

**VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**November 5, 2012**

A session of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, November 5, 2012, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Sandy Hudson, CAO, opened the session.

Present were:

Paul MacNeil – Councillor Elect for District #1  
Athol Grant – Councillor Elect for District #2  
Bruce Morrison – Councillor Elect for District #3  
Merrill MacInnis – Councillor Elect for District #4  
Fraser Patterson – Councillor Elect for District #5  
Larry Dauphinee – Councillor Elect for District #6  
Wayne Budge – Councillor Elect for District #7  
Johnny Buchanan – Councillor Elect for District #8

Also present were:

Sandy Hudson, Chief Administrative Officer  
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

**2012 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Sandy Hudson, Returning Officer, advised of the results of the October 20, 2012, Municipal Election.

District #1	Paul MacNeil	(Acclamation)
District #2	Athol Grant	290 (Elected)
	Norman Matheson	32
	Lynn Myers	221
District #3	Bruce Morrison	(Acclamation)
District #4	Merrill MacInnis	(Acclamation)
District #5	Karen MacPhee	180
	Fraser Patterson	364 (Elected)
District #6	Larry Dauphinee	234 (Elected)
	Robert (Bob) Doucette	198

District #7	Wayne Budge	295	(Elected)
	David Donovan	249	
District #8	John W. Buchanan	231	(Elected)
	Kevin Chaisson	175	
CBVRSB District M	John Berk	1069	(Elected)
	Cathi Pierrard	662	
CBVRSB District N	Lawrence Barron	507	
	Jackie Organ	865	(Elected)

**It was moved by Councillor Elect MacInnis, seconded by Councillor Elect Dauphinee, that the results of the October 20, 2012, Municipal Election be accepted. Motion carried.**

Sandy Hudson then administered the Oath of Allegiance and Of Office to the Councillors Elect.

### ***OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND OF OFFICE***

*I, the undersigned, do swear (or solemnly affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law.*

*And that I am duly qualified as required by law for the office of Councillor of the Municipality of the County of Victoria.*

*And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my knowledge and ability.*

*And that I have not received and will not receive any payment or reward or promise thereof for the exercise of any partiality or other undue execution of the duties of my office.*

***Signed:***

***District #1 – Paul MacNeil***

***District #2 – Athol Grant***

***District #3 – Bruce Morrison***

***District #4 – Merrill MacInnis***

***District #5 – Fraser Patterson***

***District #6 – Larry Dauphinee***

***District #7 – Wayne Budge***

*District #8 – Johnny Buchanan*

*Sworn to (or affirmed) by each of the Councillors who have hereto subscribed their names to the Oath of Allegiance and Of Office of Councillor at Baddeck, in the County of Victoria and Province of Nova Scotia, this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of November, 2012, before me*

*A.W. (Sandy) Hudson  
Chief Administrative Officer*

**APPOINTMENT OF WARDEN**

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of a Warden for a two year term.

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnis, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that Bruce Morrison be nominated for the office of Warden.**

Mr. Hudson called three times for further nominations.

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that nominations cease. Motion carried.**

***OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND OF OFFICE***

*I, Bruce Morrison, do swear (or solemnly affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law.*

*And that I am duly qualified as required by law for the office of Warden of the Municipality of the County of Victoria.*

*And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my knowledge and ability.*

*And that I have not received and will not receive any payment or reward or promise thereof for the exercise of any partiality or other undue execution of the duties of my office.*

***Signed:  
District #3 – Bruce Morrison***

Warden Morrison then assumed the Chair and thanked Council for supporting him as Warden for the next two years.

**APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY WARDEN**

Warden Morrison indicated that the next item on the agenda was the appointment of Deputy Warden.

Warden Morrison called for nominations for Deputy Warden.

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnis, seconded by Councillor Grant, that Councillor Fraser Patterson be nominated for the position of Deputy Warden.**

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that Councillor Paul MacNeil be nominated for the position of Deputy Warden.**

Warden Morrison called three times for further nominations.

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnis, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that nominations cease.**

Warden Morrison advised that voting would be by secret ballot. Sandy Hudson and Heather MacLean served as scrutineers.

The ballots were distributed and collected and Sandy Hudson advised that the results were four (4) votes for Councillor Paul MacNeil and four (4) votes for Councillor Fraser Patterson.

In the event of a tie, the selection is drawn by lot. Both names – Paul MacNeil and Fraser Patterson were placed in a hat. Alicia Lake then drew the ballot and advised that Fraser Patterson was selected.

Warden Morrison declared Fraser Patterson elected as Deputy Warden for a two-year term.

