

**VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**March 11, 2002**

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, March 11, 2002, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with Warden Gerald Sampson in the Chair.

Present were:

District #1 – Dan E. MacNeil  
District #3 – Bruce Morrison, Deputy Warden  
District #4 – John Graham MacInnes  
District #5 – Gerald Sampson, Warden  
District #7 – Wayne Budge  
District #8 – Robert MacLellan

Also present were:

Brian Trask, CAO  
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

Absent were:

District #2 – Shane Toms (Out of Town)  
District #6 – Lawrence Barron (Out of Town)

**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 for adjournment be set at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.**

**NICHOLE CAMMAERT-SPINAZZOLA**

Courtesy of Council was extended to Nichole Cammaert-Spinazzola who was in attendance in a response to a letter Council received last week from Donalda MacAskill.

Ms. Cammaert-Spinazzola felt that this letter was an attempt to discredit her personally, as well as discredit the St. Ann's Bay Development Association (SABDA). She presented Council with background information on her volunteer involvement in the County, as well as her employment and business interests, past and present.

Ms. Cammaert-Spinazzola then referred to Ms. MacAskill's letter and reviewed the contents paragraph by paragraph and commented on each by giving her facts on the issues.

A letter was also received from Ruth Schneider in reply to Donalda MacAskill's letter.

It was indicated that at the last Victoria County Tourism Advisory Council meeting (VCTAC) a capital projects policy and guidelines for capital projects funding assistance were developed and were submitted to Council for approval.

Ms. Cammaert-Spinazzola felt that a communications policy should be developed regarding information flowing back and forth between committee and Council. She indicated that she only found out about Ms. MacAskill's letter on Thursday past through a third party. She also expressed concern that no mention of this letter was contained in the March 5, 2002, VCTAC minutes and felt that more thorough and detailed minutes are required.

Brian Trask advised that Ms. MacAskill's letter did come to Council on March 4, 2002, however; as it was only one side of the issue, Council took no action regarding same.

Further discussion took place and Ms. Cammaert-Spinazzola answered a question regarding the Oxford Mill project and the public meeting to be held in this regard.

Warden Sampson that Ms. Cammaert-Spinazzola for her presentation and she was excused at this time.

**RECESS**

Warden Sampson advised that Council would hold a 5 minute recess and would be moving to an In Camera session following the break.