

**VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**January 16, 2006**

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, January 16, 2006, commencing at 5:00 p.m. with Warden Wayne Budge in the Chair.

Present were:

District #1 – Dan E. MacNeil, Deputy Warden  
District #2 – Keith MacCuspic  
District #3 – Bruce Morrison  
District #4 – John Graham MacInnes  
District #5 – Fraser Patterson  
District #6 – Lawrence Barron  
District #7 – Wayne Budge, Warden  
District #8 – Robert MacLellan

Also present were:

Sandy Hudson, CAO  
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Budge called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/TIME TO ADJOURN**

The agenda was presented for approval.

**It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that the agenda be approved as presented and the time to adjourn be set at 6:05 p.m. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 5, 2005**

The minutes of the December 5, 2005, meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council were presented for approval.

**It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the December 5, 2005, minutes of Victoria County Municipal Council be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**EMO Training**

Council questioned whether another Emergency Measures Course would be offered this year.

Barry Campbell, EMC, indicated that he hoped to arrange another course in the spring.

It was indicated that Sgt. Mike Bezanson has left the Baddeck Detachment.

**Water**

Councillor MacLellan requested that the following water projects be added to our list of projects for review and consideration:

- Extension of waterline to Cape North
- Water for South Ridge Road, Dingwall
- Water system for Bay St. Lawrence/St. Margaret's Village

**QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**

Sandy Hudson presented two quit claim deeds for execution by the Municipality. Solicitor MacDowell has reviewed these matters and is recommending approval.

The first quit claim deed is for Donald Clarence Powers for lands at Ingonish and the second is for Laura Alexis Haynes for lands at Big Baddeck.

**It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that quit claim deeds be issued to Donald Clarence Powers and Laura Alexis Haynes. Motion carried.**

**SEPTIC TANK PUMPING PILOT PROGRAM**

Sandy Hudson advised that now that the septic tank pumping pilot program has been completed, Island Vacuum and the Department of the Environment have requested that an evaluation of the program be completed.

**It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacCuspic, that evaluation of the septic tank pumping pilot program be referred to the Public Works Committee. Motion carried.**

**OFFICIAL OPENING – BADDECK MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION**

The Baddeck Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station is nearing completion. The tipping floor area of the building has been in operation for the past couple of weeks. It is anticipated that the contractor will turn over the building to the Municipality within the next couple of weeks.

Discussion took place on an official opening of the facility.

**It was moved by Councillor MacLellan, seconded by Councillor Patterson, that the official opening of the Baddeck Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station be held on February 3, 2006. Motion carried.**

### **INGONISH WATER UTILITY**

Sandy Hudson advised that once the chlorine level in the water reaches an acceptable level, the first 40 taps will be turned. It is anticipated that this will take place tomorrow or Wednesday. Additional residents will be connected and inspected as applications are received.

A motion is required to create the Ingonish Water Utility.

**It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that the Municipality of the County of Victoria apply to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board for the creation of a Water Utility for the community of Ingonish and for interim rates and charges for the new Utility as set out in the Water Rate Study prepared by W. H. Gates Utility Consultants Ltd. Motion carried.**

Sandy Hudson also indicated that a motion is required to establish a bank account for the Ingonish Water Utility.

**It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Patterson, that authorization be given to establish a bank account at the East Coast Credit Union for the Ingonish Water Utility. Motion carried.**

### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – 2006/2007 BUDGET**

Sandy Hudson presented the idea of a public education process regarding the municipal budget. He suggested traveling to various areas of the Municipality to explain budget expenditures incurred in the past year, as well as the anticipated expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year – 2006/2007.

Council members felt this would be a good idea and felt that one public presentation should be held in each district in the Municipality.

**It was moved by Councillor MacCuspic, seconded by Deputy Warden MacNeil, that public budget presentations be held in all districts of the Municipality during the month of February. Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MUNICIPAL RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

The Canada-Nova Scotia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) was signed by the federal and provincial governments on November 24, 2005. Municipal governments may now submit applications for funding of infrastructure projects under the first round of this program. The deadline for applications under Round 1 is February 15, 2006.

The extension of the Little Narrows Water Utility has been identified as number one on the municipal priority list.

Sandy Hudson advised that he will be meeting with Marvin MacDonald, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, on Thursday, January 19, 2005, with regard to the program and he will report back to Council after this meeting.

**MARKETING LEVY**

Councillor MacCuspic reported on a meeting he attended today regarding the proposed marketing levy. Another meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2006.

Sandy Hudson circulated a proposed by-law that Municipalities are being requested to adopt. Council members are to review the by-law and this matter will be again addressed at a future meeting.

