

Municipality of the County of Inverness  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, December 1st, 2022  
Council Chambers  
3:00 pm

MINUTES

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

Excused: Councillor Blair Phillips

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
Tanya Tibbo, CFO  
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO  
Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator  
Maura Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator  
Erin Gillis, Manager of Operations/Operational 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** *That the Regular Meeting minutes of November 10, 2022 be approved presented.*  
**MOVED BY:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Warden Gillis  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** *That the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of November 24th, 2022 be approved as presented.*

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Chisholm

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor MacLennan

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATION: CHÉTICAMP ECONOMIC COUNCIL(CEC); Andre Bourgeois**

Andre Bourgeois presented to Council on behalf of the Chéticamp Economic Council (CEC). In June of this year the CEC presented to Council expressing an interest in obtaining the former NSLC property in Chéticamp. The CEC has recently been in discussions with Irving to potentially obtain the adjacent property also. This property is on the Cabot Trail and is near the popular Gypsum Mine Trail location.

**5. PRESENTATION: EASTERN DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION (EDPC); John Bain**

John Bain updated Council on the Municipal Wind Turbine By-Law. EDPC staff began undertaking a review of the By-Law earlier this year. Other Municipal Wind Turbine By-Laws were studied, as well as the Government of Canada Wind Turbine Noise and Health Study. International Wind Turbine projects were studied as well. All relevant information was combined into a report that will be presented at a future meeting of the Planning and Advisory (PAC) Committee in approximately six months.

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**NORTH MOUNTAIN CULTURAL & RECREATION CENTRE ASSOCIATION; COMMUNITY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS**

**MOTION:** *That Council fund fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost from District 6's CDC budget (\$4,606.25)*

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Gillis

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Chisholm

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AAN 03427269 - WRITE-OFF HOUSE VALUE DUE TO FIRE**

**MOTION:** *That Council write off the residential rate of taxes and interest for the value of the house which was destroyed due to a fire on January 26th, 2022. (5696 Cabot Trail in Lake O'Law).*

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Gillis

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Chisholm

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **7. VENDING BY-LAW REVIEW**

The current Municipal Vending By-Law has been in effect for almost one year, having replaced the former Auctioneers, Hawkers, Peddlers and Traders of Goods By-Law. This item will be on the December 15<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting agenda. Until then, Council can gather any feedback from constituents regarding this By-Law.

## **8. POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL UPDATE**

A draft version of the updated Municipal Policy and Procedure Manual will be made available for Council prior to the December 15<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.

## **9. NOVA SCOTIA EMERGENCY MEASURES OFFICE (EMO)**

The regional field staff officer for EMO in Cape Breton, George Muise is due to retire soon. He has been a key resource person for the Municipality during and after hurricanes and major weather events in recent years. It is uncertain if this position will continue to be staffed after the retirement of Mr. Muise.

*Direction to staff to send a letter to the Provincial Emergency Measures Office to stress the need for the retention of this staff person in the Cape Breton region.*

## **10. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE MEDAL RECIPIENTS**

A reception was held earlier today where the following five Municipal employees were presented with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal:

Tanya Tibbo – Director of Finance  
Chestley Carr – Director of Public Works  
Melanie Beaton – Special Projects Facilitator  
Erin Gillis – Manager of Operations and Occupational Health and Safety  
Charlotte MacDonald – Manager of Recreation and Community Wellness

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Correspondence was received from Environment Nova Scotia regarding new requirements for the storage and disposal of construction and demolition (C&D) debris at municipal facilities. A more detailed update will follow at the next meeting of Council.
- Correspondence was received from the Provincial department of Health and Wellness regarding a series of community open houses taking place across the province to address concerns and work toward improving health care.

## **12. NEXT MEETING DATE**

December 15th, 2022 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 3:33 pm*  
MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm  
MOTION CARRIED