

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, March 7th, 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
Erin Gillis, COO
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO
Jason Calder, Acting Manager of Recreation and Community Wellness

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 Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH (read by Warden MacIsaac)

Whereas Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world, and

Whereas epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect over 50 million people worldwide and 42 people in Canada are diagnosed every day, and

Whereas one in ten persons will have at least one seizure during his or her lifetime, and

Whereas the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid, and

Whereas Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26 annually to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the country and globally.

Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim March 26, 2024, "Purple Day", in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in Canada.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of February 1st 2024 be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Regular Council meeting minutes of February 1st 2024 be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Nominating Committee meeting minutes of February 22nd 2024 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 February 22nd 2024 be approved as presented.*
MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan
SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips
MOTION CARRIED

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Margaree Airstrip

MOTION: *That staff are directed to review and assess the current condition of the following 4 items of the Margaree Airstrip: security/access, well, septic and ancillary buildings.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

II. Eastern District Planning Commission Appointments

MOTION: *That the following appointments are made replacing all previous appointments of District Planning staff effective April 1, 2024:*

- *Building Inspection:
Building Inspector: Luke Ross, André Samson and Sean Donovan
Alternates: David MacKenzie, Harry Martell and Jonathan Martin*
- *Development Officer: Wanda Ryan
Alternates: John Bain; Andrew Jones; Kristen Knudskov and Mikayla Tait.
Assistant Development Officers: Luke Ross, David MacKenzie and André Samson*
- *Fire Inspectors: André Samson and Sean Donovan
Alternates: David MacKenzie; Harry Martell; Jonathan Martin and Luke Ross.*
- *Dangerous and Unsightly Premises:
Administrator: Sean Donovan and John Bain
Alternate: Luke Ross, David MacKenzie and André Samson*
- *Special Constables: Building/Fire Codes, Dangerous or Unsightly Premises, Land Use By-laws: Sean Donovan and Jonathan Martin*

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

III. Municipal Sidewalk Maintenance Policy

MOTION: *That staff review the current Municipal Sidewalk Maintenance Policy and bring potential amendments back to a future meeting of Council for further consideration.*

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

IV. Community Grant Application: Glendale and Area Community Cooperative - heat pump installation - The Request of Council is \$11,556.14

MOTION: *That Council propose additional funding avenues to the organization including the Clean Energy Financing Program and the Federal New Horizon's for Seniors Grant and the Provincial Community Facilities Improvement Grant.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

V. Community Grant Application: Dr. Bernie MacLean Cultural & Recreation Centre - dressing room upgrades - The Request of Council is \$30,000.00

MOTION: *That Council fund this request 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

6. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER

MOTION: *That Tanya Tibbo be appointed the Returning Officer for the 2024 Municipal Election.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

7. 2024 POLICING PRIORITIES

Members of Council contributed the following Policing Priorities that will be forwarded to the RCMP Staff Sargeant at the next Police Advisory Committee meeting.

Councillor Phillips: frauds and scams prevention, speeding, littering

Councillor MacLennan: speeding, littering

Deputy Warden Gillis: speeding, littering, increased police visibility, quarterly Council updates

Councillor Chisholm: speeding, littering, texting while driving

Councillor Poirier: texting while driving, speeding

Warden MacIsaac: illegal drugs, DUI and MVI vehicle check points

Director to staff to invite the RCMP Staff Sargeant in to present to Council on a quarterly basis.

8. SENIORS GRANT APPLICATION SUPPORT

Accessibility and Senior Safety Coordinator Maggie MacDonald is prepared to assist Seniors with

rebate application forms due on March 31, 2024, namely the Nova Scotia Heat Rebate and Senior Care Grant. In person appointments can be made with Maggie at the Municipal Recreation Office in Port Hood.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 21st, 2024 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities re: May 2024 Spring Conference
- Federation of Canadian Municipalities re: June 2024 Annual Conference
- Province of Nova Scotia: The Future of our Coastline: actions for property owners, municipalities, and the province to keep coastal homes, communities, and natural areas safer from the impacts of climate change.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 1:41 pm*

Moved by: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED