

VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
August 26, 2004

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Thursday, August 26, 2004, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with Warden Wayne Budge in the Chair.

Present were:

District #1 – Dan E. MacNeil
District #2 – Shane Toms
District #3 – Bruce Morrison
District #4 – John Graham MacInnes, Deputy Warden
District #5 – Fraser Patterson
District #6 – Lawrence Barron
District #7 – Wayne Budge, Warden
District #8 – Robert MacLellan

Also present were:

Sandy Hudson, CAO
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Budge called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/TIME TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that the agenda be approved as presented and the time for adjournment be set at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

MINUTES – JULY 22, 2004

The minutes of the July 22, 2004, Council Session were presented for approval.

It was moved by Councillor MacLellan, seconded by Deputy Warden MacInnes, that the July 22, 2004, minutes of Victoria County Municipal Council be approved as presented. Motion carried.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31/04

Courtesy of Council was extended to Grant Burgess, C.A., Grant Thornton LLP Chartered Accountants.

Mr. Burgess was in attendance to present the completed consolidated financial statements for the Municipality of the County of Victoria for the year ended March 31, 2004.

Since his last appearance at Council on June 21, 2004, when he presented the non-consolidated financial statements for the Municipality, he has received the financial information for the three municipal water utilities and the two homes – Alderwood and Highland Manor, and has included the necessary figures to complete the consolidated statements. Also included is the financial information for the Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission of which the Municipality is a member.

Mr. Burgess reviewed the financial statements with the Council and explained in detail the contents.

A general discussion took place and Mr. Burgess congratulated the Municipality on a successful year.

Mr. Burgess was extended a vote of thanks and left at this time.

BADDECK LANDFILL TENDER

Sandy Hudson advised that tenders will be closing tomorrow for the Baddeck Landfill Phase 1 Cell Closure project. He presented the plans and outlined the work to be completed in conjunction with this tender.

It was moved by Councillor MacLellan, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that the Baddeck Landfill Phase 1 Cell Closure tenders be accepted and awarded if within the amount included in the budget. Motion carried.

LITTLE NARROWS WATER TENDER

Sandy Hudson advised that tenders will be received up until August 31, 2004, for the Little Narrows Water Main Extension Project. This extension is to the Little Narrows Gypsum Company and a formal application will be submitted to the Canada-Nova Scotia Infrastructure for this project.

It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that the tender for the Little Narrows Water Main Extension be awarded provided it within the budgeted amount. Motion carried.

INGONISH BEACH WATER PROJECT

A public information session was held on August 19, 2004, concerning the Ingonish Beach Water Project. There were approximately 24-50 people in attendance. Mr. Hudson presented the plans for the proposed water system to Council.

Sandy Hudson advised that Strait Engineering Ltd., the design engineers, have forwarded a proposed tender advertisement for publication.

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor Patterson, that provided the tenders received for the Ingonish Beach Water Project are within budget, authorization be given to award the tender. Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL INSURANCE

Our current insurance coverage expires on September 13, 2004. Proposals have been requested from six (6) companies. The lowest quote covering all aspects of our insurance will be accepted.

CAPE BRETON GOVERNANCE STUDY

The Cape Breton Wellness Centre will be hosting a dialogue of governance at the Baddeck Community Centre on Thursday, September 2, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. Councils and senior staff from Victoria and Inverness Counties, as well as the Town of Port Hawkesbury, have been invited to attend.

SECOND GENERATION LANDFILL

The Draft Second Generation Landfill Service Contract has been received from the Municipality of the District of Guysborough. Sandy Hudson indicated that a Committee of the Whole meeting should be held to deal with this item. A Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2004, at 5:00 p.m. to deal with the second-generation landfill agreement.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Sandy Hudson advised that a Countywide enumeration was completed for the October 16, 2004, Municipal Election and the revision process has been completed. No additions can be made to the list after September 3, 2004, however, those not on the list can vote of Election Day after being sworn in.

Mr. Hudson advised that once the candidates file their nomination papers, a list of electors in their district will be provided.

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Deputy Warden MacInnes, that the municipal election list process as completed, be accepted by Council. Motion carried.

DISTRICT CONCERNS

District #6

Councillor Barron presented a resolution on the Parks Canada Employees Strike (copy attached).

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Deputy Warden MacInnes, that this resolution be adopted and copies forwarded to the Honourable Stephane Dion, Minister of the Environment, and Alan Latourelle, CEO, Parks Canada Agency. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter was received from the Emergency Measures Organization advising that Victoria County's share of the E-911 funding for the current year is \$2,710.52.

Sandy Hudson advised that last year, the Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission, requested that this funding be forwarded to them as they carry out the E-911 addressing for the Municipality. It was agreed that when requested by the Planning Commission, this funding be forwarded on to them.

ALIAN T STRIKE

It was moved by Deputy Warden MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Morrison, that a letter be forwarded to the CEO of Aliant outlining our concerns and requesting that the two parties get together and resume talks. Motion carried.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Councillor MacLellan, to adjourn to In Camera.

