

**Municipality of the County of Inverness**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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: Melanie Beaton, Deputy CAO  
Brian Luciano, CFO  
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO  
Jason Calder, Acting Manager, Recreation & Community Wellness  
Erin Gillis, COO  
Morgan Murray, Director of Culture and Community Development  
Joe Carew, Communications & Community Engagement Lead

**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 amended: a recommendation re: Port Hood private roads will be added to item # 5.*

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Chisholm

**SECONDED BY:** Deputy Warden Gillis

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** *That the Regular Council meeting minutes of July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be approved as presented.*

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Chisholm

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Phillips

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **4. PRESENTATION: HUGH MACKAY; RURAL COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF NOVA SCOTIA**

The Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia is a community foundation that supports organizations in rural Nova Scotia through fund development and granting. It has been widely recognized for its excellence and leadership in the field of rural grant-making while adhering to the values of gender equality, equity and climate change. Dave Gunning has teamed up with Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia to launch the Dave Gunning Zero Hunger Fund – a campaign to stock food pantries in rural Nova Scotia schools. Free pantries provide food for students to take home for their families who are struggling to provide adequate nutrition. Their 2024 goal is to raise \$200,000 to provide grants of up to \$5,000 to local schools.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **I. Forward.Together Plan**

**MOTION:** *That Council accept the Forward.Together plan as the Economic Development Strategy of the CBREN and commit to aligning Inverness County's economic development efforts with Forward.Together in coordination and cooperation with the CB REN.*

**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Gillis

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Chisholm

**MOTION CARRIED**

##### **II. Multi-Party First Nations and Municipal Agreement**

**MOTION:** *That Council sign the Multi-Party First Nations and Municipal Agreement, as endorsed and recommended by the CB REN Liaison Oversight Committee (LOC) on March 4th, 2024.*

**MOVED BY:** Councillor Chisholm

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Poirier

**MOTION CARRIED**

III. Municipal Branding/Logo

MOTION: *That Council adopt the municipal logo as presented in the July 25th Council package.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

IV. Road Name Change – Arsenault Lane

MOTION: *That an unnamed private road in Belle Côte between 10569 and 10573 Cabot Trail be named “Arsenault Lane”.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

V. Port Hood Private Roads

MOTION: *That first reading be given to the policy to allow subdivision of lands on private roads within the Port Hood Plan Area subject to the Municipality of the County of Inverness Subdivision By-Law.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

6. J CLASS SUBDIVISION ROADS SUBMISSION FOR 2025-26

Correspondence was received from the Provincial Department of Public Works asking that the Municipality put forward its preferences for J Class Road improvements for the 2025-26 construction season. This is a 50/50 cost share agreement between the municipality and the province. The submission is due by October 31, 2024.

7. SHORT TERM RENTALS REGISTRATION ACT

The province is requiring short term rentals to register by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, for a valid 2024-25 registration number. With the registration package a letter from the Municipality, in this case Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC) must be provided confirming compliance with municipal land use by-laws. EDPC staff have drafted a letter, and the province is reviewing it. The letter states that the municipality does not regulate short term rentals, there is no short-term rental by-law and various zoning documents do not address this. EDPC is hopeful that the letter template sent to the province will be accepted and can then be posted on EDPC’s website for individual download to accompany registration packages. Short term rental operators can contact

EDPC at [rentals@edpc.ca](mailto:rentals@edpc.ca) for further clarification on this requirement.

#### **8. ROAD NAME CHANGE – OLD EGYPT LOOP**

**MOTION:** *That the road known as “Old Ryan Road” in District 2 be renamed “Old Egypt Loop”*  
**MOVED BY:** Councillor Phillips  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Chisholm  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **9. NEXT MEETING DATE**

September 19th, 2024 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

#### **10. “IN CAMERA”**

**MOTION:** *That Council move to “In Camera” at 3:39 pm to discuss a land item.*  
**MOVED BY:** Deputy Warden Gillis  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Chisholm  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION:** *That Council move out of “In Camera” at 3:51 pm.*  
**MOVED BY:** Councillor Phillips  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Poirier  
**MOTION CARRIED**

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** *That Council adjourn at 3:51 pm.*  
**MOVED BY:** Councillor Poirier  
**MOTION CARRIED**