

VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
November 20, 2000

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, November 20, 2000, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Present were:

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

Also present were:

Brian Trask, CAO  
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

#### CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Sampson called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval.

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the agenda be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2, 2000, Council Session were presented for approval.

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the minutes of the October 2, 2000, Council Session be approved as presented. Motion carried.

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Village of Baddeck – Sidewalk

At a previous meeting a request was received for the Municipality to cost-share on the asphalt sidewalk from Lynwood Inn to the Silver Dart Lodge. This request was referred to the first meeting after the new Council was sworn in.

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There are a number of partners associated with this project and the total cost to the Municipality would be \$5,462.50.

It was moved by Councillor Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that a capital expenditure in the amount of \$5,462.50 for cost sharing on the sidewalk project be approved. Motion carried.

### South Harbour Channel

Brian Trask advised that a permit has been received from the Department of Natural Resources that will allow the South Harbour Channel to be opened if necessary. This permit will remain in effect until 2004.

### Policing Presence – Smelt Brook/White Point/New Haven Area

Brian Trask advised that as a result of Council's letter requesting an increased police presence in the areas of Smelt Brook, White Point and New Haven, Sgt. Pembroke has advised that they will be increasing the police presence in these areas.

### Court Sitings – Ingonish

A letter was received from the Honourable Michael Baker, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, advising that Bill Clancey, Director of District Operations for the Court Services Division, will come to Victoria County to discuss concerns respecting the cessation of Provincial Court Sitings in Ingonish.

Brian Trask advised that he was contacted by Mr. Clancey and a meeting has been set for the Court House, Baddeck, on December 14, 2000, at 11:30 a.m.

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence from the War Veterans' Memorial Committee acknowledging receipt of Council's donation to the Memorial for War Veterans of Tarbot, North River and Goose Cove.
2. Letters from the Department of Transportation and Public Works concerning the following:
  - ? Old Margaree Road (Swamp) Road) is on the district priority list for paving, however, funding is not

available for this project in the near future. The Red Bridge structure will be inspected.  
? Reduced speed on the Cabot Trail, in Ingonish, will be investigated.

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? A need has not been demonstrated for a crosswalk at the Calabash Road in the area of the Boularderie School; therefore, a crosswalk will not be installed.

? A complete investigation of the intersection of Jones and Chebucto Streets will be done in 2001 in order to determine if a four-way stop is warranted at this intersection.

3. Correspondence from VIA Rail Canada in response to Council's resolution concerning the restoration of the rail service between Sydney and Halifax. Decisions such as this, will be made based on affordability, financial viability, practicability and rolling stock available.

4. Letter from the Office of the Deputy Minister advising that the new department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations is up and running.

5. Letter from the Honourable Angus MacIsaac, Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, authorizing an extension for their 50% cost-sharing under the PCAP for the Baddeck Sewage Treatment Plant to allow expenditures for paving and associated costs to be completed in the spring of 2001.

6. Correspondence from Brian Stonehouse, Deputy Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, advising that the Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Program was signed on October 4, 2000, making \$130 million in federal and provincial funding for municipal infrastructure over the next 6 years. Council will be asked to identify their priority projects for funding consideration under the program over the next 6 years.

## RURAL CAPE BRETON DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

Deputy Warden Morrison indicated that the Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission incurred a deficit in the last fiscal year. Discussion took place on this matter.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor Budge, that Victoria County accept the deficit of the Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission for 1999/2000 and the deficit be shared among the four member municipalities – Victoria, Inverness, Richmond and Port Hawkesbury. Motion carried.

## COMPOSTING PAD - BADDECK LANDFILL

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A letter was received from the Honourable Angus MacIsaac, Acting Minister of the Environment and Labour, advising that the Department is pleased to offer its support and assistance in the amount of \$10,000 towards the cost of developing a compost pad at the Baddeck Landfill facility using coal combustion wastes (fly ash). This funding is to assist with the transportation, engineering, construction, and monitoring costs associated with the development of this concept.

Background information on how this project came about was presented. The Municipality will be responsible for the costs associated with trucking the fly ash from Point Aconi to the Baddeck Landfill site. It is estimated that the cost to the Municipality will be in the area of \$2,000.

The compost pad will be 30 X 100 and will be 8 inches thick. The fly ash has the consistency of sand and when spread and moistened hardens quickly into a product that is like a mild type concrete. It should prove excellent for a compost pad.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor Toms, that the Department of the Environment and Labour's assistance in the amount of \$10,000 be accepted for the development of a compost pad at the Baddeck Landfill using coal combustion wastes. Motion carried.

#### BORROWING RESOLUTION

It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 be approved for the Municipality. Motion carried.

#### TENDER – INGONISH BEACH SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

A tender was received from Ken Doucette for the snow removal and salting of the Ingonish Beach sidewalks. Mr. Doucette's tender amount was \$50 per hour.

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that Ken Doucette's tender for snow removal and salting of the Ingonish Beach sidewalks at a cost of \$50 per hour be accepted. Motion carried.

#### RECESS

Warden Sampson announced that Council would recess for 10 minutes.

#### STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of members to the Standing and Special Committees for the Municipality.

The following is the list of Committees:

ENVIRONMENTAL/SOLID WASTE CORPORATE SERVICES

Shane Toms     Bruce Morrison  
Lawrence Barron     Shane Toms  
Robert MacLellan     Wayne Budge  
Dan E. MacNeil     Lawrence Barron

WATER COMMITTEE ALDERWOOD

Lawrence Barron     Shane Toms  
Dan E. MacNeil     Dan E. MacNeil  
Wayne Budge     John G. MacInnes  
Robert MacLellan     1 Working Council Rep.  
Lisa MacKinnon

HIGHLAND MANOR

Robert MacLellan  
Wayne Budge  
John G. MacInnes  
Marilyn MacKay  
Debbie Burton  
Glenda Symes

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Barron, to approve the appointments to the Highland Manor Board. Motion carried.

RURAL CAPE BRETON DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION

Gerald Sampson  
Bruce Morrison

PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Shane Toms  
Bruce Morrison  
2 Village Commissioners  
2 Citizens

STRAIT-HIGHLANDS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Gerald Sampson

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VICTORIA COUNTY COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gerald Sampson

Bruce Morrison

George Maher

Jim Morrow

Gary Collins

John Langley

Jolene Stockley

Brian Fitzgerald

VICTORIA COUNTY HOMEMAKERS SOCIETY

John G. MacInnes

Joan MacDonald

Judi Grant

Flora Canning

Josephine Barron

Richard Gwinn

Norman Connors

VICTORIA COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL

Wayne Budge

John G. MacInnes

CAPE BRETON REGIONAL SOLID WASTE

Chairman of Environmental/Solid Waste

Landfill Site Manager

HIGHLAND COASTAL MAPPING

Bruce Morrison

CAPE BRETON INDUSTRY SKILLS COUNCIL

John G. MacInnes

EMERGENCY PLANNING/SAFETY COMMITTEE

All Councillors to serve in some capacity

\*\*The Warden is an Ex-Officio Member on all Committees

## NEW OR OTHER BUSINESS

### District #1

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Councillor MacNeil indicated that since the last Council meeting, the School Advisory Council has met with the School Board regarding the new school for Rankin Memorial. The Board does not see how the Department of Education can go back on their word at this point.

It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Toms, that a letter be forwarded to Ed Davis, Superintendent, CBVRSB, supporting the new school for Rankin Memorial, Iona, as promised by the existing and previous governments. Motion carried.

Councillor MacNeil was approached by the President of the Iona Legion concerning the bill they are receiving for solid waste collection. As a non-profit organization, they feel they should be exempt from paying for this pickup. This matter is to be investigated.