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnis, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.**

The Oath of Allegiance and Of Office was then administered to Fraser Patterson, Deputy Warden.

***OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND OF OFFICE***

***I, Fraser Patterson, do swear (or solemnly affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her heirs and successors according to law.***

*And that I am duly qualified as required by law for the office of Deputy Warden of the Municipality of the County of Victoria.*

*And that I will truly, faithfully and impartially execute the duties of the office to which I have been elected to the best of my knowledge and ability.*

*And that I have not received and will not receive any payment or reward or promise thereof for the exercise of any partiality or other undue execution of the duties of my office.*

*Signed:  
District #5 – Fraser Patterson*

**WELCOME**

Warden Morrison then extended a welcome to Athol Grant on his first term as a member of Victoria County Municipal Council and welcomed back former Councillor and Warden, Wayne Budge, to Council.

Warden Morrison advised that Council would recess for 10 minutes.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

As per the by-laws of Alderwood and Highland Manor, the following appointments were made.

**Alderwood Board**

Fraser Patterson  
Paul MacNeil  
Athol Grant  
Merrill MacInnis  
Bruce Morrison

**Highland Manor Board**

Merrill MacInnis  
Johnny Buchanan  
Wayne Budge  
Larry Dauphinee

**Eastern District Planning Commission**

Bruce Morrison  
Athol Grant

**Planning Advisory Committee**

Athol Grant  
Bruce Morrison  
Paul MacNeil (Alternate)

**It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, to approve the appointments to the Eastern District Planning Commission and Planning Advisory Committee. Motion carried.**

**Victoria County Homecare**

Merrill MacInnis  
Wayne Budge

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, to approve the appointments of Merrill MacInnis and Wayne Budge to the Victoria County Homecare Society Board. Motion carried.**

**Cape Breton Regional Library Board**

Paul MacNeil

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Deputy Warden Patterson, to appoint Paul MacNeil to the Cape Breton Regional Library Board. Motion carried.**

**Inverness-Victoria Federation of Agriculture**

Merrill MacInnis

**It was moved by Councillor Budge, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, to appoint Merrill MacInnis to the Inverness-Victoria Federation of Agriculture. Motion carried.**

**Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve**

Fraser Patterson

**It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that Fraser Patterson be appointed to the Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve. Motion carried.**

**Pitu'paq Committee**

Paul MacNeil  
Larry Dauphinee (Alternate)

**It was moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Budge, that Paul MacNeil be appointed to the Pitu'paq Committee, with Larry Dauphinee being appointed as an alternate. Motion carried.**

**LFA 27**

Merrill MacInnis  
Johnny Buchanan

**It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that Merrill MacInnis and Johnny Buchanan be appointed to the LFA 27 Management Committee. Motion carried.**

**OTHER COMMITTEES**

Appointments to the Age-Friendly Communities Committee will be made on November 19, 2012. Appointments to the Police Advisory Board will be made when the provincial appointee is selected.

Committee appointments to the Island-wide RDA will be made when this organization is established.

Warden Morrison advised that all Council form the Audit and Budget Committees.

**UPDATES**

Warden Morrison indicated to the two new Council members that their choice of technology – a laptop or I Pad would be provided. He also updated on the Municipal Travel Expense Policy which is available online on the County website.

Council members will also receive new blazers and Tip Top Tailors will be notified that Council members will be coming in to be fitted for the new jackets.

It was also agreed that former Councillors MacCuspic and Donovan be permitted to retain their I Pads and their access to County email is to be eliminated.

Sandy Hudson advised that Dr. Monika Dutt, Cape Breton District Health Authority, will be in attendance at Council on November 19, 2012. As well a presentation is anticipated regarding cutbacks to the AG Bell Museum.

The Victoria County Active Living Strategy will be unveiled at the December session of Council.

Presentations from Port Hawkesbury Paper, RCMP, Nova Scotia Trails Federation, Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve, and Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board will be scheduled in the New Year.

The Annual Staff/Council Christmas Party will be held at the Gaelic College, St. Ann's, on Friday, November 30, 2012.

Council are requested to attend the two Christmas Parades in the County and in honour of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gaelic College, they will be wearing kilts. Councillor MacInnis will coordinate the acquisition of the kilts.

Warden Morrison advised the new Council members that a motion of Council is required if they wish to spend over \$1,000.00 from their district budgets. Lesser amounts do not require Council approval.

Council was also advised that the Municipal Group Health Plan is available to Council members should they wish to join. They have 30 days to opt in to this program.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council will be held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, November 19, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, on motion of Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m..**



**Bruce Morrison, Warden**

**Sandy Hudson, CAO**