

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2022
Council Chambers
3:00 pm

MINUTES

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO
Chestley Carr, Director of Public Works
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator
Erin Gillis, Manager of Operations

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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the agenda be approved with the following addition: Agenda Item "Committees of Council Vacancies" will be on today's agenda as item # 5.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Regular Meeting minutes of September 1, 2022 be approved presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Nominating Committee Meeting minutes of September 15th, 2022 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of September 15th, 2022 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Special Meeting minutes of September 29th, 2022 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

CAO Keith MacDonald took over as meeting chair

4. MID TERM ELECTION FOR WARDEN AND DEPUTY WARDEN

APPOINTMENT OF WARDEN

Nominations were received from the floor for the Office of Warden of the Municipality of the County of Inverness. Councillor Gillis nominated Councillor MacIsaac for the Office of Warden, seconded by Councillor Poirier; Councillor MacIsaac accepted the nomination. With no further nominations for the Office of Warden, nominations closed. Councillor MacIsaac was declared the Warden and was sworn in by Justice of the Peace Fulton MacPherson.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY WARDEN

Nominations were received from the floor for the Office of Deputy Warden of the Municipality of the County of Inverness. Councillor Chisholm nominated Councillor Gillis for the Office of Deputy Warden, seconded by Councillor Phillips; Councillor Gillis accepted the nomination. With no further nominations for the Office of Deputy Warden, nominations closed. Councillor Gillis was declared the Deputy Warden and was sworn in by Justice of the Peace Fulton MacPherson.

Warden MacIsaac resumed the position of meeting chair.

5. COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL VACANCIES

MOTION: *That Councillor Claude Poirier participate in the Strait Area Transit (SAT) committee.*

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

MOTION: *That Warden Bonny MacIsaac and Councillor Blair Phillips participate in the Port Hawkesbury Airport committee.*

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

6. WASTE REDUCTION WEEK

Launched in 2001, Waste Reduction Week (WRW) has become Canada's largest waste reduction public awareness campaign that educates, promotes, and celebrates individual and collective environmental efforts and achievements while encouraging new and innovative ideas. This year, the theme is swap, share, thrift, repair and is celebrated from October 17th-23rd, 2022. This year the Municipality has partnered with six local thrift stores to promote the thrift aspect of this year's theme. Participating thrift stores are the Green Door, Hope Chest, The Closet, The Ark, Worth the Wait Consignments and The ROC Store. From October 17th to 23rd, during regular operational hours, each thrift store will be promoting our Halloween Costume Event which encourages people to donate past Halloween costumes and shop second-hand for a new one.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Appeal of outstanding balance; water account number 210633.00

MOTION: *That Council support the Rules and Regulations Governing the Supply of Water and Water Services as approved by the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board and reiterate to Dr. John Waters Medical Centre that the bill is appropriate for water account number 210633.00*

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

- AAN 04874757 charitable tax exemption

MOTION: *That Council approve a charitable tax exemption of \$1,442.05 for assessment account number 04874757 for the 2023 fiscal year. In addition, it is approved that staff add this property for future consideration to the list of properties provided to council annually under Bylaw 35, Tax Exemption By-Law for Charitable Properties.*

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

- Capital cost of water meters – fiscal 2022

MOTION: *That Council approve to fund the capital cost of \$22,346.72 for water meters for fiscal year 2022 from the Gas Tax Reserve.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

- Community Grant Application: Lake Ainslie Craft and Weavers Guild

MOTION: *That Council approve to fund this \$7538.00 request in full with funds coming from the following sources:*

➤ *50 % (or \$3,769.00) from District 3 CDC funds*

➤ *50 % (or \$3,769.00) from District 4 CDC funds*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED

- Community Grant Application: Cranton Cross Road Community Centre (efficiency improvements)

MOTION: *That Council approve to fund this request in the following manner:*

➤ *\$10,000.00 from District 2 CDC funds*

➤ *\$10,000.00 from the Scotian Wind Fund*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

8. PLANNING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Mildred Lane, Newtown Cottage Development

MOTION: *That Council approve a Development Agreement for tourist/cabins with a maximum of 4 tourist cottages/cabins at PID 50001650, 38 Mildred's Lane, Port Hastings, NS and give First Reading and schedule a public hearing.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED

- Cheticamp, Accessory Building Home Occupations

MOTION: *That Council approve the proposed Land use By-Law text amendment attached as Appendix B and give First Reading and set a Public Hearing*

date.

Appendix B: Proposed Land Use By-Law Amendment

**A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE LAND USE BY-LAW FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF
THE COUNTY OF INVERNESS**

The Chéticamp Land Use By-law for the Municipality of the County of Inverness is hereby amended as follows:

1) In Part 5 adding the following text in bold:

Home Occupations

5.10 Nothing in this By-law shall prevent the use of a dwelling or accessory building in residential zone, except in the R-3 and MHP zones, for a home occupation including small sales or professional offices, hairstylists, barber shops, artisan workshops, and backyard mechanics in any dwelling or accessory building, provided that:

- a. the dwelling is occupied as a residence by the operator of the home occupation;*
- b. the external appearance of the residence and/or accessory building is not changed by the business use;*
- c. adequate parking is provided;*
- d. the home occupation does not use more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total floor area of the residence but can use one hundred (100) percent of an accessory building up to 900 ft², where accessory buildings exceed 900 ft², the home occupation does not use more than (50) percent of the accessory building;***
- e. one off-street parking space, other than that required for the dwelling is provided for every (200 ft²) of floor space occupied by the business or professional use;*
- f. there shall be no advertising other than a business identification plate or sign which has a maximum sign area of 5 ft² and which is attached to the main, or accessory building (but not both buildings) and provided also that the provisions of Part 6 of this By-law are satisfied;*
- g. no mechanical equipment is used externally except that reasonably consistent with the use of a dwelling or accessory building and;*
- h. no open storage or outdoor display shall be permitted.*
- i. except in the RR-1 Zone there are no more than two employees or assistants in addition to the operator of the business use*

MOVED BY:
SECONDED BY:
MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Warden Gillis
Councillor Poirier

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was received from the Nova Scotia Department of Public Works regarding the J Class Road Over Estimate Memo for the 2022-2023 year:

MOTION:

That Council agrees to fund the following projects as indicated:

Road Name	Original Estimate	Tender Amount	New Cost Share Amount	% Over original estimate
Hillcrest Drive, paving	\$110,000	\$179,000	\$89,500	+62.7%
Church Street, repaving	\$95,000	\$139,000	\$69,500	+46.3%

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 20th, 2022 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 3:34 pm*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED