

VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

February 22, 1999

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, February 22, 1999, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Present were:

District #1 - Gerald Yetman

District #2 - Shane Toms

District #3 - Bruce Morrison

District #4 - John Graham MacInnes, Warden

District #5 - Gerald Sampson, Deputy Warden

District #6 - Lawrence Barron

District #7 - David Donovan

District #8 - Robert MacLellan

Also present were:

Brian Trask, CAO

Arthur Pickup, Solicitor

Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Warden MacInnes called the meeting to order.

IN CAMERA

The Warden announced that Council would go In Camera to deal with a confidential matter.

The Council returned to regular session.

Warden MacInnes was excused and Deputy Warden Sampson assumed the Chair.

AGENDA

The agenda was presented for approval. The following items are to be added to the agenda:

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Councillor Morrison presented a letter which he wished added to the agenda expressing his displeasure that a meeting concerning the Baddeck Sewage Treatment Plant was held in his absence when he was on vacation.

Report on the Regional Solid Waste-Resource Committee

Nova Scotia Employment Programs

Report on the Roundtable on the Economy attended by Councillor Yetman

It was moved by Councillor Yetman, seconded by Councillor Barron, that the agenda be approved with the noted additions. Motion carried.

MINUTES

The following minutes were presented for approval.

Victoria County Municipal Council - January 25, 1999

Solid Waste Committee - February 2, 1999

Committee of the Whole - February 8, 1999

Committee of the Whole - February 9, 1999

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the minutes be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

February 9, 1999 - Committee of the Whole

Councillor Morrison expressed concern in a memo that a meeting was held to discuss Baddeck Sewers in his absence.

Brian Trask advised how this meeting came about and indicated that it was not intended to be an insult to Councillor Morrison, however, important issues arose which the Warden felt should be addressed.

Councillor Morrison indicated that he felt the timing of the meeting was inappropriate and just wanted to make Council aware of his displeasure.

Beer Bottles

Discussion took place on the beer bottle situation. The Enviro-Depots began accepting same today.

Sanding - Alexander Drive, Baddeck

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Brian Trask advised that the sanding of Alexander Drive, Baddeck, is included in the Department of Transportation's snow removal price for this road.

Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency

Brian Trask advised that there is a section in the new *Municipal Government Act* regarding the dissolution of industrial commissions, etc. and this might have an effect on the RDA.

Workshops will be conducted on the new *Municipal Government Act* in the near future for both Council and staff.

Neils Harbour/New Haven Water

Solicitor Pickup is investigating the legal position with regard to Doug Burns Excavating Contracting Ltd.

Community Economic Development

Brian Trask advised that he investigated the request for a daily meeting allowance for the participants in the Community Economic Development Program and advised there is no money in the training budget to cover same.

User Fees - Wagmatcook First Nations

Wagmatcook First Nations has requested a meeting to discuss the solid waste user fees. They are to be charged the same amount as the Cape Breton Highlands National Park are now being charged.

Baddeck Sewer - Formal Agreement

A committee consisting of the Solicitor, Councillor Morrison, Councillor Toms, Eddie Keeling and Jim Ryan has been established to draft a formal agreement regarding the Baddeck Sewers. This Committee is to meet as soon as possible and Brian Trask is to also sit on the Committee.

LITTLE NARROWS WATER EXTENSION

Ron McIntyre did a costing of necessary materials for the Little Narrows Water System extension. His estimate for the materials is \$7,770.86.

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A letter was previously received from Marvin MacDonald, P. Eng., Department of Housing and Municipal Affairs, advising that approval has been granted to purchase the materials for this project prior to March 31, 1999, and the project is to be completed by August 31, 1999.

It was moved by Councillor Yetman, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that the materials required for the Little Narrows Water System Extension be purchased prior to March 31, 1999. Motion carried.

VILLAGE SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

The Village Commissioners of Baddeck have requested the Municipality to take over the maintenance of the sidewalks within the Village. A letter estimating the expenses associated with same was received from Eddie Keeling, Chairman, Village Commissioners of Baddeck.

It was moved by Councillor Yetman, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that the sidewalk maintenance be left with the CAO for further investigation. Motion carried.

The build up of snow in front of Stone's Drug Store is causing problems and a complaint was received from a resident who fell as a result of ice build up from same. Discussion took place on this matter.

Brian Trask, CAO, is to send a letter to Donnie Ryan, owner of Stone's Drug Store, in this regard.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Fred Williams, Cape Breton Regional Library Board, requesting the County proclaim March 1-31, 1999, to be Library Card Month.

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that March 1-31, 1999, be proclaimed Library Card Month in Victoria County. Motion carried.

