

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, May 4th, 2023
Council Chambers
3:00 pm

MINUTES

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
 Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO
 Erin Gillis, Manager of Operations and Occupational Health and Safety
 Chestley Carr, Director of Public Works
 Jenna Beaton, Chief of Staff
 Joe Carew, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist

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 Chisholm
SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips
MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Regular Meeting minutes of April 6th, 2023 be approved presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of April 20th, 2023 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

4. PROCLAMATION: LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

The following proclamation was read by Warden Maclsaac:

*WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a blacklegged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*; and*

WHEREAS blacklegged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick borne diseases;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Warden Bonny Maclsaac, on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Inverness, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month”.

5. PROCLAMATION: GAELIC NOVA SCOTIA MONTH

The following proclamation was read by Warden Maclsaac:

WHEREAS 2023 marks the 27th anniversary of Gaelic Nova Scotia Month which is a time to embrace, 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 are carrying on and building upon 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

THEREFORE I Warden Bonny Maclsaac do hereby proclaim May 2023 as “Gaelic Nova Scotia Month” in the Municipality of the County of Inverness.

6. PRESENTATION: MARGAREE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION; Neal Livingstone, Maria Coady, Brian Peters

The Margaree Environmental Association (MEA) presented a feasibility study of an indoor year-round aquatic and recreational centre proposed to serve western Cape Breton Island. The purpose of this study is to demonstrate the value of a zero-carbon year-round indoor aquatic centre to meet the health and recreation needs of residents. Highlights of the presentation included relevant examples of similar facilities, preliminary site considerations, concept modelling, an energy study and the community engagement aspect so far.

7. PRESENTATION: INVERNESS/VICTORIA FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE; Jamie van den Hoogen, Andrew MacLennan

The farms of Inverness and Victoria Counties are represented by the Inverness-Victoria Federation of Agriculture. The Federation has been actively and continuously involved in supporting Inverness County and the agriculture sector through numerous community and sector projects including our Agricultural Machinery Rental program.

The Machinery Rental program has resulted in a range of impacts on all our members big and small and to the community at large. They are seeking investment and partnerships so they can continue to pursue the Federation mission which is to ensure a competitive and sustainable future for the agricultural industry and a high quality of life for all the citizens of Inverness and Victoria counties.

8. SECOND READING: Amendments to the Inverness Land Use By-Law to rezone a portion of PID 50180603 from Residential Urban (R-1) to Public Park (O-1)

MOTION: *That Council give Second Reading to the amendment to the Inverness Secondary Land Use By-law to rezone a portion of PID # 50180603 (off of MacLean Street, Inverness) from Residential Urban (R-1) to Public Park (O-1).*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

i. TAX WRITE OFF: AAN 01709399

MOTION: *That Council write off the residential rate of taxes and interest on account number 01709399. The account will be adjusted by \$770.66 to reflect only the value of the house.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

ii. **COMMUNITY GRANT: INVERNESS VICTORIA FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE;
PRECISION AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT EXPANSION**

MOTION: *That Council fund this request for \$8,000.00 in full with funds coming from the Regional Community Development Grants Budget.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

iii. **J CLASS ROADS**

MOTION: *That Council accept the following approved project for the 2023-2024 J Class Streets Program: Chemin Poirier, from Cabot Trail (36 meters south of Robin's) to end of listing, repaving, 0.16 km, total cost estimate is \$70,000. Cost share estimate for the Municipality excluding HST is \$35,000.00*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

10. 2023 POLICING PRIORITIES

Council was reminded to bring forward policing priorities for the upcoming year as well the dates of summer festivals and gatherings. These will be forwarded to the RCMP.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Council was provided with a draft letter supporting the FCM statement on RCMP arrears. Direction was given to staff to issue the letter.

12. NEXT MEETING DATE

May 18th, 2023 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

13. IN CAMERA

The purpose for this "In Camera" session was to discuss matters relating to:

- Land

MOTION: *That Council go "In Camera" at 4:49 pm*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council go out of "In Camera" at 5:01 pm*
MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 5:01 pm*
MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED