

VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE SESSION
July 16, 2001

An Executive Session of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, July 16, 2001, beginning at 5:30 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 #6 – Lawrence Barron
District #7 – Wayne Budge

Also present were:

Denise MacKinnon, Director of Finance
Brian Trask, CAO
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

Absent were:

District #2 – Shane Toms
District #8 – Robert MacLellan

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Sampson called the meeting to order.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Discussion took place on the Recreation/Tourism budget. Mr. Wilson will be off work for an extended period, and there are decisions that must be made with regard to applications and requests received.

The heritage portion of the budget was discussed as to the possibility of accessing funding through the federal government (HRDC) to promote the 150th Anniversary of the Municipality.

Brian Trask updated Council on various budgets figures and indicated that there should be no problem to maintain the present tax rate for the 2001/2002 year.

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The Development Officer position was discussed. The job description has been approved and the position will be advertised in The Victoria Standard, Cape Breton Post, Halifax Herald and The Globe and Mail with the deadline for applications being set for August 13, 2001.

The grant applications received by the Recreation/Tourism Department were reviewed.

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Budge, that all applications for swim programs be approved. Motion carried.

Funding is to be approved for Jessica Wong in the amount of \$230 out of the advertising budget to assist in her attending a hockey program as a member of the Atlantic Selects Atom Hockey Team.

\$1,000 has been approved for the "Vials of Life" Program out of the Emergency Measures Budget.

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor Budge, that \$500 be approved for the Cape Breton Highlands Karate Club and \$500 for the Knights of Columbus (KOC) from the District #6 budget. Motion carried.

It was decided that the remaining application requests be sorted by district and forwarded to the Councillor for the area for their consideration.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor Toms, that \$5,000 be approved for both the Victoria Highland Civic Centre and the Northern Victoria Community Centre. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that \$2,500 be approved for Boularderie Consolidated School, Rankin Memorial School and the Ski-In-School Program. Motion carried.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that funding for the 3 water utilities – Little Narrows, Dingwall and Neil's Harbour/New Haven, be increased to \$25,000 for the 2001/2002 fiscal year. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the water utilities. The illegal hook-ups in Neil's Harbour/New Haven have been corrected and collections are current. There are still some disconnections to take place in the Dingwall Water System. Warden Sampson brought up a request received from James Dickie regarding connecting to the Little Narrows Water System. Lisa MacKinnon will speak to Mr. Dickie on this request.

Brian Trask advised that Solicitor Pickup received the \$16,000 cheque from Wagmatcook First Nations for accepting their solid waste at the Baddeck Landfill for the year ended March 31, 2001.

Deputy Warden Morrison and Brian Trask met with Lawrence MacDonald, Regional Manager, Department of the Environment, concerning the sludge dewatering technology for the Baddeck Sewage Treatment Plant infrastructure application. The proposed date for closure is 2005 and funding must be set aside for the landfill closure.

Monies owed to Doug Burns Contracting for the Neil's Harbour/New Haven Water System was discussed. Terry Hogan is to be contacted prior to releasing any monies to ensure that the remaining deficiencies have been corrected.

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Toms, that the October, 2001, session of Victoria County Municipal Council be held in Boularderie. Motion carried.

BUDGET

Warden Sampson advised that the Atlantic Burn Camp has made Camp Carter in New Harris its permanent home.

Councillor Barron was advised that the Ingonish Enviro-Depot that had their license revoked was discussed at the meeting with the Deputy Ministers of the Environment and Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations. Councillor Barron indicated that this matter might be brought before the Courts.

Discussion took place on the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency.

It was moved by Councillor Budge, seconded by Deputy Warden Morrison, that upon receipt of the files pertaining to Victoria County, \$5,000 be forwarded as our settlement with the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

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