Letter from Sue Meisner, Secretary, Cabot Home & School Association, regarding the inadequate gymnasium floor at Cabot High and advising of their proposal to have the floor replaced with a standard hardwood floor. They requested Council s support for their endeavour.

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It was moved by Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that a letter be forwarded to Dr. Hayes MacNeil, Superintendent, Cape Breton-Victoria District School Board, in support of a new gymnasium floor for Cabot High School. Motion carried.

Letter from Charles J. MacDonald, Area Manager, Department of Transportation and Public Works, regarding the following:

sanding and salting in the Baddeck area

Old Margaree and Swamp Roads

Copies of these letters are to be forwarded to the *Victoria Standard* for publication. Councillor Toms also requested copies of this correspondence.

Letter from Senator Al Graham acknowledging receipt of correspondence regarding the Baddeck Sewage Treatment Plant.

Letter from Marie Cox, Correspondence Coordinator, Office of the Premier, acknowledging receipt of Council s correspondence and advising that same has been forwarded to the Honourable Manning MacDonald, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism, for the Minister s information.

Letter from Osborne Burke, Harbour Authority of Bay St. Lawrence, requesting Council s support in securing funding for the proposed dredging project for Bay St. Lawrence Harbour.

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor Yetman, that a letter of support be provided to the Harbour Authority of Bay St. Lawrence for their proposed dredging project.

Motion carried.

Copy of the Nova Scotia Employment Program for Students - Summer 1999, guidelines and application form.

It was moved by Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Yetman, that non-profit organizations make application for this program and the Municipality provide the additional funding for 2 students per district. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

There will be a meeting of the Solid Waste Committee on Wednesday, February 24, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. Robert Dauphinee will be in attendance to assist in filling out application forms for funding.

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It was felt that Bruce Morrison as Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee should sit on the Regional Solid Waste-Resource Management Committee.

Brian Trask advised that there is a meeting of the Technical Committee scheduled for Friday, February 26, 1999.

ROUNDTABLE ON THE ECONOMY

Councillor Yetman reported on the roundtable meeting he attended today at the Gaelic College, St. Ann s. There were approximately 50 people in attendance and concerns were raised. A written follow up to this meeting will be forthcoming and he will forward this report to the new Economic Development Committee which the Warden is presently forming.

INTERVIEWS - EMERGENCY MEASURES

A new interview committee for the emergency measures position is to be formed.

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that Warden MacInnes, Councillor MacLellan, Councillor Yetman and Heather MacLean be the interview committee and Brian Trask sit on interviews as an observer. Motion carried.

EXCUSED

Councillor Barron was excused at this time.

OPEN PERIOD

District #2

It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor Yetman, that the following be approved from the District #2 budget:

\$100 - Baddeck Valley 4-H

\$500 - Middle River Development Association

\$100 - Baddeck Playground Equipment Society

Motion carried.

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District #3

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that the following be approved from the District #3 budget:

\$100 - Baddeck Playground Equipment Society

\$200 - Atlantic Hockey Group

Motion carried.

Councillor Morrison requested that he be provided with a copy of any correspondence as a result motions he makes.

Councillor Morrison requested that the Solicitor investigate and clarify the requirements for funding for libraries.

Councillor Morrison requested that the Village be contacted to investigate the source of the ice buildup in front of the Yello Cello and the Abracajava.

Councillor Morrison brought up the matter of engaging the services of a facilitator to assist the Municipality in identifying goals and targets for the future. This matter is to be considered by Council and brought to a future meeting for further discussion.

District #7

It was moved by Councillor Donovan, seconded by Councillor Yetman, that \$300 be approved from St. Francis CWL, Smelt Brook, from the District #7 budget. Motion carried.

Councillor Donovan requested a letter of support be written for the Neil s Harbour/New Haven Volunteer Fire Department for funding under the JEPP Program for communications equipment.

Cardboard is becoming a problem at the Neil s Harbour Enviro-Depot. There is a full truckload which Councillor Donovan indicated should be moved before the Department of Transportation enforces their spring weight restrictions. Councillor Donovan has contacted Jim MacLean in this regard previously and will call him again to let him know that he will be making arrangements to have same moved.

District #8

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It was moved by Councillor MacLellan, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that \$500 be approved for the Bay St. Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department from the District #8 budget. Motion carried.

District #5

It was moved by Councillor Yetman, seconded by Councillor Donovan, that \$500 be approved for the District #5 Action Committee from the District #5 budget. Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Sampson requested a copy of the letter of support for Sempra Gas.

District #3

Councillor Morrison requested clarification as to whether an individual councillor can write letters on County stationary. He was informed they could not.

He indicated that he unknowingly did so, and apologized for same.

ADJOURN

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

John G. MacInnes, Warden

