

Special Meeting of Council
Thursday, July 30, 2026
11:00 a.m.
Council Chambers

MINUTES

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

Staff: Keith MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer
Melanie Beaton, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Erin Gillis, Chief of Operations
Morgan Murray, Director of Culture and Community Development
Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO
Siobhan Beaton, Communications & Digital Marketing Coordinator
Michelle Coffin, Policy Analyst (online)
John Bain, Director, Eastern District Planning Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the agenda be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Warden MacIsaac acknowledged that the land on which we gather is located on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

4. SECOND READING: REZONING REQUEST TO REZONE 110 MAIN ST., WHYCOCOMAGH (PID # 50116144) FROM COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL TO ALLOW THE CONVERSION OF THE BUILDING INTO A RESIDENCE.

11:02 a.m. - Councillor Gillis left the meeting.

MOTION: *That Council approve a By-law amendment to rezone 110 Main Street, Whycocomagh (PID 50116144), from the Commercial (C-1) zone to the Residential Centre (R-1) zone to reflect the discontinuation of any commercial use on the property.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

11:04 am – Councillor Gillis returned to the meeting.

5. SECOND READING: BYLAW AND STRATEGY AMENDMENTS – REQUEST TO AMEND THE CHÉTICAMP SECONDARY PLAN AREA LAND USE BYLAW AND MUNICIPAL PLANNING STRATEGY TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNITS TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE WITHIN EXISTING RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.

MOTION: *That Council approve to amend the Chéticamp Secondary Plan Area Land Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy to allow additional dwelling units to a maximum of three within existing residential dwellings in the Waterfront Zone.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

6. SECOND READING: REZONING REQUEST TO REZONE LANDS ON REDBIRD DRIVE, BIG HARBOUR CENTRE (BY PID # 50330547) FROM AGRICULTURE POTENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL RECREATION TO ALLOW BUILDING GEODOMES AS SHORT-TERM RENTALS.

MOTION: *That Council approve an amendment to the Municipality of the County of Inverness (Plan Inverness) Land Use Bylaw to rezone PID # 50330547 Redbird Drive, Big Harbour Centre from the Agricultural Potential (AP) Zone to Commercial Recreation (CR) to allow building geodomes as short term rentals.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

7. SECOND READING: REZONING REQUEST TO REZONE 12723 CABOT TRAIL, GRAND-ÉTANG (PID # 50064955) FROM AGRICULTURE POTENTIAL TO COMMERCIAL RECREATION TO ALLOW BUILDING A CAMPGROUND AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

MOTION: *That Council approve a Rezoning request to rezone 12723 Cabot Trail, Grand-Étang (PID # 50064955) from Agriculture Potential to Commercial Recreation to allow building a Campground and Accommodations.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

8. RESOLUTION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION: INVERNESS SOUTH ANGLERS ASSOCIATION

MOTION: *That Council grant this request in full with funds coming from the following sources:*
\$1250 each from District 3,4,5 and 6 Discretionary Funds.
\$5,000 from the Regional Fund.

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

9. DESTRUCTION OF DOCUMENTS: BATCH 3

Recommendation to Council to approve the destruction of documents listed as Batch 3 (box numbers 166 to 321).

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 3, 2026, 9:30 a.m.; Regular Meeting of Council

11. "IN CAMERA"

MOTION: *That Council move to "In Camera" at 11:16 a.m. to discuss three land items.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Gillis

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council move out of "In Camera" at 11:34 a.m.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 11:34 a.m.*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
MOTION CARRIED