

# VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

**January 11, 1999**

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, January 11, 1999, beginning at 5:10 p.m. with Warden John MacInnes in the Chair.

Present were:

District #1 - Gerald Yetman

District #2 - Shane Toms

District #3 - Bruce Morrison

District #4 - John G. MacInnes, Warden

District #5 - Gerald Sampson, Deputy Warden

District #6 - Lawrence Barron

District #7 - David Donovan

District #8 - Robert MacLellan

Also present were:

Brian Trask, CAO

Arthur Pickup, Q. C., Solicitor

Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Warden MacInnes called the meeting to order.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - SET TIME TO ADJOURN**

Councillor Yetman requested that Sable Gas be added to the agenda.

**It was moved by Councillor Yetman, seconded by Councillor Toms, that the agenda be approved with the noted addition. Motion carried.**

It was agreed to set the time for adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

**It was moved by Councillor Yetman, seconded by Councillor Barron, that if the agenda items are not completed at the time of adjournment, another Council meeting be scheduled for Monday, January 18, 1999. Motion carried.**

### **DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

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A public hearing was held prior to Council regarding Hans and Helen Sievers' application for a 16 unit addition to their establishment, Auberge Gisele's Country Inn, Baddeck. Under the Municipal Planning Strategy, a Development Agreement to permit this addition is required.

Only Councillors in attendance at the public hearing are permitted to vote on this matter.

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that a Development Agreement between the Municipality and Hans and Helen Sievers, Auberge Gisele's Country Inn, be approved to permit a 16 unit extension to this establishment. Motion carried.**

### **SABLE GAS**

Deputy Warden Sampson advised that he attended a meeting in Port Hood on January 5, 1999, to hear a presentation from NRG Irving. The main thrust of the meeting was to look at their past record of service, not what they could promise in the future. Deputy Warden Sampson brought up concerns with regard to Victoria County at this meeting. He will also be attending a meeting in Halifax on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, to listen to a similar presentation by Sempra and will provide Council with an update at next Monday's meeting.

Councillor Yetman presented each Councillor with an article which appeared in the *Chronicle Herald* on Saturday past regarding the UNSM's stand with regard to natural gas. They are not prepared to sign the confidentiality agreement requested by Sempra.

**It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Yetman, that Victoria County support the UNSM President's stand not to sign the confidentiality agreement with Sempra. Motion carried.**

This letter is to be forwarded to President Bolivar for the meeting with Sempra on Wednesday.

**VICTORIA COUNTY WINTER GAMES**

Courtesy of Council was extended to Tom C. Wilson, Recreation and Tourism Director.

\$3,500 was approved in the 1998/99 budget for the Victoria County Winter Games. Mr. Wilson previously presented two (2) options to Council with

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regard to the format of the Winter Games and neither was accepted. This matter was referred to tonight's meeting for a decision.

Discussion took place on this matter. The Winter Games have been held since 1985. Mr. Wilson stated that if approved, the earliest the Winter Games could be held would be March, 1999. He indicated that if Council did not wish to proceed, the \$3,500 could be put towards the proposed Millennium Project for all Cape Breton Island - Together 2000, which would include culture, sports, recreation, marketing, etc. Preliminary meetings have been held regarding this project and they are seeking \$5,000 annually from the Municipality for two years.

**It was moved by Councillor Yetman, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that Council suspend the Victoria County Winter Games for this year only and the money allocated for same be put towards the Millennium Project - Together 2000.**

**Those voting in favour of the motion were Councillors Yetman and Morrison.**

**Those voting against the motion were Councillors Toms, Donovan, Barron, MacLellan, Deputy Warden Sampson and Warden MacInnes. Motion defeated.**

Tom Wilson is to coordinate the Victoria County Winter Games and use his discretion on the format for same.

Mr. Wilson indicated that he required approval for two applications under the ECBC's Festival and Events Funding.

Ross Ferry Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Pork Chop  
Barbecue and Family Fun Day - \$1,590.00

Cape Breton Fiddling Festival, Gaelic College - \$5,106.91

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Yetman, that the Ross Ferry Volunteer Fire Department and the Cape Breton Fiddling Festival's applications for funding under ECBC's Festival and Event Funding be approved. Motion carried.**

Mr. Wilson indicated that the 1999 Doers and Dreamers publication is now out and Victoria County's section is second to none in the publication. He expressed his thanks to the local recreation and tourism associations in Victoria

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County for the excellent cooperation in this regard. Mr. Wilson was also extended thanks for his efforts in coordinating the Victoria County ads in this section.

Mr. Wilson's job description was discussed. The Committee has met and recently completed a job description for Council's approval.

**RECESS**

The Warden announced that Council would recess for 10 minutes.

**RECREATION AND TOURISM DIRECTOR**

**It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the job description for the Recreation and Tourism Director be accepted. Motion carried.**

Mr. Wilson left at this time.

**OFFICE SPACE/PHONE - SOVICTA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

Funding has been received through HRDC for a 12 week position for a Community Development Officer for SOVICTA. Susan Matheson has been hired to fill this position. A request for office space and phone access for Ms. Matheson was received.

**It was moved by Councillor Yetman, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that Brian Trask, CAO, arrange for office space and a phone line for Susan Matheson for the term of her appointment. Motion carried.**

**BABTA**

Council members have been invited to attend the annual general meeting and banquet of the Baddeck Area Business Tourist Association (BABTA) on Wednesday, January 13, 1998, at the Gaelic College,

St. Ann's.

**CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Courtesy of the meeting was extended to Catherine Ann Fuller, Development Officer, SHRDA.

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Juan Tellez, Executive Director, of the Community Economic Development Institute, has offered \$1,000 bursaries for 4 representatives to attend the Certificate in Community Economic Development Program. The modules for this program are held in Truro and Port Hawkesbury. Catherine Ann Fuller indicated that she made application to HRDC for the remaining \$3,200 to cover the tuition costs. If approved, the cost to the County would be accommodations, meals and travel - approximately \$2,600.

Bruce Morrison, Gerald Sampson and David Donovan expressed interest in this program.

**It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor Yetman, that approval be given for representatives to attend the Certificate in Community Economic Development Program on the condition that funding to cover the remainder of the tuition costs is received from HRDC. Motion carried.**

**QUIT CLAIM DEED - JOHN ANGUS MACKINNON**

A request was received that a quit claim deed be issued to John Angus MacKinnon. The Solicitor reviewed the matter and is recommending same be issued.

**It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson, that a quit claim deed be issued to John Angus MacKinnon on the Solicitor's recommendation. Motion carried.**

**HIGHLAND MANOR**

Councillor MacLellan presented a bill which Highland Manor feels the Municipality should pay. The bill was for services provided by Solicitor Pickup in straightening out an outstanding property matter.

**It was moved by Councillor MacLellan, seconded by Councillor Barron, that the Municipality cover the cost of \$528.38 for legal services provided by Arthur Pickup for Highland Manor. Motion carried.**

**IN CAMERA**

The Warden announced that Council would move to an In Camera meeting.

Councillor Morrison declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at this time as discussions were to be held pertaining to Home Care and his wife is the Agency Director of the Victoria County Home Support Agency.

Council reverted to regular session.

**DISTRICT CONCERNS**

**District #1**

**It was moved by Councillor Yetman, seconded by Councillor Toms, that \$100 be approved for the Baddeck Youth Centre from both the District #1 and District #4 budgets. Motion carried.**

**District #2**

**It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor Yetman, that \$200 be approved for the Baddeck Youth Centre and \$100 for the Baddeck Valley Community Club from the District #2 budget. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson, that a letter be forwarded to Bruce Fitzner, District Director, Department of Transportation, with a copy to Charlie MacDonald, Area Manager, requesting that repairs be made to the shoulders of the Old Margaree and Swamp Roads, and the guardrail, which was previously requested, be installed in the spring on the section of the Old Margaree Road where an accident recently took place. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that a letter be forwarded to Bruce Fitzner, with copies to Charlie MacDonald, Kennie MacAskill and Robert Morrison, expressing Council's concern on the sanding contract and the fact that the successful contractor was not ready this past weekend and also the shortage of salt trucks in the Baddeck area. Motion carried.**

**District #3**

**It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson, that \$100 be approved for the "Red Bob" Basketball Tournament and \$100 for the Baddeck Academy Graduating Class from the District #3 budget. Motion carried.**

Councillor Morrison requested permission to pursue an application under the 1999 Youth Corps Program. The possible cost to the County would be \$1,000.

**It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Yetman, that Councillor Morrison be given permission to make application under the 199 Youth Corps Program at a cost of \$1,000 to the Municipality. Motion carried with Councillor Donovan and Deputy Warden Sampson voting against the motion.**

Councillor Morrison indicated that he received a letter from Molly Phillips, a Home Support Worker in the Boularderie area regarding her employment. Councillor Morrison advised that this matter was addressed in the In Camera meeting.

**It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Yetman, that Council invite tenders from local contractors for the sanding of Alexander Drive, Baddeck. Motion carried.**

### District #5

Deputy Warden Sampson presented Councillors with information on Summer (Casual) Employment Opportunities through the Department of Economic Development & Tourism for the 1999 season.

Emergency measures is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

### District #7

Councillor Donovan received prices for plowing the road to the water pumping station in Neil's Harbour. Two prices were received:

Bertram Briand - \$100 per trip

Robert Gwinn - \$50.00 per trip

**It was moved by Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Barron, that Robert Gwinn be retained to plow the road to the pumping station at a cost of \$50 per trip. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that \$100 be approved for Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 85, Neil's Harbour, from the District #7 budget. Motion carried.**

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### District #6

A quote was received from Ken Doucette for snow removal and sanding the sidewalks in Ingonish Beach in the amount of \$45/hour plus HST.

**It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that Ken Doucette be retained to clear and sand the Ingonish Beach sidewalks at a cost of \$45/hour plus HST. Motion carried.**

**District #8**

Councillor MacLellan requested that the County provide funds to top up the Winter Works grant program. He requested that a top up be approved for 2 sixteen week grants per district - 40 hours per week @ \$1.50 per hour.

Discussion took place on this matter and costs associated with same are to be determined and this topic be brought the meeting on Monday, January 18, 1999.

**District #4**

**It was moved by Councillor Yetman, seconded by Deputy Warden Sampson, that \$300 be approved from the District #4 budget for the North Shore Recreation Committee. Motion carried.**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Deputy Warden Sampson, the meeting adjourned.

E. Trask, CAO

John G. MacInnes, Warden