

VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL SESSION
April 8, 2009

A special session of Victoria County Municipal Council was held in Ingonish, on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, to address concerns raised after the Committee of the Whole meeting held on Monday, April 6, 2009.

Present were:

District #2 – Keith MacCuspic
District #3 – Bruce Morrison, Warden
District #4 – Merrill MacInnis
District #5 – Fraser Patterson, Deputy Warden
District #6 – Larry Dauphinee
District #7 – David Donovan
District #8 – Robert MacLellan

District #1 Councillor, Paul MacNeil, was not present but was involved in the meeting via telephone conference connection.

Also present was:

Sandy Hudson, CAO

SMOKEY RECREATIONAL SOCIETY

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 6, 2009, were read, as well as correspondence received from the Smokey Recreational Society, which had been presented to the Committee Members on Monday evening.

The same correspondence received from Aileen Waller-Hebb on the topic was also presented and it was obvious that all the information was not presented at the Monday meeting.

Councillor MacLellan expressed his concern that the funding under this project may impact future allotments for water projects in other districts, including Bay St. Lawrence/St. Margaret's Village. He was not against the rink project, but was not prepared to support the funding application if it could cause the water project to be delayed or cancelled.

Councillor Donovan stated that the decision of the Committee of the Whole on Monday was based on the information provided and at that time concern was raised on the affect funding the project would have on other infrastructure projects.

Councillors MacCuspig and MacInnis concurred with the comments of both Councillors MacLellan and Donovan. Councillor Dauphinee also expressed his concern that the affect support for this project would have on the other infrastructure project.

It was moved by Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that the motion made at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 6, 2009, be rescinded. Motion carried with Councillor MacNeil not voting as he was not eligible to vote.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Patterson, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the Municipality provide the agreed amount of \$118,000.00 to the Smokey Recreational Society on the condition that the other funding partners be confirmed and that the Municipality receive written confirmation from the Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure Committee that our support will not affect any future infrastructure projects or funding for such projects. The Municipality will not include this project on their priority list. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacLellan, seconded by Councillor MacCuspig, that the CAO write to the Smokey Recreational Society President and convey to him Council's disappointment on how this issue was addressed. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, the meeting adjourned.

Bruce Morrison, Warden

Sandy Hudson, CAO