

**Municipality of the County of Inverness  
Regular Council Meeting  
Thursday, May 30th 2024  
Council Chambers  
3:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

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

Staff:             Keith MacDonald, CAO  
                      Brian Luciano, CFO  
                      Melanie Beaton, Deputy CAO  
                      Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:**                 *That the Regular Council meeting minutes of May 2nd, 2024 be approved as presented.*  
**MOVED BY:**             Councillor Poirier  
**SECONDED BY:**         Councillor Phillips  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** *That the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of May 16th 2024 be approved as presented.*

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Chisholm

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Warden Gillis

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4. CHÉTICAMP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN GUARANTEE**

**Amount:** \$450,000.00

**Fire Department:** Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department

**Purpose:** Rescue Command Truck

**MOTION:** **WHEREAS** the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department is a registered fire department with the Municipality of the County of Inverness;

**WHEREAS** the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department is incorporated by the Societies Act;

**WHEREAS** the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department has determined to borrow the aggregate principal amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) for the purpose of Rescue Command Truck by special resolution on the 10th day of April, 2024, as per Section 10 (d) of the Societies Act;

**WHEREAS** the Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department has requested the Municipality of the County of Inverness; to guarantee the said borrowing;

**WHEREAS** Section 294(6) of the Municipal Government Act provides that a municipality may grant or lend money to, or guarantee a loan for, a registered fire department for operating or capital purposes; and

**WHEREAS** Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act provides that no guarantee of a borrowing by a municipality shall have effect unless the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved of the proposed borrowing or debenture and of the proposed guarantee;

#### **BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Council of the Municipality of the County of Inverness does hereby approve the borrowing by the of Chéticamp Volunteer Fire Department of Dollars (\$450,000.00) for the purpose set out above;

**THAT** subject to the approval of the Minister of the Municipal Affairs and Housing of the guarantee, the Municipality unconditionally guarantee repayment of the principal and interest of the borrowing so made;

**THAT** upon the issue of the debentures, the Warden and Clerk of the Municipality do sign the guarantee attached to each of the debentures and affix thereto the corporate seal of the Municipality.

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Poirier

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Phillips

**MOTION CARRIED**

5. DERELICT BUSINESS SIGNS

Direction to staff that a letter be written to the Provincial Department of Public Works to address the following issues with road signs within the Municipality: derelict business signs, derelict Department of Public Works signs and traffic signs obscured by trees.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Municipal Investment Policy

MOTION: *That Council move forward with the implementation of the Municipal Investment Policy.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

II. Capital Vehicle Purchase – 2024 Honda Odyssey, Recreation Department

MOTION: *That Council approve the purchase of a 2024 Honda Odyssey from Colonial Honda at a cost of \$76,885.37 with funds coming from the Capital Reserve.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

III. Capital Vehicle Purchase – ½ Ton Truck, Capital Planning and Projects Team

MOTION: *That Council approve the purchase of a ½ ton truck from Canso Ford at a cost of 62,634.75 with funds coming from the Capital Reserve.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Community Grant Application – La Société Saint-Pierre, Les Trois Pignons Renovations

MOTION: *That Council approve the \$5,000.00 request in full with funds coming from District # 1 CDC Funds.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

V. Community Grant Application – Whycocomagh Lakeview Childcare Society, Technology Upgrades

**MOTION:** *That Council approve the \$2,371.46 request in full with funds coming from District # 4 CDC Funds.*  
**MOVED BY:** Councillor MacLennan  
**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Warden Gillis  
**MOTION CARRIED**

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Financial Measures Act. This Act recently received Royal Assent in the Nova Scotia Legislature. The Act includes several amendments to the Municipal Government Act, Halifax Regional Municipality Charter, and the Housing in the Halifax Regional Municipality Act.

## **8. NEXT MEETING DATE**

June 20th, 2024 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *That Council adjourn at 3:18 pm*  
**MOVED BY:** Councillor Poirier  
**MOTION CARRIED**