

**VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**October 21, 2013**

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, October 21, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. with Warden Bruce Morrison in the Chair.

Present were:

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

Also present were:

Sandy Hudson, CAO  
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Warden Morrison called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval. An In Camera meeting is to be held at the end of the meeting.

**It was moved by Councillor Budge, seconded by Deputy Warden Patterson, that the agenda be approved with the noted addition. Motion carried.**

**STEPHEN HINES, HOUSING NOVA SCOTIA**

Warden Morrison extended the courtesy of Council to Stephen Hines, Housing Nova Scotia.

Mr. Hines advised that effective August 30, 2013, the Department of Housing was renamed Housing Nova Scotia. What this renaming has done has brought housing to the forefront and his office is very proud of this action.

Mr. Hines then provided Council with a presentation on Housing Repair Programs for low to modest income Nova Scotians (copy attached). Housing Nova Scotia provides grants, loans and mortgage programs to help lower income Nova Scotians repair, acquire or rent safe, affordable housing.

The Eastern Region serves Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond and Victoria Counties. They offer 17 different grant/forgivable loan and repayable loan programs. The office approves approximately 650 applicants annually totalling \$3.5 to \$5 million annually.

The people the office serves include families, seniors, persons with disabilities, landlords and tenants, co-operatives, and non-profits and builders of affordable housing.

Information on the eligibility criteria was outlined. Income eligibility for repair programs is based on CMHC's Household Income Limits (HILs). HILs vary by urban and rural area and household size. There are various other criteria i.e. emergency repairs, client resources, and repairs related to disability. Clients must own and occupy the home for at least one year. Mr. Hines outlined to HILs as they related to Inverness, Richmond and Victoria Counties.

Program funding limits for the various programs were also outlined. Mr. Hines updated Council on the approved loan statistics for Victoria County for the past five years. Over this time period a total of 127 people received assistance totalling in excess of \$1.16 million dollars.

Mr. Hines provided contact information for his office located at 360 Prince Street, Sydney. The toll free number is 1-800-567-2135 and information can be obtained on their website at [www.housingns.ca](http://www.housingns.ca).

Councillor MacNeil questioned on the HILs and how often these levels are revisited. Mr. Hines indicated that the income levels are looked at on an annual basis. Councillor MacNeil also questioned on the requirement that the resident continue to live in the house for a period of five years following receipt of assistance. Mr. Hines indicated that there is no signed document to this effect. In order to receive forgiveness under federal loan programs, this is a requirement.

Councillor Grant questioned on the six month wait list and how this wait list is handled. Mr. Hines replied and indicated repairs can be looked at in emergency situations and dealt with accordingly. Councillor Grant also questioned on who would determine who gets into rental units that are built under funding programs. The developer would determine this from their list and income levels and maximum rent would apply.

Councillor MacInnis asked if the repair work done under the housing programs must be completed by a licensed contractor. Mr. Hines indicated that it not necessarily a journeyman carpenter that is required. If an individual is capable of completing the work to code, then they can be considered.

Councillor Buchanan brought up a concern with regard to Capstick Manor in Dingwall. He was informed that the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority would supply new flooring for the units, but the residents of the units were required to pay the installation costs. Mr. Hines will check on this matter and let Councillor Buchanan know of his findings.

Councillor Budge questioned on the modest housing mortgage of up to \$70,000.00. He indicated that there is a family in his district that live in substandard housing. Mr. Hines advised that a normal credit criterion applies to this program.

Councillor Dauphinee also questioned on the credit rating of individuals applying for this program. The requirements are the same as all other financial institutions.

Deputy Warden Patterson brought up the matter of the HILs and if they could be increased. He has residents who fail to qualify by a minimum amount. Mr. Hines advised that they should make application anyway and it will be reviewed accordingly.

Deputy Warden Patterson also question on the Access-A-Home Program of up to \$5,000.00 for ramp or adaptations. A member of the household must be confined to a wheelchair. Discussion also took place on the Disabled RRAP Program and the criteria for same.

Admission to seniors housing was discussed and the wait list for same. Residents who are admitted to one facility can request a transfer to their first preference after accepting residency at the first facility.

The loans accessed by Victoria County residents over the past five years were discussed. Mr. Hines indicated that when the demand is less, this can be viewed as a good thing as Housing Nova Scotia is servicing as many residents as are eligible.

Councillor Buchanan brought up the vacant Rural and Native Housing in his district and questioned why they have not been put up for sale. These units are managed by the Cobequid Housing Authority in Truro and they can only be sold if declared surplus. There is interest in these units in the area and contact has been made by residents who wish to occupy these units. Mr. Hines indicated he would check on the matter and email Councillor Buchanan tomorrow.

Whether mini-homes could qualify under the mortgage program was questioned and Mr. Hines indicated they could.

Further discussion took place and Mr. Hines indicated Housing Nova Scotia want to get the message out with regard to their programs and would be happy to return to Council at a later date and would ask a representative from the Cape Breton Island Housing Authority to attend with him to answer questions concerning their operations.

Warden Morrison extended a thank you to Mr. Hines for the information provided and he was excused at this time.

Courtesy of Council was extended to Chris Prentice, IBI Group, who was in attendance to present the final report for the Transit Feasibility Study (copy attached).

Mr. Prentice indicated that he had made a detailed presentation earlier in the day to the Committee and would be brief in his presentation to Council. He outlined the objectives of the study and what they did to carry out these objectives.

Victoria County's community profile was provided outlining a total population of 7,115 in four distinct districts. Population has declined by 6% since 2006 and there is a high average age, with 29% of the population being 60+. Victoria County has a low population density with 2.4 people per hectare versus 17.4 in the province. The employment rate is 75.4% and there are a high percentage of retirees. Mr. Prentice also outlined statistics on auto ownership, health services, employment, shopping and seniors' facilities.

The existing transit resources in the County were outlined. Mr. Prentice provided an analysis of the transportation needs in the County and the conclusions from the consultation process. Case studies and reviews of other services throughout Nova Scotia were investigated and the demand for transit services in the County was outlined.

Transit service considerations, including service options, service designs, alternatives, cost implications, funding sources, resource requirements, insurance and regulatory issues and governance were all outlined.

Mr. Prentice presented the conclusions from the study and outlined the feasibility of a transit service and a transportation strategy for Victoria County.

The recommendation from the Transit Feasibility Study were outlined and included:

- Receive this report for information;
- Support, in principle, the need for a transportation initiative within the County subject to the preparation of a business plan;
- Approve proceeding to prepare a business plan for establishing a transportation initiative within the County
- Apply for additional funding from the Province through their CTAP fund to prepare the business plan, estimated to cost approximately \$20,000.00.

The statistics provided in the community profile with regard to the percentage of adults and teens with disabilities and limitations was questioned. The percentage outlined for Victoria County was 41%, with the national average being 28%. Mr. Prentice indicated that these were Stats Canada statistics.

Councillor MacInnis questioned whether there were situations in the province where adjoining municipalities combined resources and were multi-jurisdictional. Mr. Prentice outlined the areas where this initiative was undertaken.

Mr. Prentice outlined the importance of starting small with a transit service. A formal transit service is not feasible for Victoria County, but some form of transportation service is needed, be it a demand response style responsive to local conditions and trip demand.

Further discussion took place and Warden Morrison extended a thank you to Mr. Prentice for his report.

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Patterson, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that the final report of the Transit Feasibility Study for Victoria County be accepted and the Municipality pursue funding under the Province's CTAP fund for the preparation of a business plan. Motion carried.**

### **WIND TURBINE DEVELOPMENT**

Warden Morrison extended the courtesy of Council to John Bain, Director, Eastern District Planning Commission (EDPC), who was in attendance with regard to the draft Wind Turbine Development documents.

Mr. Bain outlined the draft documents which included a Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use By-Law for the County of Victoria Concerning the Development of Wind Turbines, as well as a Wind Turbine Licensing Development By-Law.

Mr. Bain indicated that the next step in the process was to obtain public input and questioned on the best method to obtain public response to the draft documents.

It was felt that the Open House method would be most appropriate for receiving public input. One session in the northern area of the County and one in the southern area of the County were felt to be sufficient. The tentative dates for the Open Houses are November 19, 2013, at the Baddeck Community Centre and November 21, 2013, at the St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Ingonish, pending availability of the halls on these dates.

