

**Municipality of the County of Inverness**  
**Special Meeting of Council**  
**Thursday, May 11th, 2023**  
**Council Chambers**  
**5:15 pm**

**MINUTES**

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

Staff:             Keith MacDonald, CAO  
                      Tanya Tibbo, CFO  
                      Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO  
                      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 5:15 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 Poirier  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**                 *That the Special Meeting minutes of April 6th, 2023 be approved as presented.*  
**MOVED BY:**             Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED BY:**         Deputy Warden Gillis  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:**                 *That the Special Meeting minutes of May 4th, 2023 be approved as presented.*  
**MOVED BY:**             Councillor Chisholm  
**SECONDED BY:**         Councillor MacLennan  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### 4. PRESENTATION OF THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

**MOTION:** *That Council fund the Brand and Signature Spaces project from the Operating Reserve in the amount of \$206,959.25 for the 2023 fiscal year.*

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Gillis

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Poirier

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** *RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 72 of the Municipal Government Act, of the Province of Nova Scotia, the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness hereby authorize the levying and collection of a commercial property rate of \$1.91 per \$100 of taxable assessment, a residential tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 of taxable assessment, a resource tax rate of \$1.05 per \$100 of taxable assessment and a forest property rate of \$0.25 per acre for property based on the 2023 Assessment Roll provided by Property Valuation Services Corporation.*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council hereby authorize and levy the following area rates based on the 2023 Assessment Roll provided by Property Valuation Services Corporation:*

##### **Wastewater Area Rates**

Wastewater Service Area Rate - Districts 1 0.387 Per \$100 of assessment

Wastewater Service Area Rate - District 3, 4, 5, 6 0.376 Per \$100 of assessment

##### **District 1**

Cheticamp Volunteer Fire Department \$ 0.10 Per \$100 of assessment

Cheticamp Volunteer Fire Department (Commercial Rate) \$ 0.06 Per \$100 of assessment

Meat Cove Volunteer Fire Department \$ 60.00 Per 1 Dwelling Unit

Pleasant Bay Volunteer Fire Department \$ 125.00 Per 1 Dwelling Unit

##### **District 2**

North East Margaree Volunteer Fire Department \$ 0.10 Per \$100 of assessment

Margaree Volunteer Fire Department \$ 0.10 Per \$100 of assessment

Margaree Volunteer Fire Department (Commercial Rate) \$ 0.10 Per \$100 of assessment

LeMoine Volunteer Fire Department \$ 0.10 Per \$100 of assessment

Lemoine Volunteer Fire Department (Commercial Rate) \$ 0.10 Per \$100 of assessment

##### **District 3**

Inverness Volunteer Fire Department \$ 0.08 Per \$100 of assessment

##### **District 4**

Whycocomagh Volunteer Fire Department \$ 0.10 Per \$100 of assessment

Ainslee/Upper Margaree Volunteer Fire Department \$ 0.10 Per \$100 of assessment

Valley Mills Volunteer Fire Department \$ 0.10 Per \$100 of assessment

Blues Mills Volunteer Fire Department \$ 0.10 Per \$100 of assessment

Blues Mills Volunteer Fire Department (Commercial Rate) \$ 0.05 Per \$100 of assessment

**District 5**

|  |           |                            |
|--|-----------|----------------------------|
| Mabou (1 Dwelling) Volunteer Fire Department           | \$ 100.00 | Per 1 Dwelling Unit        |
| Mabou (More than 1 dwelling) Volunteer Fire Department | \$ 200.00 | More than 2 Dwelling Units |
| Port Hood Volunteer Fire Department                    | \$ 0.10   | Per \$100 of assessment    |
| Port Hood Volunteer Fire Department (Commercial Rate)  | \$ 0.06   | Per \$100 of assessment    |

**District 6**

|   |         |                         |
|---|---------|-------------------------|
| Port Hastings Volunteer Fire Department | \$ 0.13 | Per \$100 of assessment |
| Judique Volunteer Fire Department       | \$ 0.10 | Per \$100 of assessment |
| West Bay Road Volunteer Fire Department | \$ 0.15 | Per \$100 of assessment |

*FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council hereby require payment of the said rates to be made to the Tax Collector or Treasurer of the said Municipality on August 25th, 2023.*

*FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Council hereby impose an additional percentage of one percent per month on all rates and taxes remaining unpaid after August 25th, 2023.*

*FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council fixes April 1st, 2024 as the day after which the tax collector may proceed to issue warrants for the collection on all rates and taxes then unpaid.*

*That the 2024 General Operating Budget totalling \$22,641,900.00 for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2024 be approved.*

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

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *That Council adjourn at 6:25 pm*  
**MOVED BY:** Councillor Chisholm  
**MOTION CARRIED**