

Victoria County Municipal Council

December 3, 2001

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, December 3, 2001, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with Deputy Warden Bruce Morrison in the Chair.

Present were:

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

Also present were:

Brian Trask, CAO
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

Absent was:

District #5 – Gerald Sampson, Warden (Due to illness)

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Warden Morrison called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval. It was indicated that Laurie Sutor, Bras d'Or Lakes Coordinator, Department of the Environment and Labour, has been added to the agenda for a brief presentation on the Pitupaq Committee.

It was moved by Councillor MacLellan, seconded by Councillor Toms, that the agenda be accepted with the noted addition. Motion carried.

LAURIE SUTOR – PITUPAQ COMMITTEE

Courtesy of the meeting was extended to Laurie Sutor, Bras d'Or Lakes Coordinator, Department of the Environment and Labour.

Ms. Sutor was in attendance to provide a brief update on the Pitupaq Committee. She indicated that the Pitupaq name comes from the Mi'kmaq language and translates "to which all things flow to". This was felt to be an appropriate name for the Bras d'Or Lakes Remediation project.

Laurie Sutor indicated that she and Warden Sampson were invited to a meeting with the First Nations Advisors in Halifax and they were well received. There was agreement that the First Nations approve the 10 commitments.

Ms. Sutor advised that she, Warden Sampson, Ross MacDonald and Chief Terry Paul met with David Darrow, Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations, in Halifax to present to him the Pitupaq Vision and Funding Statement. This was a very positive meeting. Two points need to be addressed for incorporation in the final application for infrastructure funding and they are the creation of wastewater management districts and cost recovery (how municipalities will cover some of the costs incurred). Mr. Darrow offered funding to assist in the preparation of the final application and Rick Ramsay has been approached to work for the municipalities to complete the final application document.

Ms. Sutor indicated she also made a presentation to Kevin MacNamara, Deputy Minister of the Environment, on the work she has been doing as Bras d'Or Lakes Coordinator, and he gave some positive feedback on the work being done. Mr. MacNamara will be attending the next Pitupaq Committee meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. at the Old Parish Hall Restaurant in Big Pond.

Ms. Sutor thanked Victoria County for their support of this project and indicated that Warden Sampson's participation has been invaluable in getting First Nations involvement in this project.

Ms. Sutor was extended a vote of thanks and she left at this time.

HRDC BUSINESS PLAN

Courtesy of Council was extended to representatives from Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC). In attendance were:

- Scott MacKenzie, Labour Market Analyst
- Kathleen MacNeil, Programs Unit, Glace Bay HRDC
- Al Provoe, Program Officer, North Sydney HRDC

Mr. MacKenzie, representing Wayne Talbot, Director of the Industrial Cape Breton Zone of HRDC, made a presentation on the HRDC Business Plan, outlining programs and services offered. (Copy attached). The representatives answered various questions of Council and were excused at this time.

RECESS

Deputy Warden Morrison advised that Council would recess for five minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 19, 2001, Council meeting were presented for approval.

Brian Trask advised that the motion made at that last meeting that 1st reading of an amendment to lower the sewer connection fee in Baddeck to \$300 from \$1,000 be approved must be rescinded.

He explained the procedure for amending by-laws and indicated that notice of motion must be given prior to giving 1st reading of the amendment. The November 19, 2001, meeting can serve as the meeting where notice of motion was given and the actual motion can be made at tonight's meeting.

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Toms, that the motion in the November 19, 2001, Council minutes pertaining to amending the sewer connection fee be rescinded. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that 1st reading of an amendment to lower the sewer connection fee in the Sewer Connection By-law for the Village of Baddeck to \$300 from \$1,000 be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that the minutes of the November 19, 2001, Council meeting be approved with the noted change. Motion carried.

ROAD NAME CHANGE

Brian Trask advised that approval has been received from both the Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission and the Department of Transportation and Public Works to rename Private Road 6011(P) in

Ingonish to Ocean Vista Lane.

It was moved by Councillor Barron, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that the road name change from Private Road 6011 (P) to Ocean Vista Lane be approved. Motion carried.

MCKROUS SUBDIVISION

Council had requested Paul Burt investigate the possibility of installing an emergency fire exit to serve the MacKrous Subdivision located at Ingonish. A report and recommendation was received from Mr. Burt with accompanying maps and diagrams of the area. Councillor Barron requested a copy of this report.

INGONISH BEACH WATER

Brian Trask advised that the tentative date of the land transfer for the Ingonish Beach Water has been set for January 15, 2002.

CATTLE PROBLEM, CAPSTICK

Councillor MacLellan was questioned on the cattle problem in the Capstick area and he indicated that the cattle in question have supposedly been sold.

SHORE ROAD SEWER DIVERSION

Brian Trask presented Progress Claim #1 for the Shore Road Sewer Diversion. Ed Carey has reviewed the claim submitted by Barra Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$52,284.18 and has verified that the work contained in the claim has been completed.

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Toms, that Progress Claim #1 for the Shore Road Sewer Diversion be approved for payment. Motion carried.

ALL MEMBERS COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

It was moved by Deputy Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that a letter be forwarded to the All Members Committee reviewing the provincial electoral boundaries to express our concern that any changes made to the electoral boundaries not effect the current boundaries of the Victoria Electoral District and these boundaries be maintained. Motion carried.

BADDECK ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL

It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that a letter and certificate of congratulations be forwarded to the Baddeck Academy Girls Volleyball Team, recent winners of the Division 4 Provincial Championships. Motion carried.

PAYMENT THROUGH BANK

Deputy Warden Morrison indicated that he received a request from a senior citizen in his district that the Municipality make arrangements for payment of tax, water and other municipal fees at the Bank. Brian Trask felt this would be possible and it will be investigated.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Memorandum from Jerry Blumenthal, President of the UNSM, updating on the UNSM's roles and responsibilities proposal.
2. Letter from Rick Beaton, Vice-President, ECBC, in reply to Council's letter opposing the sale of the "Sound Stage".
3. Copy of a letter from Ken Simpson, Executive Director, UNSM, to the Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission concerning the UNSM's position on how grants should be provided to municipalities to assist in paying for E-911 services.
4. Letter from Charlie MacDonald, P. Eng., Department of Transportation and Public Works, in reply to Council's concerns of November 5, 2001.
5. Copy of the proposed holiday schedule for solid waste collection and hours of operation for the Baddeck Landfill and Cape North Transfer Station.

Discussion took place on the proposed schedule and Council felt that in areas where there is a change in collection day, the residents should be notified by a mail out. Only two areas will be affected and arrangements will be made to notify the residents of these areas.

It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor Budge, that the holiday solid waste collection schedule and the hours of operation of the Baddeck Landfill/Enviro-Depot and the Cape

North Transfer Station be approved and a mail out be forwarded to all affected by the schedule change. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT REVENUES AND FEES

A memorandum was received from John Bain, Director, Rural Cape Breton District Planning Commission, concerning building permit revenues and fees. Discussion took place on this matter.

It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that Paul Burt, Building Inspector, be requested to appear at the next Council meeting to discuss this matter. Motion carried.

DISTRICT #7

It was moved by Councillor Budge, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that \$200 be approved for the Neil's Harbour/New Haven Volunteer Fire Department from the District #7 budget. Motion carried.

DISTRICT #1

It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Budge, that \$250 be approved for the Royal Canadian Legion, Iona, from the District #1 budget. Motion carried.

IN CAMERA

Deputy Warden Morrison announced that Council would move to an In Camera Session.