Once the public feedback to these documents is received, then the documents can be re-drafted to incorporate the public's input. These documents will then be reviewed by the Alternate Energy Committee and Council and Council will set the date for a formal public hearing.

After approval of the documents by Council, they will be forwarded on the Minister for approval.

A question was raised as to whether a formal Planning Advisory Committee is required to deal with this matter. John Bain indicated that the Alternate Energy Committee can act as the advisory committee and it would be Council that would make the final decision.

John Bain indicated that the draft documents would be posted on the EDPC's website – [www.edpc.ca](http://www.edpc.ca) tomorrow and the draft documents are also to be posted on Victoria County's website – [www.victoriacounty.com](http://www.victoriacounty.com) tomorrow also.

Warden Morrison extended a thank you to John Bain and also acknowledged the work of Councillor Grant, Chairman of the Alternate Energy Committee, who was instrumental in ensuring that these documents were developed and the issue was brought forward in a timely manner.

John Bain indicated that he would set up the required Open Houses and advise the Municipal Office when they are definitely scheduled. He was excused at this time.

### **RECESS**

Warden Morrison advised that Council would recess for five (5) minutes.

### **WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Courtesy of Council was extended to Robert Dauphinee, Director of Public Works, who was in attendance regarding waste management services. He indicated that his presentation would deal with three items – clear bag recycling program, construction and demolition (c & d) management and waste transfer services.

Mr. Dauphinee indicated that in May, 2013, he made a presentation to Council with regard to a clear bag program. Considerations to be undertaken to launch such a program would include a communication/education program, the impact on existing operations and amending the current Solid Waste By-Law.

Communication/education is key to the success of the recycling programs. An implementation schedule should be determined and then a comprehensive education program targeting residents and businesses to re-educate on our existing blue bag program and a follow up with continued education support of the program should be developed.

Mr. Dauphinee outlined the impact on the operations. There will be an increase in the volume of blue bags handled (process, storage and staffing requirements) and changes will be required in the existing recycling facilities at New Haven and Baddeck.

Councillor MacNeil questioned on what areas presently undertake a clear bag program and Mr. Dauphinee advised that CBRM and Richmond Counties have a clear bag program, and Port Hawkesbury and Inverness County are currently considering such a program.

If the County undertakes a clear bag program, it will result in less material being transported to Guysborough. Guysborough currently charges \$71 per ton for the waste accepted on site.

Councillor Grant questioned on the recycling facilities and what would be required prior to the establishment of a clear bag program. Mr. Dauphinee indicated that a new site for a facility is presently in the works for New Haven. A new building will be erected on County owned land close to the existing site. The Baddeck operations will be investigated with the possibility of an expansion/building for this location.

Councillor MacInnis questioned on the storage of materials outside the buildings and Mr. Dauphinee indicated that outdoor storage of materials degrades the materials and makes it more difficult to find markets to accept these materials. If the product is not good, there is no market to recycle the materials.

Mr. Dauphinee indicated that there would be an adaptation period, but once the clear bag program is established, he anticipates that the long term response will be positive.

The education component was discussed and it was felt that an education coordinator should be hired at least six months prior to the roll out of a clear bag program. It was felt this position should be advertised and filled in the near future as a good education program is essential.

The next issue was the management of construction & demolition (c & d) materials. These materials are materials which are normally used in the construction of buildings, structures, roadways, walls and landscaping features. He outlined the disposal requirements for c & d materials and also updated Council on how c & d is presently managed in Victoria County.

Mr. Dauphinee outlined the c & d management options which include continuing with the present practice with challenges or construct a c & d disposal site at the Baddeck Waste Management Facility. There is land available and the soil condition is favourable for construction of a site at the Baddeck facility. If a site is built, the County will not have to depend on outside municipalities for disposal. The regulation of c & d sites is to become more stringent. A feasibility study on a c & d disposal site was completed by BCG in 2013. One new staff person would be require and transfer of the c & d materials from Dingwall. The costs associated were outlined.

Whether there were private c & d sites in the area was questioned and Mr. Dauphinee indicated that there is one such site in the Valley and in HRM.

If it is decided to proceed with a c & d site, the time frame was questioned. Mr. Dauphinee indicated that the design could be completed in the winter with a spring start up and the site could be operational in mid to late summer.

The monitoring of such a site was discussed and a new sampling well will be included in the present sampling program on site at the Baddeck facility.

Councillor Grant indicated that for a small municipality of 7,115 people, solid waste operations cost a lot of money. Solid waste operations are a major budget item and he questioned whether there were other alternatives to be considered. It was indicated that our recycling program currently generates about \$500,000.00 a year in revenue, so there is some cost recovery in the solid waste operations. The additional employment in the County would be an asset.

Councillor Grant updated Council on the Valley Waste Management trial venture with regard to recyclable waste materials. Materials are removed from the solid waste site and sold to the public in a store that is manned by an employee. The store is open 3 days per week and it is estimated that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the employee's salary is covered by sales at this store. He felt this is maybe something that could be given consideration in Victoria County.

Further discussion took place on the handling of c & d materials.

**It was moved by Councillor Budge, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, to accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works to pursue the c & d management option of constructing a c & d disposal site at the Baddeck Waste Management Facility. Motion carried.**

The final item is waste transfer services. Presently waste is managed at the two Transfer Stations in Victoria County (Baddeck and Dingwall). Waste from Dingwall is transferred to Baddeck for shipping to Guysborough. Presently the waste transfer service is provided by a contractor and the contract expires on December 31, 2013. There is a four month extension clause available.

Mr. Dauphinee outlined how the waste is presently transferred at both the Dingwall and Baddeck Transfer Station sites. He outlined the factors for the Municipality to consider providing waste transfer services by their own means. He provided the contracted waste transfer pricing history and what the cost would be for doing our own waste transfer services.

Municipal transfer services would require the purchase of a Chassis and three transfer trailers. There would be a new Class 1 Driver position. The total annual operating costs associated with this service would be in the vicinity of \$140,000.00.

Discussion took place on this matter and it was indicated that when the Municipality took over responsibility for curbside collection, there were naysayers and this service has proven to be a great service which the public have embraced. Council felt having the control would be better.

Councillor MacNeil questioned on the costs and requested further details on costs; including maintenance costs and a detailed fact sheet for information purposes should he be contacted in this regard. Mr. Dauphinee will provide additional detailed information for Council's consideration.

**It was moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee to explore the option of waste transfer services and further information be provided for the next session of Council. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 7, 2013**

The minutes of the October 7, 2013, meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council were presented for approval.

**It was moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that the Victoria County Municipal Council minutes of October 7, 2013, be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**Cell Phone Providers**

Council had asked the CAO to contact other mobile telephone providers with regard to service coverage in Victoria County.

Sandy Hudson advised that Seaside is not able to provide the service and he has yet to follow up with TELUS and Eastlink. A meeting was held with Bell Aliant earlier today and an update will be provided later in the meeting.

**Family Home Child Care**

The status of the Family Place Resource Centre's application to be the delivering agency for Family Home Child Care was questioned.

Sandy Hudson contacted Joanna LaTullipe-Rochon, Family Place Resource Centre, in this regard and she indicated that the matter is about two weeks away from being presented to Cabinet for program approval and six weeks away from implementation.

**Bay St. Lawrence Community Centre**

At the meeting held in Bay St. Lawrence on October 7, 2013, the Bay St. Lawrence Community Centre made a presentation requesting operations funding in the amount of \$20,000.00 annually from the Municipality. They were requested to provide their annual report and financial statements for the past three years for Council's information prior to them considering the financial request.

This information was provided and Amy MacKinnon, who was in attendance, provided additional information with regard to the financial statements.

Discussion took place on this matter and various questions were addressed.

**Councillor Buchanan gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he would be bringing forward a motion that the Municipality approve operational funding for the Bay St. Lawrence Community Centre in the amount of \$5,000.00 quarterly (\$10,000.00 total) for the remainder of the 2013-14 fiscal year and that the annual request of \$20,000.00 be referred to the 2014-15 budget.**

Sandy Hudson indicated that historically the Municipality has not provided operating funding to organizations. They have been requested to do so in the past and have denied the requests. He questioned if there was any other way to identify this funding request.

The benefit this Centre has provided to the area was again outlined. If the Centre does not receive this funding, they will be forced to close their doors at the end of the year. The changes that have resulted in the Centre's struggles to continue operation include increased insurance rates, increased power rates, changes in federal programs, etc.

Warden Morrison indicated that Council recognizes the role the Centre plays in the community, but they must justify their decisions to their own districts and communities.

Paul Willis, Municipal Advisor, who was in attendance, was questioned as to whether there were any restrictions with regard to the Municipality providing operational funding. He advised that the Municipality can provide such funding.

Councillor Buchanan will bring forward the motion at the next meeting on November 4, 2013.

### **Community Halls**

Councillor MacInnis thanked the CAO for the information on community halls, but requested that the total taxes paid by the community halls in the County be provided for the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Financial Update**

The CAO provided Council with the financial report for the Municipality to the end of September, 2013, for their information.

#### **Department of Environment**

Sandy Hudson advised that on Thursday past, he was served with a Ministerial Order with regard to the cleanup of the sewage site at Dingwall. Island Vacuum ceased operations of this site and is to clean up the site. If they do not clean up the site, the Municipality will and bill Island Vacuum for the cleanup.

**Wagmatcook Band Council**

Brian Arbuthnot is to be provided with the date of November 18, 2013, prior to the Council meeting for a meeting between the Wagmatcook and Victoria County Councils.

**EMO**

Sandy Hudson advised that Council will meet with Lyle Donovan, EMC, prior to Council on November 4, 2013.

**Guysborough Wind Turbines**

Council will be provided with a tour of the Melford Wind Turbine Development in Guysborough on November 1, 2013. Two wind turbines are up and operating at this site.

**Cell Phone Coverage**

A meeting was held with the Bell Aliant representative concerning cell phone coverage today and they have put together a proposal for servicing the Middle River and Bay St. Lawrence/Dingwall/Smelt Brook area. This would a \$770,000.00 dollar project, with the cost to the Municipality being approximately \$500,000.00. They would install the necessary hardware on existing towers at Money Point and Hunter's Mountain.

Bell Aliant was questioned as to whether the cost to the Municipality could be spread over a 5 year period at \$100,000.00 per year. This is being investigated.

Contact is still to be made with Eastlink, TELUS and Rogers to see if they can provide cell coverage and at what cost.

Councillor MacNeil questioned whether contact had ever been made with Gerard MacNeil who works with High Speed Nova Scotia. He deals with issues on a daily basis and there may be funding programs out there that can be accessed. This will be investigated.

**DISTRICT CONCERNS**

**District #1**

Councillor MacNeil brought up the unsightly condition of the former Rankin School property at Iona.

**It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, that the Eastern District Planning Commission be contacted to investigate this building under dangerous and unsightly premises regulations and the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board be notified of the concern with regard to the derelict condition of the former Rankin School and the request to have the EDPC investigate. Motion carried.**

**District #2**

Councillor Grant updated on recent conferences and annual meetings he attended.

On September 27, 2013, he attended a Policy 101 For Change Makers sponsored by the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Arichat. The theme was how to get policy changes and policy development and issues discussed included – After School Time Period, Active Transportation and Equitable Access to Recreation and Sport.

On October 18, 2013, he attended the Annual Meeting of the Inverness-Victoria Federation of Agriculture in Skye Glen. A number of issues were discussed and he handed out contact information for Nova Scotia Agriculture. Victoria County provide annual funding in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Inverness-Victoria Federation of Agriculture.

Councillor Grant expressed concern with regard to the new Red Bridge and the inability to see vehicles on the bridge. It is a one lane bridge and cars have had to back of as another vehicle has been on the bridge.

A follow up is to be done with the Deputy Minister of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal with regard to the placement of a warning light or sign at the bridge entrances which he said would be done.

Councillor Grant indicated that he will be holding a District Meeting at the Baddeck Valley Community Hall, Baddeck Forks, on Thursday, October 24, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Robert Dauphinee, Director of Public Works; John Berk, School Board Representative; representatives from the Department of Environment; and the Warden will be in attendance. A discussion will also be held regarding trails in the district.

**District #4**

Councillor MacInnis brought up the recent Celtic Colours Festival and the number of volunteers that assist in the events during the week-long festival. He felt that Council should suspend their meetings during Celtic Colours week and volunteer their services for events in their districts.

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnis, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that Council suspend meetings during the Celtic Colours Festival in 2014. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnis, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that a letter of appreciation be forwarded to former MLA, Keith Bain, for his service to Victoria County over his years as MLA. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the new Victoria –The Lakes MLA, Pam Eyking, also expressing Council’s desire to meet with her to discuss Victoria County issues. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnis, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that a letter be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal requesting that a bridge be built at Englishtown. Motion carried.**

**District #8**

Discussion took place on the location of a water source at Bay St. Lawrence. Councillor Buchanan indicated that there are areas in the community where there are good wells with sufficient water. This information should be provided to Earth Water Concepts who will be conducting more work in the next 6 to 8 weeks on exploring possible water sources.

**District #7**

Councillor Budge indicated that there is a power pole in Neil’s Harbour at Fitzgerald’s Auto Repair that has at least four or five stays located to keep the pole up. He requested contact be made with NSPI to locate a new pole or install further bracing at this location.

Councillor MacInnis provided the number of the NSPI Resolve Team and the contact name of Milos Paruch. His contact phone number is 574-0094.

Councillor Budge indicated that he would like School Bus Stop signs located in the area of the Freshmart at Ingonish. Hidden Driveway signs should also be located in this area.

**District #6**

Councillor Dauphinee indicated that he forwarded a copy of the *Volunteer Protection Act* to Councillor Grant for his review.

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, that a certificate of appreciation be forwarded to Buddy MacDonald, host of the Celtic Colours Festival Club, thanking him for his service and ambassadorship of Victoria County. Motion carried.**

Councillor Dauphinee indicated that for two years now, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure have promised to have Eastern Fence do the guardrail installation at the top of

the hill by Knotty Pine Cottages. Now the guardrail on the other side of the road is in need of repair. He also mentioned that the sealed cracks in the area at the bottom of Smokey are slippery to motorcycle traffic and the road was to be chip sealed, but now the lines have been placed on the roadway, which would lead to believe the chip sealing will not be completed.

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that a letter be forwarded to DOTIR concerning the guard rail in the area of the Knotty Pine Cottages in Ingonish Ferry and questioning on the chip sealing that was to be done on the Cabot Trail from the bottom of Smokey South. Motion carried.**

Councillor Dauphinee brought up a concern with regard to the location of a Canada Post mailbox on the Long Tom Road that is on a resident's right-of-way. Canada Post says the box is located on DOTIR right-of-way.

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that contact be made with Canada Post concerning their mail box at Long Tom Road, Ingonish Centre. Motion carried.**

**District #5**

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Patterson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that street lights be ordered for installation at 11384 Kempt Head Road and 11795 Kempt Head Road. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Patterson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that \$2,500.00 be approved from the District #5 budget for the Big Bras d'Or Ferry Wharf Restoration Society for Phase II of the ferry wharf project. Motion carried.**

**District #1**

Councillor MacNeil indicated that he attended a Trans-Canada Trail Meeting in Big Pond recently and discussion was held on extending the trail through District #1 – Iona, Little Narrows.

**It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Deputy Warden Patterson, that Council accept the concept to extend the Trans Canada Trail through District #1. Motion carried.**

**District #3**

Deputy Warden Patterson assumed the Chair.

**It was moved by Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor Budge, that the Transit Feasibility Study Report be forwarded to Ruby Knowles, Department of Health, for information purposes. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor Grant, that a letter be forwarded to DOTIR requesting that “No Parking” signs be erected on Shore Road west of the entrance to Baddeck Academy. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, that Paul LeFleche, Deputy Minister of DOTIR, be requested to revisit Victoria County. Motion carried.**

Warden Morrison returned to the Chair.

**IN CAMERA**

**It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, to move In Camera. Motion carried.**

The CAO and Recording Secretary were excused at this time.

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.**

**Bruce Morrison, Warden**

**Sandy Hudson, CAO**

