

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, June 8th, 2023
Council Chambers
11:00 am

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
 Joe Carew, Communications and Community Engagement Specialist
 Chestley Carr, Director of Public Works
 Brian Luciano, Director of Finance
 Jenna Beaton, Chief of Staff
 Maura Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator
 Rebecca Dunphy, Special Projects Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 11:00 am 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 MacLennan
SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Regular Council meeting minutes of May 4th 2023 be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Special Council meeting minutes of May 11th 2023 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of May 18th 2023 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

i. J Class Road Cost Share Agreement

MOTION: *That the Municipality of the County of Inverness participate in the three year cost share agreement for subdivision streets – Cost Share Agreement No. 2023-013.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Warden Bonny MacIsaac and CAO Keith MacDonald be authorized to sign Cost Share Agreement No. 2023-013.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

ii. Community Grant: Glendale Community Cooperative – Community Outdoor Space

MOTION: *That the Municipality fund this \$5,445.96 request in full with funds coming from District 6 Community Development Grant Funds.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

iii. Community Grant: Port Hood and District Recreation Commission – Fitness Centre Equipment

MOTION: *That the Municipality fund this \$ 12,501.00 request in full with funds coming from the following:
\$6,250.50 from District 5 Funds*

MOVED BY: *\$6,250.50 from the Recreation Facility Fund*
Councillor Chisholm
SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips
MOTION CARRIED

iv. **Community Grant: L'Acabie Grocery Delivery**

MOTION: *That the Municipality fund this \$5,000.00 request in full with funds coming from District 2 CDC Funds.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

v. **Community Grant: Conseil Economique de Chéticamp – Chéticamp Signs**

MOTION: *That the Municipality fund this \$3,507.50 request in full with funds coming from District 1 CDC funds.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips
MOTION CARRIED

5. PROVINCIAL GRANT RESOLUTIONS

MOTION: *Following review of the completed project description, the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness moves that the following application is rated and recommended first (1st) priority for application to the Provincial Capital Assistance Program (PCAP).*
1st Priority: Municipal Infrastructure Realignment, Port Hastings Rotary
The Nova Scotia Department of Public Works (NSDPW) plans to re-design the Port Hastings Rotary. There were no plans for Municipal water and sanitary sewer replacement in Port Hastings however a re-alignment is now required due to the changes proposed by NSDPW. Although the Municipal work was unplanned, it provides the Municipality with the opportunity to minimize infrastructure renewal costs by coordinating subsurface utility work and roadworks. This will eliminate resurfacing costs, reduce reinstatement costs, and eliminate near-future disturbances to the roadway from Municipal pipe breaks and emergency repairs. The Port Hastings water and sanitary sewer re-alignment and replacement work will address infrastructure condition, ensure the ease of future unplanned maintenance, and will protect the integrity of NSPW's infrastructure by re-locating as much Municipal subsurface utilities, as is possible, from underneath the province's transportation infrastructure.

Cost Breakdown:

Total Project Costs (net HST): \$2,890,954.00

Provincial Contribution: \$1,445,477.00

Ultimate Recipient Cost: \$1,445,477.00

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

Direction to staff that a letter be issued to the Provincial Department of Public Works to request a timeline of when the Municipal Infrastructure realignment at the Port Hastings Rotary is expected to occur.

6. POLICING PRIORITIES

Council provided their Policing Priorities for the upcoming year. These will be advanced to the RCMP:

District 1 – Councillor Claude Poirier – speeding, noise from vehicles

District 2 – Councillor Blair Phillips – senior scams, speeding, illegal dumping

District 3 – Warden Bonny MacIsaac – impaired driving, speeding, illegal drugs

District 4 – Councillor John MacLennan – speeding, noise, ATVs on roads

District 5 – Councillor Lynn Chisholm – speeding, vandalism (garbage boxes and mailboxes)

District 6 – Deputy Warden Gillis – speeding, greater police presence in the community

7. MARKETING LEVY BY-LAW TEMPLATE 2023

A draft of an updated marketing levy by-law was provided to Council. Destination Cape Breton CEO Terry Smith will present this item in further detail at a future meeting of Council.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- i. **Inverness County Homes Support Society:** Correspondence was received from the Inverness County Homes Support Society (ICHSS) requesting that a new board member serve on their Board of Directors from Inverness County Council. Staff will reach out to ICHSS to determine their frequency, time of day and location of board meetings.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

June 22nd, 2023 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 11:33 am*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED