

**VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**October 20, 2014**

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at Ski Cape Smokey, Ingonish Ferry, on Monday, October 20, 2014, beginning at 5:20 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

**CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Warden Morrison called the meeting to order. He offered apologies for the late start to the meeting and thanked Councillor Dauphinee for arranging the venue and catering for tonight's meeting. The agenda was presented for approval.

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS RECRUITMENT**

Courtesy of Council was extended to Eileen Woodford, Director of Rural Health, CBDHA, and Rose Anderson, Associate Facility Manager, VCMH, who were in attendance concerning healthcare professional recruitment.

The Healthcare Professional Recruitment Committees met earlier today and as a result, a request is being brought before Council to give consideration to providing financial support for website and content development to assist the CBDHA with their recruitment of healthcare professionals.

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, that Council support the recommendation of the Committee to provide financial support for website and content development to assist in the recruitment of healthcare professionals. Motion carried.**

Council will be advised of the costs when more is known on the website development.

This website will not take the place of the CBDHA's recruitment initiatives. It will serve as an enhancement to attract healthcare professionals to both ends of the County in conjunction with the CBDHA.

**HEATHER MOYSE, TWO-TIME OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST**

Warden Morrison indicated Council's pleasure in having two-time Olympic Gold Medalist, Heather Moyse, in attendance at tonight's Council session.

Vince Forrestall, Physical Activity Strategy Coordinator, indicated that tonight's meeting was to celebrate the successes of Naturally Active over the past three years and to re-group and re-focus as we move forward. He indicated that Eileen Woodford, Cape Breton District Health Authority, and Larry Maxwell, Department of Health and Wellness – Active Living Branch, were in attendance tonight also.

Mr. Forrestall then presented a slideshow of the highlights of the past three years. He made mention of all the partners that have been a part of the success of Naturally Active and welcomed Heather Moyse to Ski Cape Smokey and Victoria County and offered a brief presentation on Heather Moyse – Believe in the Possibilities.

Heather Moyse expressed pleasure on being in Victoria County and meeting with the youth at the two schools she visited today and indicated she would be visiting two schools tomorrow also. She thanked the Department of Health and Wellness – Active Living Branch, and Naturally Active, for bringing her to Victoria County.

Ms. Moyse indicated that she had the opportunity to review Victoria County's Active Living Strategy and was impressed by the content. She indicated that the health benefits of eating healthy and active living cannot be understated. She applauded the CAO and Council for their contribution to the Strategy and the opportunities it offers to Victoria County's residents.

The various cultures (Mi'kmaq, Gaelic, etc.) are all highlighted in the Strategy and Ms. Moyse expressed amazement on the list of collaborative partners involved in the Victoria County strategy. She reviewed a number of the accomplishments and programs that have come about as a result of the strategy.

Ms. Moyse indicated that motivation and mindset are key and hopefully the strategy will assist residents to lead a healthy, active lifestyle and be an example for future generations. She indicated that Victoria County is well on the way to making this a reality.

The ultimate goal is that by 2017, Victoria County residents and visitors be fully engaged in a culture and lifestyle that embraces life-long physical activity and enjoys the benefits that result from this active, healthy lifestyle.

Ms. Moyse indicated that she was brought up in a family that were physically active. She offered congratulations to Victoria County on their initiatives and expressed excitement about what is to come in the future. She thanked everyone responsible for the opportunity to come to this lovely County.

Vince Forrestall requested that Council provide their input on what they see as strengths or weaknesses with the strategy and what they would like to see in their respective districts.

Warden Morrison indicated Council's pleasure and honour on having her attend Council and questioned if she would entertain a photo op with Council. He indicated that Canadians are proud to her accomplishments.

Council members asked various questions of Ms. Moyse as to how her participation in the sport of bobsleigh came to be, the age in which she began the sport and her training regimen leading up to the Olympic Games.

She indicated she was recruited to the sport because of her athletic abilities. She was a rugby player, cyclist, track & field and soccer player and an all-around athlete and the recruiter was persistent and she eventually agreed to attend a testing camp. The first day in the camp she broke a couple of testing records, and this intrigued her and it became a challenge she couldn't resist. She participated in three Olympic Games, the first finishing 4<sup>th</sup>, out of medal contention by 5/100<sup>ths</sup> of a second. She felt she had unfinished business and was successful in winning consecutive gold medals in Vancouver in 2010 and Sochi in 2014.

She advised that her training regimen for the Olympic Games was different for every Games she participated in. She had hip surgery in 2012 and seven months post-surgery she participated in the Women's Rugby World Cup and 9 months post-surgery qualified for the Sochi Olympics.

Ms. Moyse explained her role on the bobsleigh and advised that the speed can be up to 150 km per hour and the athlete must be aware of the track, know the directions of every corner and brace against the directions to make the bobsleigh go faster. You must constantly respect the track and have complete trust in the driver.

Council collectively thanked Ms. Moyse for the inspiration she provided to the school children today and her further school visits tomorrow would provide the same. Her intention for the 2018 Olympics was questioned and she indicated that at this point she has no intention of participating. She enjoys the motivational platform she now has and enjoys travelling the Country to convey her message.

Vince Forrestall then requested Council's feedback on the Strategy and was advised that Council would do a round table on this matter at the next session of Council.

Warden Morrison extended a thank you to Vince Forrestall, Eileen Woodford and Larry Maxwell for the bringing Heather Moyses to our County.

Warden Morrison thanked Heather Moyses and indicated that Council would be interested in seeing her Olympic Gold Medals.

**RECESS**

Warden Morrison advised that Council would recess for 10 minutes to give Council the opportunity to view and have photos with Heather Moyses and her Olympic Gold Medals.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS – ACTIVE LIVING BRANCH**

On behalf of the Municipality, a Certificate of Recognition was presented to Larry Maxwell, Department of Health and Wellness, Active Living Branch, recognizing their funding and sponsorship.

Mr. Maxwell thanked Council and indicated he has been involved in the Active Living Program for the past 7 years and he meets with his counterparts and PAL Strategy Coordinators across the Province and the successes achieved in Victoria County are well known throughout the Province. Victoria County has a lot of good things happening and should be proud and celebrate the success.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 6, 2014**

The minutes of the October 6, 2014, meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council were presented for approval.

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Patterson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that the Victoria County Municipal Council minutes of October 6, 2014, be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**SCOTIAN WINDFIELDS INC.**

Scotian Windfields Inc. will be holding their public information session on November 4, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Baddeck Community Centre.

**HIGHLAND MANOR BY-LAWS**

The Highland Manor By-Laws were previously presented to Council for review.

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Patterson, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that the Highland Manor By-Laws be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**DISTRICT CONCERNS**

**District #7**

**It was moved by Councillor Budge, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that \$1,300.00 be approved from the District #7 budget for the Neil's Harbour/New Haven Development Association. Motion carried.**

**District #8**

Councillor Buchanan questioned on the Halloween curfew as he is receiving phone calls about same.

**It was moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that the Halloween curfew of 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Victoria County be approved and advertised appropriately. Motion carried.**

**District #6**

The North of Smokey Parade of Lights will be held at the end of November and Councillor Dauphinee indicated that the Santa Claus float requires repairs.

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, that \$500.00 be approved to assist in revamping the Santa Claus float for the Parade of Lights. Motion carried.**

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to the Ingonish Development Society and the Ingonish Activities Committee on the successful "Huckle Buckle" festival held recently. Motion carried.**

**District #4**

Councillor MacInnis brought up the matter of Dexter Construction using the County owned former North Shore School property. Permission was not requested from the County for the use.

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnis, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that the CAO contact Stephen MacDonald, TIR, concerning the private contractor's use of County owned property. Motion carried.**

Councillor MacInnis questioned on the cell coverage for the North Shore area. Sandy Hudson indicated that more will be known when he has had an opportunity to meet with ACOA officials on this matter.

**District #5**

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Patterson, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that \$3,000.00 be approved from the District #5 budget for the Kelly Cove Heritage Society. Motion carried.**

**District #2**

Councillor Grant indicated that a meeting of the Alternate Energy Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. at the Court House, Baddeck.

Councillor Grant questioned if contact had been made with John Bain, EDPC, concerning the traffic concerns at Tim Horton's.

Councillor Grant indicated that a Newcomers Party for District #2 will be held at the Middle River Community Centre on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.

Councillor Grant indicated that he reviewed the summary document of the Provincial/Municipal Fiscal Review. The red flag on outstanding property taxes is a concern that needs to be addressed and he presented a number of questions he would like answers for. The questions were distributed to Council and a reply to his questions will be available at the next session of Council.

**District #1**

Councillor MacNeil brought up a concern on the beaver dam on the Barra Glen Road. He has discussed this matter with TIR and if the situation is not remedied soon, he will be requesting Council to forward a letter to TIR.

**District #4**

**It was moved by Councillor MacInnis, seconded by Deputy Warden Patterson, that a letter be forwarded to the Celtic Colour organizers congratulating them on another successful festival. Motion carried.**

**District #3**

Deputy Warden Patterson assumed the Chair.

**It was moved by Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, that a letter be forwarded to CBC Sydney and Knox Presbyterian Church on the success of the free concerts held daily at Knox Church during Celtic Colours and requesting that this venue location be continued in future Celtic Colours Festivals. Motion carried.**

Councillor MacInnis indicated that he attended the finale of Celtic Colours at the Gaelic College, St. Ann's, and he feels that a dance venue for the finale would be a great asset for the festival.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Economic Development Committee**

Councillor MacNeil indicated he is waiting for a reply from Eileen Oldford, CBSBC, with regard to a facilitator to review and update the ICSP, Economic Development Strategy and Victoria County Strategic Plan. The cost to the municipality would be approximately \$1,000.00.

### **PROVINCIAL MUNICIPAL FISCAL REVIEW**

A meeting will be held on October 29, 2014, at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, Port Hawkesbury, at 10:00 a.m. to review the Provincial Municipal Fiscal Review draft report. This is the consultation phase of the fiscal review and all municipalities are encouraged to attend.

Councillors Budge, MacNeil, Buchanan, Deputy Warden Patterson and CAO Sandy Hudson indicated they would attend the session.

### **ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

**Sandy Hudson, CAO**

**Bruce Morrison, Warden**