

VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

February 17, 1998

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Tuesday, February 17, 1998, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Present were:

District #2 - Shane Toms, Deputy Warden

District #3 - Bruce Morrison

District #4 - John Graham MacInnes, Warden

District #5 - Gerald Sampson

District #6 - Lawrence Barron

District #7 - David Donovan

District #8 - Robert MacLellan

Also present were:

B.E. Trask, CAO

Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

Absent was:

District #1 - Gerald Yetman

CALL TO ORDER

Warden MacInnes called the meeting to order.

SGT. MACKENZIE

Courtesy of Council was extended to Sgt. MacKenzie, Baddeck Detachment RCMP. Sgt. MacKenzie advised that confirmation has been received on the \$75,000+ funding for two youth drop-in centers in Victoria County under the Youth Service Employment Program. An advertisement is being placed in the newspapers seeking 1 coordinator and 8 participants for this program. Sgt. MacKenzie explained the set up for same.

JOHN ANDERSON, C.A. - ROACH PERRY ROACH

Courtesy of Council was extended to John Anderson, C.A., Roach Perry Roach Chartered Accountants.

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that Council be provided with an updated operating statement on a bi-monthly basis. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Barron, that Nathan Gorall, Department of Municipal Affairs, and John Anderson, Roach Perry Roach, be invited to meet with Council to address the County's financial situation in preparation of approaching the Department of the Environment. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the Municipality go with interim tax billing for 1997/98 and aggressively approach the collection of outstanding taxes over the next six weeks. Motion carried.

After further discussion, Warden MacInnes extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Anderson.

EXCUSED

Warden MacInnes was excused at this time and Deputy Warden Toms assumed the Chair.

TOM WILSON

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

Mr. Wilson presented Council members with a copy of the minutes of the first meeting of the Victoria County Tourism Development Committee. Mr. Wilson advised that he felt that the main marketing projects for this year should be the Doers & Dreamers Guide, Fulfillment Piece and Festival & Events.

MINUTES/BUSINESS ARISING

Mr. Trask questioned on RITC. Councillor Sampson sits on the RITC Board and he indicated that his membership of this Board came as a result of the County's involvement in Community Futures some years ago.

It was moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that RITC be added to the list of Standing and Special Committees of Council. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that the Warden and Deputy Warden make up the agenda for the impromptu, informal meeting of Council to be held to formulate direction. Motion carried with Councillor Barron casting a dissenting vote.

EXCUSED

Councillor Barron was excused at this time.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Sampson, that the following minutes be approved:

Victoria County Municipal Council - January 12, 1998 and February 10, 1998

Committee of the Whole - January 19, 1998 and January 26, 1998

Safety/Environmental - January 29, 1998

Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Sampson, that the January 27, 1998, Court House/Solid Waste Committee be approved excluding the section regarding snow removal at the Cape North Transfer Station. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Tim Reynolds, Cape Breton Highlands National Park, advising that there is no intention of closing the soccer field at Ingonish.

Letter from Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program, advising that the Ingonish Waterfront Development has not been approved for funding.

Correspondence from the Cabot Trail Relay Association requesting sponsorship.

This will be dealt with in budget.

Letter from the Boularderie School Advisory Council requesting Council's assistance in having the expansion of their school begin immediately..

A letter is to be forwarded to the CBVRSB requesting they provide their list of priorities and start dates.

Information on revenues and expenditures for 1998/99 from the Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission.

Copy of a letter forwarded to the Eastern Regional Health Board from the Baddeck Drug Awareness Committee.

Letter of acknowledgment from the Office of the Prime Minister regarding Council's request to locate Marine Atlantic's head office in North Sydney.

Letter from Bruce Fitzner, Department of Transportation and Public Works, regarding snow and ice control operations in Victoria County.

Councillors from the northern area, along with the Warden, met with Mr. Fitzner and Charlie MacDonald last week.

Acknowledgment of Council's submission regarding the Draft Composting Facility Guidelines was received from the Department of the Environment.

Letter from the Minister of Justice advising that Court Sittings in Baddeck will continue and the existing facility will be upgraded.

OPEN PERIOD/DISTRICT CONCERNS

District #7

Councillor Donovan questioned on the status of the land exchange with Department of Natural Resources.

Contact has been made with Trevor Dalglish, Department of Natural Resources, however, a reply has not been received to date.

The maintenance of the Neil's Harbour/New Haven Water Supply System was discussed. Two expressions of interest were received from the area.

Councillor Donovan questioned on derelict vehicles. He was provided the name of Barb Bryden, Department of the Environment, as a contact in this regard.

District #5

It was moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that Council and Committee of the Whole meetings revert back to Monday evenings. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Sampson, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that a letter be forwarded to

the UNSM advising that all tentative dates for the Annual UNSM Conference in 2000 are clear for Victoria County to host this event. Motion carried.

John G. MacInnes, Warden

B. E. Trask, CAO