

VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
February 18, 2002

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, February 18, 2002, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with Warden Gerald Sampson in the Chair.

Present were:

District #1 – Dan E. MacNeil
District #2 – Shane Toms
District #3 – Bruce Morrison, Deputy Warden
District #4 – John G. MacInnes (Late Arrival)
District #5 – Gerald Sampson, Warden
District #6 – Lawrence Barron
District #8 – Robert MacLellan

Also present were:

Brian Trask, CAO
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

Absent was:

District #7 – Wayne Budge

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 MacNeil, that the agenda be approved as presented and the time to adjourn be set for 5:40 p.m. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 21 and February 12, 2002, Council meetings were presented for approval.

Deputy Warden Morrison requested that a change be made to the February 12, 2002, Council Minutes – Page 3, Paragraph 7 – Add the word “some” before Council in the second sentence.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that the minutes of the January 21, 2002, Council meeting be approved as presented, and the minutes of the February 12, 2002, Council meeting be approved with the noted change. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Brian Trask questioned on what concerns Council would like included in the letter to be forwarded to the Board of Directors of ECBC. It was felt the main concern was the lack of consultation with community organizations prior to decisions being made by ECBC.

The request from the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department was forwarded to the Chief Officers Committee for clarification and comment.

A copy of the Minister MacIsaac's remarks to the Mayors and Wardens meeting on February 15, 2002, regarding equalization was distributed to Council Members.

PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

Discussion took place on the Provincial Electoral Boundaries issue. Council had previously forwarded a letter requesting that the Victoria Electoral District remain as it is at present. This is the stand the Council wishes to present at the hearing.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that Brian Trask, CAO, make a presentation on behalf of the Municipality at the hearing to be held with regard to the Provincial Electoral Boundary issue. Motion carried.

BADDECK SEWER TRANSFER

A public meeting regarding the transfer of the Baddeck Sewers from the Municipality to the Village of Baddeck will be held at the Baddeck Community Centre on March 6, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS/NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program

A request was received from the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Works Program requesting information on the Municipality's cash flow requirements for the upcoming year. This information will be provided.

Cape Breton Regional Library

A request was received from the Cape Breton Regional Library to proclaim March as "Library Card Month" in the Municipality of the County of Victoria.

It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Toms, that March, 2002, be proclaimed "Library Card Month" in the Municipality of the County of Victoria. Motion carried.

Department of Justice – Police and Public Safety Services Division

Correspondence was received regarding policing costs for 2002/2003. The projected cost per member is \$90,543, an increase of 7.8%. Last year the cost per member was \$83,979.

Based on the cost of \$90,543 per member, Victoria County's projected allotment for 2002/2003, will be \$878,267, an increase of \$64,067 over last year.

Iona School Advisory Committee

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the Iona School Advisory Committee for their efforts in obtaining a new school for Iona, which was recently announced by the Honourable Jane Purves, Minister of Education. Motion carried.

IN CAMERA

Warden Sampson announced that Council would move In Camera.

Council returned to regular session.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENTS OF BUILDING BY-LAW

Courtesy of Council was extended to John Bain, Director, Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission.

First reading was given to the amendments to the Building By-Law at the previous meeting. Mr. Bain indicated that tonight is the second reading. An advertisement advising of second reading was published in *The Victoria Standard* and Mr. Bain advised that no oral or written responses were received concerning same. There were no public in attendance at this meeting concerning this issue.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that the second reading of the amendments to the Building By-Law be accepted and become effective on April 1, 2002, contingent on all other municipal units under the jurisdiction of the Rural Cape Breton Planning Commission agreeing to the amendments. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, on motion of Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Barron, the meeting adjourn at 5:45 p.m.