

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, February 1st, 2024
Council Chambers
1:00 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, CFO
Melanie Beaton, Deputy CAO
Erin Gillis, COO
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO
Roy MacLean, Land Management and Acquisition

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 1:00 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 Council meeting minutes of January 11th 2024 be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION: MoneyPath; Jim Mustard and Diane Moulard

Money Path Atlantic is a new educational initiative that works with community organizations across Nova Scotia who are interested in expanding their inhouse programming to include financial literacy. The Inverness Hub for this initiative is located out of Mill Road Social Enterprises where the objective is making sure adults with intellectual disabilities have support when it comes to work, life and money. Areas of focus for Money Path include creating a budget, choosing a bank, saving, credit report, debt, and frauds and scams. Further information on this initiative can be found by email at info@moneyath.ca, or phone (902) 817-8032.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

I. North Mountain Cultural & Recreation Centre – heat pump and LED lighting

MOTION: *That Council approve the request of \$3,278.75 in whole from District 6 CDC funds.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

II. Port Hood & District Recreation Commission – roof repairs

MOTION: *That Council approve the request of \$31,803.00 in whole from the Recreation Facility Grant. If adequate funds are unavailable in the Recreation Facility Grant, the remaining committed funding from Council will be transferred from the operating reserve to the Recreation Facility Grant.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

III. Margaree & Area Development Association – stage development

MOTION: *That Council approve the request of \$4,524.25 in whole from District 2 CDC funds.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Creignish Recreation Centre – playground, tennis court resurfacing

MOTION: *That Council approve the request of \$35,000.00 in whole from the Recreation Facility Grant. If adequate funds are unavailable in the Recreation Facility Grant, the remaining committed funding from Council will be transferred from the operating reserve to the Recreation Facility Grant.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED

V. North Inverness Recreation Centre Association – zamboni and submersible pump

MOTION: *That Council approve the request of \$28,048.13 in whole from the Recreation Facility Grant. If adequate funds are unavailable in the Recreation Facility Grant, the remaining committed funding from Council will be transferred from the operating reserve to the Recreation Facility Grant.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips
MOTION CARRIED

VI. Mabou & District Athletic Centre – condenser and panel replacement

MOTION: *That Council approve the request of \$27,478.50 in whole from the Recreation Facility Grant. If adequate funds are unavailable in the Recreation Facility Grant, the remaining committed funding from Council will be transferred from the operating reserve to the Recreation Facility Grant.*

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

VII. Conseil Économique de Chéticamp – Gypsum Mine Trail

MOTION: *That Council approve the request of \$6,750.00 in whole from the Recreation Facility Grant. If adequate funds are unavailable in the Recreation Facility Grant, the remaining committed funding from Council will be transferred from the operating reserve to the Recreation Facility Grant.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

VIII. Audited Financial Statements

MOTION: *That Council approve the Consolidated Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 2023, as prepared and presented by Grant Thornton.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

IX. Accessibility Advisory Committee

MOTION: *That the municipality advertise for two new members at large to participate in the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

X. Heavy Garbage Collection

MOTION: *That the Municipality post a Request for Proposals for a Spring 2024 Heavy Garbage Collection. The intended week for Heavy Garbage Collection is May 13th 2024.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

February 15th, 2024 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

7. IN CAMERA

MOTION: *That the meeting go "In Camera" at 1:49 pm to discuss three land items and a legal item.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the meeting go out of "In Camera" at 2:21 pm.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 2:21 pm*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED