

VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

August 19, 2002

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held on Monday, August 19, 2002 at the courthouse in Baddeck at 5:30 pm.

Present were:

District #1 Councillor Dan E. MacNeil
District #2 Councillor Shane Toms
District #3 Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison
District #4 Councillor John G. MacInnes
District #5 Warden Gerald Sampson
District #6 Councillor Lawrence Barron
District #7 Councillor Wayne Budge
District #8 Councillor Robert MacLellan

Also Present

Heather MacLean, Acting CAO
Art Pickup, Municipal Solicitor
John Anderson, Municipal Auditor
Denise MacKinnon, Director of Finance
Zina MacNeil, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Gerald Sampson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

APPROVAL AGENDA/TIME TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Dan E. MacNeil, seconded by Councillor John G. MacInnes, that the agenda be approved and the time set for adjournment be 6:35 pm to an In Camera session. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison, seconded by Councillor Wayne Budge, that the minutes of the August 6th, 2002 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

- The letter regarding the Cape Breton Burn Camp was sent
- Gordie Roberts started at the landfill
- A letter was sent to the Barraman's Fest
- A letter was sent about the signage for Wagmatcook and Nyanza and a response received back.
- A letter was sent to Robert and Ellen MacLeod about purchasing their property for the Dingwall water.
- Baddeck Sewer coming up later in the meeting.

- The letter was sent to Maritimer of the Week nominating Reverend Louis Ihasz.

BADDECK SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

It was moved by Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison, seconded by Councillor John G. MacInnes, that council accept the tender from Joneljim Construction for the Baddeck Sewage Treatment Plant. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE MATTERS

Baddeck Landfill Training

It was moved by Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison, seconded by Councillor Lawrence Barron, that council accept the recommendation from the Solid Waste Committee to accept the NSCC Training Proposal Option #2 for training for three specified employees to be certified for excavator operation, and two additional employees be certified for the rough terrain forklift. Motion carried.

Neil's Harbour/New Haven Enviro Depot Expansion

It was moved by Councillor Wayne Budge, seconded by Councillor Robert MacLellan, that we approve the original tender by Ingonish Contracting if they are still willing to do the expansion at the original quote and start date to be when they are available to do it and noting the first claim has to be sent in nine months from July 3, 2002. Motion carried.

Pressure Washer

It was moved by Councillor Dan E. MacNeil, seconded by Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison, that we accept the recommendation to purchase a new Belmac Pressure Washer for the landfill. Motion carried.

The remainder of issues from the Solid Waste Committee are still being looked into.

It was noted by Councillor Shane Toms that Medrick Dixon would be going on vacation September 23, and that Ronnie Hennick would be moving up to fill his position, but would be short a worker. Councillor Robert MacLellan was to find a replacement for Ronnie Hennick while Medrick was on vacation.

CORPORATE SERVICE MATTERS

Tax Office Write-offs

It was moved by Councillor Wayne Budge, seconded by Councillor John G. MacInnes, that we accept the recommendation from Corporate Services Committee to write-off the list of tax accounts presented by Pauline Davis to rid them of the receivables listing. Motion carried.

Part-time/Casual Workers – Baddeck Landfill

It was moved by Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison, seconded by Councillor Dan E. MacNeil, that we accept the recommendation from Corporate Services to increase the wages of the part time/casual workers at the landfill to \$8.00 an hour effective today August 19, 2002. Motion carried.

Postage Machine

It was moved by Councillor John G. MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Robert MacLellan, that we accept the recommendation from Corporate Services to purchase a new postage machine. Motion carried.

Request for Funding/Victoria County Fisheries Conference

It was moved by Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison, seconded by Councillor John G. MacInnes, that we accept the recommendation to give \$1500 funding to sponsor the Fisheries Conference organized by Economic Development Officer Ross MacDonald in the fall. Motion carried.

Water Utilities Interest Rate

It was moved by Councillor Wayne Budge, seconded by Councillor John G. MacInnes, that the Municipality make application to the URB to amend the Schedule of Rates to eliminate the ten percent (10%) quarterly late payment charge applied to overdue water bills for the Dingwall Water Utility, and replace it with a one percent (1%) monthly interest charge. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Robert MacLellan, seconded by Councillor Lawrence Barron, that the Municipality make application to the URB to amend the Schedule of Rates to eliminate the ten percent (10%) quarterly late payment charge applied to overdue water bills for the Neil's Harbour/New Haven Water Utility, and replace it with a one percent (1%) monthly interest charge. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Dan E. MacNeil, seconded by Councillor John G. MacInnes, that the Municipality make application to the URB to amend the Schedule of Rates to eliminate ten percent (10%) quarterly late payment charge applied to overdue water bills for the Little Narrows Water Utility, and replace it with a one percent (1%) monthly interest charge. Motion carried.

Barachois River

It was moved by Councillor John G. MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Lawrence Barron, that the Municipality send a letter requesting that Department of Highways change the spelling of the name from Barachois to Barrachois with a double "rr". Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Shane Toms, seconded by Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison, that letters be sent to Charlie MacDonald, Department of Transportation, and Bruce Fitzner regarding the upgrading of the North Branch and MacPhee's Cross roads. Motion carried.

Warden Sampson gave a report on the Mayors and Wardens meeting. Of the 55 applications for Festival and Events funding 44 were approved. There were five for Victoria County. He is looking for a recommendation for a board member to sit on the ECBC committee that reviews the applications. A nominee will be looked at next council session.

On the SCIF (Strategic Community Investment Fund) funding there is lots of funding but not applications fitting the criteria. Ingonish Water had been previously turned down.

It was moved by Councillor Lawrence Barron, seconded by Councillor Wayne Budge, that the Municipality send a letter to ECBC stating that they had sent in an application for the Ingonish Beach Water that was turned down and since there is no one to give the funding to would they re-assess our application. Motion carried.

A letter is to be sent to Minister Gerry Byrne with a copy to MP, Mark Eyking, and Angus MacIsaac requesting the criteria for funding if the minimum project cost is 25 million that eliminates all rural municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence

Department of Transportation:

- A reply was received from the Department of Transportation in response to our letter of May 24.
- Continuous maintenance work will be undertaken throughout the year on the TCH 105 and the Cabot Trail
- Maintenance forces have patched the majority of village streets in Baddeck and consideration for additional maintenance over the next several years will be given.
- Confirmation of the request for the pavement between New Haven and White Point be pulverized and returned to a graded gravel road.
- A review of the Kelly's View Lane the Department will erect a cul de sac sign.

It was moved by Councillor Wayne Budge, seconded by Councillor Lawrence Barron, that the Municipality write a letter of confirmation to the Department of Transportation that they pulverize and return the road between New Haven and White Point to a graded gravel road. Motion carried.

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- Ross MacDonald Update from the Community Economic Development.
- Update from Tom Wilson, Director of Recreation and Tourism.
- Landscape Nova Scotia Horticultural Trades Auction, March 20, 2003.
- Consultation Notice Risk Management Strategy on chlorinated water, September 11, 2002 in Moncton.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison, seconded by Councillor John G. MacInnes, that a letter be sent requesting information on chlorinated water from that session on September 11, 2002. Motion carried.

- Invitation from Royal Bank on the Baddeck Branch 100 year Anniversary August 28, 2002.
- Department of Transportation reply to Wagmatcook and Nyanza signage. It is under review and appropriate signage will be erected.
- A letter was received from Rick Beaton, ECBC with a recommendation to get David Brown for the Corporate Governance Review. ECBC has an application that will fund 100% of the eligible costs of the review. The municipality should get in touch with Denise Sampson for the application.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison, seconded by Councillor John G. MacInnes, that the municipality approve a letter be sent to Denise Sampson for the application for 100% eligible costs funding for the Corporate Governance Review. Motion carried.

- Gas and Oil Hearings – They called and wondered why there was no representation from Victoria County at the last meeting. There is another one scheduled for August 28, 2002 at 9:00 am.
- There was a letter from Planning with the approval for the road name change to Effie's Lane.

It was moved by Councillor John G. MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Robert MacLellan, that the municipality approve the road name change to Effie's Lane. Motion carried.

- Finewood Flooring – the letter was copied and would go to the committees and there were questions that would be asked of the solicitor at the incamera session.

A letter would be sent to Municipal Affairs wondering what programs are available for funding of village streets.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned to an incamera session.

MOTIONS FROM INCAMERA SESSION

DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The date for the Annual Session of Council was set for Tuesday, September 3, 2002, at 10:00 a.m.

CAO RECRUITMENT

It was moved by Councillor MacLellan, seconded by councillor Toms, if the contract proposal presented to the candidate for CAO is accepted, he be hired, and if he doesn't accept the offer, the #2 candidate be offered the position with the same contract package. Motion carried.