councillor John MacLennan
Councillor Claude Poirier

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken. Warden MacIsaac acknowledged that the land on which we gather is located in the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: ESTHER POND

Warden MacIsaac acknowledged the recent passing of Esther Pond. Mrs. Pond was a former resident of Port Hood and was the last surviving World War II veteran of Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 132. She will be dearly missed by her family and many friends.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the agenda be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Nominating Committee Meeting minutes of April 7th, 2022 be approved as presented.*

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

MOTION: *That the Regular Council Meeting minutes of April 7th, 2022 be approved as presented.*

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

MOTION: *That the Special Meeting minutes of April 21st, 2022 be approved as presented.*

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

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of April 21st, 2022 be approved as presented.*

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

MOTION: *That the Special Meeting minutes of April 28th, 2022 be approved as presented.*

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

5. PROCLAMATION: GAELIC AWARENESS

The following statement was read by Warden Maclsaac in recognition of May 2022 being proclaimed Gaelic Awareness Month in the Municipality of the County of Inverness:

WHEREAS *2022 marks the 26th anniversary of Gaelic Nova Scotia month which is a time to recognize, honour and celebrate the history, culture, language, contributions, and achievements of Gaels across the province; and*

WHEREAS *Gaelic culture is an integral part of the identity of Nova Scotia and one of the earliest non-Indigenous cultures to settle in Mi'kma'ki and*

WHEREAS *new generations of language learners and cultural champions carry on the legacy of Gaelic Nova Scotia's tradition bearers; and*

WHEREAS *government remains committed to collaborating with Gaelic communities to support opportunities for enhanced learning to ensure Gaelic language and culture will thrive in the Municipality of the County of Inverness.*

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- WIND TURBINE BY-LAW

MOTION: *That for a period of six months starting today no development permits or applications be received for a large or small scale wind turbine until the Municipality reviews requirements for large and small scale wind development permits and upon a motion by Council where additional time deemed necessary, perhaps six months or a year to complete that review process and possibly consider to extend that period by a further six months if necessary. Staff will be directed to initiate a review of the wind land use by-law today.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

Councillor Poirier, Warden MacIsaac, Deputy Warden Gillis and Councillor Chisholm voted in favour. Councillor MacLennan voted against.

MOTION CARRIED

- MARGAREE AREA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (efficiency upgrades)

MOTION: *That Council fund this request (\$6401.76 for efficiency upgrades) in full with funds coming from unspent 2021-2022 District # 2 CDC funds.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

- GLENDALE & AREA COMMUNITY COOPERATIVE (outdoor stage renovations)

MOTION: *That Council fund this request (\$23,563.93 for outdoor stage renovations) in full as follows:*

\$5,000.00 – District 6 2022-2023 CDC funding (pending budget approval)

\$6,781.97 – Regional CDC Budget

The remaining 50% (\$11,781.97) – to be carried forward into budget deliberations

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

- LIT UP ADVENTURES (MacFarlane Brook Trail Development)

MOTION: *That Council table the current request from Lit Up Adventures to fund the MacFarlane Brook Trail Development via the Scotia Wind Fund in the amount of \$10,000.00 until additional project information can be received.*

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

7. LETTER OF SUPPORT: HORTON SOLAR INC.

MOTION: *That Council provide a letter of support for the Horton Solar Project and ask for further information such as logistics, exact location and project size.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Damian MacInnis: Proposed Out of Province Property Tax:** Earlier today the Province of Nova Scotia decided to not proceed with a proposed additional tax for out of province property owners. The non-resident deed transfer tax will remain.

MOTION: *That Council provide a thank you letter to the Province of Nova Scotia for deciding to remove the proposed out of province property tax. In addition, the Municipality will enquire on how the non-resident deed transfer tax will be administered and collected.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

May 19th, 2022 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 3:31 p.m.*
MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
MOTION CARRIED