

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, November 2, 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
 Erin Gillis, Manager of Operations and Occupational Health and Safety
 Jonathan Martin, Eastern District Planning Commission Inspector

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 MacLennan
MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Regular Council meeting minutes of October 5th 2023 be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of October 19th 2023 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

4. DANGEROUS AND UNSIGHTLY PREMISES: 221 East Street, Port Hood

A dangerous and unsightly premises complaint was originally received by the Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) in 2019 for 221 East Street, Port Hood. A follow up complaint was received in early 2023, and inspections were carried out of the property during the summer. After performing an inspection of the property EDPC staff determined that the building 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.

The administration of the estate of the property at 221 East Street is currently in probate.

Direction to staff to contact legal counsel to determine any potential implications to the Municipality if a demolition order is issued to a property currently in probate.

5. EXPENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRINTED PAPER AND PACKAGING

The new Extended Producer Responsibility for Printed Paper and Packaging, or EPR for PPP, is a policy approach in which producers – the businesses that supply packaging and paper – are responsible for the end-of-life management of their materials. Packaging producers would therefore be responsible for the entire cost of recycling the packaging they place on the market including the cost of collection and treatment. The program is part of Nova Scotia’s plan to reduce waste disposal rates and cut greenhouse gas emissions.

MOTION: *That the Municipality opt into the Extended Producer Responsibility for Printed Paper and Packaging program.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

Direction to staff to follow up on what opting in to the EPR for PPP program will entail for the Municipality.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Margaree Kinette Club: Margaree Food Security Program

MOTION: *That Council support this \$3000.00 request in full with funds coming from*

District 2 CDC Funds.
MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Province of Nova Scotia: Cellular for Nova Scotia Program

The province of Nova Scotia is investing \$47.3 million to start the new Cellular for Nova Scotia Program, which will expand telecommunications infrastructure and communications networks throughout the province. Phase 1 of the program will improve cell coverage in the short term using existing infrastructure. A request for proposal for innovative and cost-effective solutions was issued on October 26. In Phase 2, the aim will be closing remaining gaps in coverage with new infrastructure.

MOTION: *That a thank you letter be issued to the Province of Nova Scotia from the Municipality on the Cellular for Nova Scotia program.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

- Office of the Premier: Nova Scotia's 2030 Clean Power Plan

Correspondence was provided to Council from the province of Nova Scotia outlining the future opportunities in renewable energy.

Direction to staff to invite a provincial representative to speak to Council about this initiative.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

November 16th, 2023 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

9. IN CAMERA

MOTION: *That the meeting go "in camera" at 3:41 pm to discuss a land and personnel item.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the meeting go out of "in camera" at 4:03 pm.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 4:03 pm*
MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED