

Municipality of the County of Inverness  
Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, April 8th, 2024  
Council Chambers  
9:30 am

MINUTES

Council: Warden Bonny MacIsaac  
Deputy Warden Catherine Gillis  
Councillor Lynn Chisholm  
Councillor Blair Phillips  
Councillor John MacLennan

Excused: Councillor Claude Poirier

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO  
Brian Luciano, CFO  
Melanie Beaton, Deputy CAO  
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO  
Jason Calder, Acting Manager of Recreation and Community Wellness  
Morgan Murray, Director of Culture and Community Engagement

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Regular Council meeting minutes of March 7th, 2024 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Nominating Committee meeting minutes of March 21st 2024 be*

*approved as presented.*  
MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips  
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 21st 2024 be approved as presented.*  
MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm  
SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan  
MOTION CARRIED

#### 4. RECOMMENDATIONS

##### I. Belle Cote & Area Community Centre – Community Centre Roof

MOTION: *To fund this \$5,000.00 request in full with funds coming from District 2 CDC funds.*  
MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm  
MOTION CARRIED

##### II. Margaree Salmon Association – Swimming Hole Pool Restoration

MOTION: *To fund this \$10,000.00 request in full with funds coming from the following sources:  
District 2 CDC funds - \$2,160.52  
Scotia Wind Fund - \$7,839.48*  
MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm  
MOTION CARRIED

##### III. Margaree Area Development Association – Margaree Meals on Wheels

MOTION: *To fund this \$25,000.00 request in the amount of \$10,000.00 with funds coming from the Scotia Wind Fund. Any remaining financial contribution will be revisited during budget deliberations.*  
MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips  
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm  
MOTION CARRIED

##### IV. Société Mi-Careme - Renovations to Centre de la Mi-Carême

MOTION: *To fund this \$29,325.00 request in whole from the following sources:  
Regional CDC Funds - \$20,000.00*

*Scotia Wind Fund - \$9,325.00*

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

## 5. NEXT MEETING DATE

April 18th, 2024 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Department of Communities Culture Tourism and Heritage - Library Funding Review Update.
- Offshore Wind Nova Scotia – An interim report has been submitted to Ministers from the Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia.
- Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs and Housing (Service Exchange Agreement) – On March 28<sup>th</sup>, the new Service Exchange Agreement was signed and it came into effect on April 1, 2024.
- Nova Scotia Municipal Affairs and Housing (Department of Emergency Management) – The government of Nova Scotia tabled legislation that will establish a new provincial Department of Emergency Management.

## 7. IN CAMERA

**MOTION:** *That Council move to “In Camera” at 9:56 am to discuss a land issue and a personnel issue.*

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

**MOTION:** *That Council move out of “In Camera” at 10:08 am*

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Phillips  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Chisholm  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## 8. PRESENTATION: PITU’PAQ; Stan Johnson and Ron Newcombe

Pitu'paq is a unique partnership that brings together leaders from First Nation Communities and Municipalities in Cape Breton with a common goal of preserving and enhancing the social, economic and environmental prospects in (Unama'ki) Cape Breton for future generations. By integrating *Netukulimk* (traditional Mi'kmaq management) with traditional and conventional ways of understanding, known as *Etuaptmumk* (Two-Eyed Seeing), Pitu'paq takes the lead on best-management practices in Unama'ki. They work closely with government and First Nations organizations toward equal participation in natural resource management. Their focus is on aquatic research and stewardship, species management, traditional Mi'kmaq knowledge, conserved and protected areas, water quality monitoring and environmental partnerships.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 10:36 am*  
MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm  
MOTION CARRIED