**DISTRICT CONCERNS**

**District #4**

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that a letter be forwarded to Charlie MacDonald, Department of Transportation, requesting that a flashing light be installed at the Exit 11 intersection of the 105 and Cabot Trail. Motion carried.**

**District #3**

Councillor Morrison questioned on whether a bank account should be set up for the Baddeck Experience Project. Council appointed Sandy Hudson and Bruce Morrison to serve on this Committee, along with 2 members from the Village Commission.

Sandy Hudson advised that the provincial money received for this project was made payable to the Village of Baddeck and deposited in a Village account and he felt that the Village could handle the financing for this project.

**District #2**

Councillor MacCuspig indicated that he received a few comments on the exterior lighting at the new Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station facility. The concerns were that the exterior lighting was excessive at night.

Sandy Hudson advised that the lighting was a part of the engineering design of the building.

**District #5**

Councillor Patterson requested clarification on the procedure for naming private roads. The procedure was explained on naming private roads.

**It was moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Deputy Warden MacNeil, that \$1,200.00 be approved from the District #5 budget for the District #5 Recreation Association for the building of bus shelters. Motion carried.**

**District #6, #7, and #8**

Councillors submitted requests for district grant funding for the following

- Cabot High Wrestling Team - \$500 from both the District # 7 and District #8 budget
- Cabot High Basketball Team - \$200 from both District #6 and District #8 and \$600 from District #7 budget

Warden Budge requested that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation requesting that guardrail be installed in the area of White Point to Smelt Brook.

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Sandy Hudson presented Council members with a copy of a newsletter and sample bag for organic materials which will be distributed to each household in the Municipality this week.

He reported that the trucking of waste to Guysborough is going smoothly. The last load sent to the Guysborough facility contained 23 tons.

The curbside collection is also proceeding well and a good job is being done of keeping the 3 streams separate. A few complaints are being received on changes in the schedule and closing garbage box covers, etc. The complaints are typical for the adjustment period when a new contractor assumes collection.

### **MUNICIPAL POLLING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

Sandy Hudson presented Council with comparative statistics from other rural municipalities with regard to the population served by each Council member. This is for information purposes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from Charles MacDonald, Area Manager, Department of Transportation, advising that grading of gravel road has been and will be carried out as weather and road conditions allow.
2. Letter from the Canada-Nova Scotia Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund advising that the provincial and federal governments signed the MRIF Agreement on November 24, 2005.
3. Correspondence from the Honourable Richard Hurlburt, Minister of Natural Resources, advising that an additional Conservation Officer has been approved for Victoria and Inverness Counties effective October 17, 2005.
4. Letter from Alex Steeves, Department of Justice, regarding preliminary budget figures for RCMP service for the fiscal year 2006/2007.
5. Letter from Rick Cecchetto, Vice President, Finance & Administration, StoraEnso, thanking Warden Budge for attending the Information Session that was held at the Mill and advising that the Municipality will be kept informed of further developments.
6. Letter from Glenda MacAskill, Island Vacuum, advising that many favourable comments were received from residents who took advantage of the sewage pumping pilot program.

7. Correspondence from Douglas J. Keefe, Department of Justice, advising that the new *Nova Scotia Police Act (2004)* and its accompanying regulations were proclaimed on January 1, 2006.
8. Letter from the Department of Canadian Heritage regarding National Flag of Canada day – February 15, 2006.

**It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that February 15, 2006, be proclaimed National Flag of Canada Day in Victoria County. Motion carried.**

9. Invitation from the Citizens Against Strip Mining for Councillors to attend a meeting at the Point Aconi Hall, on January 27, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. on the strip mining issue. All three levels of government have been invited to attend.

**VICTORIA COUNTY SAFETY POLICY**

Sandy Hudson advised that the Safety Policy for the Municipality of the County of Victoria must be renewed.

**It was moved by Councillor MacCuspic, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the Safety Policy for the Municipality of the County of Victoria be renewed. Motion carried.**

**IN CAMERA**

**It was moved by Councillor Barron to move In Camera.**

**REGULAR SESSION**

Council returned to regular session.

**XANADU INVESTMENT LTD.**

**It was moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that a letter of be forwarded to Xanadu Investments Ltd. through the Municipal Solicitor denying their request for a decrease in their bill from the Municipality for accepting contaminated soil at the Baddeck Landfill. Motion carried.**

**WILLIAM K. MORRISON**

**It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Barron, that \$2,500.00 be approved as a land settlement for William K. Morrison, Baddeck, and**

the Solicitor be requested to draft a proper legal agreement for this settlement.  
Motion carried.

**COURT ACTION**

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that the CAO be authorized to proceed with the court action against Roach Perry Anderson as is deemed necessary. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Morrison, the meeting adjourned.

A. W. (Sandy) Hudson, CAO

Wayne Budge, Warden