### District #2

Councillor Toms indicated that a resident advised him that someone is coming from the Northside and taking metals from the Baddeck Landfill. Also he was advised that salvaging is taking place at the landfill and that employees are taking materials from the site.

The Baddeck Landfill staff are to be advised that once materials are brought to the landfill, they are the property of the Municipality. Materials are not to be taken from the site by anyone, including employees, and failure to comply with this policy, can result in dismissal.

### District #4

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Transportation requesting that they investigate the need for flashing lights at the intersection of the Cabot Trail and Highway 312. Motion carried.

### District #7

Councillor Budge questioned on the possibility of instituting a derelict vehicle program in the County. This matter will be looked at seriously during next year's budget deliberations.

District #6

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Councillor Barron updated Council on the serious water contamination problems in the Ingonish Beach area.

An Intent to Apply application was submitted and approved by the Green Municipal Enabling Fund and Ed Carey, Carey Geoenvironmental Engineering, has assisted in preparing a formal application for an engineering feasibility study to be submitted for approval to this fund. A bill was received from Carey Geoenvironmental Engineering in the amount of \$944.75.

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that Carey Geoenvironmental Engineering's invoice in the amount of \$944.75 be paid. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the remainder of the District #6 budget be approved for the Ski Cape Smokey Society. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation, with a copy to Bruce Fitzner and Charlie MacDonald, requesting that funds be included in next year's budget to carry out a major guard-railing project in the Ingonish Ferry area. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that a letter be forwarded to Small Craft Harbours, with a copy to the Minister of Fisheries, requesting that a breakwater be built at Ingonish Harbour to protect the infrastructure in this area. Motion carried.

Councillor MacInnes advised that Kennie MacAskill's office provided applications for Disaster Financial Assistance for any residents who may qualify.

District #8

Councillor MacLellan questioned on securing the Highland Consolidated School building.

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Toms, that the \$1,000 for securing the Highland Consolidated School be administered through the District #8 budget and Councillor MacLellan look after securing the windows and doors in the building. Motion carried.



### District #3

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Discussion took place on the Nova Scotia Power Inc. cutbacks in service and manpower in the Baddeck Field Office.

NSPI representatives have agreed to meet with Council and a date will be set as quickly as possible.

Councillor Morrison brought up a concern he had regarding the municipal election lists. He indicated that he brought in a list of additions and deletions for District #3, and when the final list was printed, the changes were not included. Brian Trask indicated that in future, it is proposed that we use one master list for federal/provincial and municipal elections.

### District #5

Deputy Warden Morrison assumed the Chair.

It was moved by Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that a letter be forwarded to the Department of Economic Development questioning if there are plans for a Winter Works Program. Motion carried.

Warden Sampson presented a petition signed by Department of Transportation and Public Works workers from the Boularderie Depot concerning snow plowing and ice control and the fact that vehicle maintenance will be carried out from the Sydney River Base. The workers feel it is not feasible to have the maintenance done from Sydney River and it should continue to be done from Baddeck as it has in the past.

It was moved by Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that a letter of support for the Department of Transportation workers from the Boularderie Depot be forwarded to the Department of Transportation. Motion carried.

Warden Sampson advised that he was approached by a resident concerning Council's stand on the proposed mussel farm.

It was moved by Warden Sampson, seconded by Councillor Toms, that this matter be referred to the Victoria County Community Economic Development Committee for them to re-address and to provide an update. Motion carried.

NSPI

Gary Collins entered the meeting at this time and a discussion was held on the meeting he attended with NSPI representatives. He indicated that the NSPI are receptive

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to a meeting with Council to discuss concerns regarding the cutbacks to service and manpower in Victoria County.

The date of December 14, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. was set as the target date for this meeting. Warden Sampson will be the spokesman for the County.

ADJOURN

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

B. E. Trask, CAO

Gerald Sampson, Warden