

Council Meeting
Friday, June 26, 2026
8:30 a.m.
Council Chambers

MINUTES

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the agenda be approved as amended: Grants to Organizations will now be agenda item # 5.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

3. 2026/27 OPERATIONAL BUDGET ITEM

- i. Taxes in Lieu

Recommendation to support Taxes in Lieu in the amount of \$376,374.72.

4. 2026/27 GENERAL CAPITAL BUDGET

Recommendation to support the 2026/27 General Capital Budget as presented in the amount of \$32,009,684.68

5. GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS

Recommendation to support Grants to Organizations for 2026/27 in the amount of \$91,500.

6. "IN CAMERA"

MOTION: *That Council move to "In Camera" at 9:45 a.m. to discuss one land item and one human resource item.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council move out of "In Camera" at 12:21 p.m.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

7. RESOLUTION: FCM GROWING CANADA'S COMMUNITY CANOPIES (read by Councillor Gillis)

Whereas, the Municipality of the County of Inverness has the following interest: in planting trees, shrubs, and plants at the location of the upgraded Waste Water Treatment Plant in the community of Inverness, NS, to contribute to community beautification, blend new infrastructure not the natural landscape, positively impact public health and wellbeing, and realize environmental benefits including biodiversity and ecological resilience.

Whereas, the Municipality of the County of Inverness is undertaking *Landscaping and Beautification around Municipal Infrastructure in Inverness with Municipality of Inverness County Tree Planting*.

Be it resolved that Inverness County Council acknowledges that the Municipality of the County of Inverness is applying for a funding opportunity as a lead applicant, from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative for *Landscaping and Beautification around Municipal Infrastructure in Inverness with Municipality of Inverness County Tree Planting*.

Inverness County Council also recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

MOTION: *That Council approve the enclosed resolution re: FCM Growing Canada's Community Canopies.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

8. COST OF LIVING INDEX

MOTION: *That Council approve a 2.5 % Cost of Living increase.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

July 9, 2026, 9:30 a.m.; Regular Meeting of Council

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 12:30 p.m.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED