

**VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**May 21, 2002**

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Tuesday, May 21, 2002, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Present were:

District #2 – Shane Toms  
District #3 – Bruce Morrison, Deputy Warden  
District #4 – John Graham MacInnes  
District #5 – Gerald Sampson, Warden  
District #6 – Lawrence Barron  
District #7 – Wayne Budge  
District #8 – Robert MacLellan

Also present were:

Brian Trask, CAO  
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

Absent was:

District #1 – Dan E. MacNeil (Out of Town on Work Related Business)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Sampson called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/TIME TO ADJOURN**

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that the agenda be approved as presented and the time for adjournment be set at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.**

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 6, 2002, meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council were presented for approval.

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the Council minutes of May 6, 2002, be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Environmental/Solid Waste Committee**

Brian Trask advised that an Environmental/Solid Waste Committee meeting is required to deal with staffing at the Baddeck Landfill and Cape North Transfer Station. The date for the meeting will be Monday, May 27, 2002, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**Dingwall Water**

Brian Trask advised that three (3) wells were drilled on the South Ridge Road area. The final well drilled yielded 40 gallons/minute and has been sent for analysis. Monitoring wells will also be drilled at the Cape North Transfer Station.

**Delinquent Tax Accounts**

Brian Trask, Art Pickup, John Anderson and Pauline Davis will be conducting a review of all delinquent tax accounts tomorrow.

**Baddeck Sewer**

A condition of the transfer of the Baddeck Sewer System from the Municipality to the Village of Baddeck is that a public hearing be held. Brian Trask presented a draft advertisement of the public hearing to be held on June 17, 2002. This advertisement will be published in the *Cape Breton Post* and *Victoria Standard*.

**ACTION PLAN – RECREATION/TOURISM AND COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Courtesy of Council was extended to Ross MacDonald, Director of Community Economic Development, and Tom Wilson, Director of Recreation and Tourism, who were in attendance to present an action plan of their priority goals and objectives for their respective departments.

Ross MacDonald presented his list of priority goals and objectives for the Department of Community Economic Development (copy attached).

Following Ross MacDonald's presentation, Tom Wilson presented Council with an update on activities within the Department of Recreation and Tourism. He also presented Council with a list of priorities pertaining to recreation, tourism, heritage and CAP Sites and information technology.

Mr. Wilson was questioned on what, if any, involvement his department had with the Cabot Trail Relay. He advised that when his department administered ECBC's festival and events funding, the Cabot Trail Relay accessed funding for marketing, rentals, etc. Now that ECBC is administering this program, he indicated that his department has no direct involvement in this event.

The Municipality sponsors the Cabot Trail Relay annually by providing \$5,000. This is a major event in our County and it was felt that Victoria County should play an integral part. It was suggested that Mr. Wilson meet with the organizers of the Cabot Trail Relay to determine how his department can become involved in future relays.

After further discussion, Ross MacDonald and Tom Wilson were extended a vote of thanks for their reports and were excused at this time.

### **PROPOSED ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**

Brian Trask pointed out a map of the proposed provincial electoral boundaries. Hearings will be held next month on these proposed changes. It is proposed that the Victoria Electoral District be included in the new district – Victoria-The Lakes.

### **BREAK**

Warden Sampson advised that Council would recess for 10 minutes.

### **GERALD YETMAN**

Warden Sampson recognized former Councillor, Gerald Yetman, who was in attendance in the audience. Courtesy of Council was extended to Mr. Yetman who indicated that the three (3) years he spent on Council were three (3) of the finer years of his life and he missed the comradeship and challenges of Council. He wished Council the best in their endeavours.

### **FERRY FARES**

Councillor MacInnes advised that he, Councillor MacNeil, Ross MacDonald and Don Matheson met with the Honourable Ronald Russell, Minister of Transportation and Public Works, on Thursday past.

Councillor MacInnes indicated that the Minister listened to their presentation and appeared to be sincere in what he had to say. It is anticipated that something should be heard within the next 10 days in this regard.

Warden Sampson advised that Councillor MacNeil is in Halifax on business and hoped to travel to Miller Lake to meet with Department of Transportation and Public Works officials as a follow up to the meeting with the Minister.

**WATERFRONT PROPERTY ASSESSMENT**

Brian Trask reported that he, the Warden, and Deputy Warden met with Minister MacIsaac and representatives from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations in Halifax on Wednesday past regarding the waterfront assessment issue.

Brian Trask presented a Draft Tax Deferral Policy to Council for consideration. This policy was reviewed and discussed.

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that permission be granted to enter into discussion with Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations to come up with a workable proposal regarding waterfront property assessment. Motion carried with Councillor Barron casting a dissenting vote.**

**NOTICE OF MOTIONS/NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion took place on non-resident ownership of land.

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Deputy Warden Morrison, that a notice of motion be given that Non-Resident Land Ownership be an agenda item for the next session of Council. Motion carried.**

**PHONE SYSTEM**

Brian Trask advised of a change to the phone system. It will be an enhanced call processing mailbox system. This system allows callers to route themselves with a menu and allows the client to replace their existing receptionist with an "auto attendant" to handle the calls.

**TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Councillor Toms indicated that the community halls in his district are now receiving tax bills.

Brian Trask advised that these tax bills should be returned to the Municipality, and the necessary adjustments to the tax accounts will be made.

**DISTRICT #2**

**It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that a letter be forwarded to Bruce Fitzner, Department of Transportation and Public Works, requesting that the shoulders of the roadways be upgraded throughout the County. Motion carried.**

**DISTRICT #3**

A certificate of recognition is to be forwarded to Kennie MacKenzie who recently retired after 48 years of service to the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department.

Deputy Warden Morrison brought up the matter of the conditions of the streets in the Village of Baddeck.

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor Toms, that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation outlining our concerns over the condition of the streets in the Village of Baddeck and questioning where the upgrading of these streets fit in the Department of Transportation's priority list. Motion carried.**

**EXTENSION – TIME TO ADJOURN**

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor Toms, that the time for adjournment be extended to 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.**

**DISTRICT #4**

Councillor MacInnes advised that during the course of the meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Public Works, they were advised that TCH 105 is not a part of the Cross Canada Highway System. He advised that this affects the cost sharing received from the federal government.

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Budge, that a letter be forwarded to Mark Eyking, MP – Sydney-Victoria, requesting that he investigate and lobby to make the TCH 105 part of the Cross Canada Highway System. Motion carried.**

**DISTRICT #7**

It was moved by Councillor Budge, seconded by Councillor Barron, that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation and Public Works advising of the deplorable state of the road between New Haven and White Point and request that the road be repaired or the pavement be removed. Motion carried.

**DISTRICT #5**

It was moved by Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that a letter be forwarded to the UNSM requesting that consideration be given to the Keltic Lodge, Ingonish, being the site of the 2003 UNSM Spring Workshop. Motion carried.

It was moved by Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Toms, that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation requesting that a speed limit sign indicating 50 km/hr be posted on “Kelly’s View Road”. Motion carried.

**UNSM REGIONAL MEETING**

The UNSM Regional Meeting will be held in Richmond County on June 20, 2002. Council members attending will be:

Warden Sampson  
Deputy Warden Morrison  
Councillor Toms  
Councillor Barron  
Councillor MacInnes  
Councillor MacNeil  
Councillor Budge

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Brian Trask advised that the correspondence for today’s meeting could be reviewed and brought to the next Council meeting.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Barron, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.