

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, October 5th, 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
 Brian Luciano, Director of Finance
 Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO
 Jenna Beaton, Chief of Staff
 Melanie Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator

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. MI'KMAW HISTORY MONTH

The creation of Mi'kmaq History Month (*read by Warden Bonny MacIsaac*)

In 1993, Premier John Savage and Mi'kmaq Grand Chief Ben Sylliboy declared October as the official month to recognize and celebrate Mi'kmaq culture and heritage. Mi'kmaq History Month is celebrating its 30-year anniversary in 2023 and everyone is invited to join us in the celebration. Each October, community activities, events, sharing and showcasing the Mi'kmaq history takes place across Nova Scotia. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to participate in Mi'kmaq History Month events.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the agenda be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Regular Council meeting minutes of September 7th 2023 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Nominating Committee meeting minutes of September 21st 2023 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of September 21st 2023 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

5. ST FX MUSICAL COAST SOCIETY

A number of St. FX University students originally from Inverness County have formed a student society on campus. The goal of the society is to continue to connect students with the Municipality through various events on campus such as career days, or field trips back to the County. Ben MacKay is the Chairperson of the society and there is a membership of over 100 students. An invitation will be extended to the Society for them to present at a future meeting of Council.

6. WIND TURBINE POLICY REVIEW

Six public engagement sessions will be held during the month of October regarding the current land use by-law for the regulation of wind turbine development in the County of Inverness. Eastern District Planning Commission staff are currently reviewing the by-law and will update it based on feedback received from the public. Sessions will be held in the communities of Cheticamp, Inverness and Port Hastings twice daily on October 17, 18 and 19 2023.

7. UNSIGHTLY PREMISES APPLICATION: 3880 HIGHWAY 19, LONG POINT

A dangerous and unsightly premises complaint was received by the Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) in May of 2023 for 3880 Highway 19 Long Point. After performing an inspection of the property EDPC staff determined that the dwelling is severely neglected and dilapidated and recommend that an "Order to Remedy Condition" be issued and that the Order be a Demolition Order issued from Council to the owners.

MOTION: *That a Demolition Order be issued to Mr. Woody Chediac, owner of 3880 Highway 19 Long Point stating that the dwelling is to be demolished and all debris be removed and disposed of in the appropriate manner within thirty (30) days. Should the property owner fail to comply with this order the Municipality will complete the demolition and recover the costs.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Heritage and Culture Committee: Council representation

MOTION: *That Councillor Chisholm and Councillor Phillips participate in the Municipal Heritage and Culture Committee.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

II. Strait Superport Corporation Board: member nominee

MOTION: *That Council nominate Bruce Oliver to be the Municipality of the County of Inverness representative on the Strait of Canso Superport Corporation Board of Directors.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

III. Joint Police Advisory Board: Inverness County volunteer member

MOTION: *That Council accept the application of Murdock MacLeod to serve as a public member on the Joint Police Advisory Board for the Municipality of the County of Inverness, the Town of Mulgrave, and the Town of Port Hawkesbury.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Community Grant Application: We'koqma'q First Nation We'koqma'q L'nue'kati Mawiomi 2023

MOTION: *That Council fund this request in the amount of \$5,000.00 with funds coming from the Regional Funds.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips
MOTION CARRIED

V. Community Grant Application: North Mountain Cultural & Recreational Centre – Mobile Generator.

MOTION: *That Council fund this request in the amount of \$1458.00 with funds coming from Emergency Measures Funding.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED

VI. Road Naming Request: George's Lane

MOTION: *That Council approve the naming of an unnamed private lane off Militia Pt. Road to "George's Lane".*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED

VII. Road Naming Request: Chemin Ficheres Lane

MOTION: *That Council approve the naming of an unnamed private lane 65 metres south of Redman Rd, Point Cross to "Chemin Ficheres Lane".*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Early Learning and Child Care Public Engagement - The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be hosting community conversations across the province to explore early learning and child care needs and opportunities within child care centres, family home based care and before and after school care. There will be a session on October 5th at 6 pm in Inverness.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 19th, 2023 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 3:27 pm*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED