

**VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**January 12, 2015**

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, January 12, 2015, beginning at 6:00 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.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2014**

The minutes of the December 15, 2014, meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council were presented for approval.

**It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Budge, that the Victoria County Municipal Council minutes of December 15, 2014, be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**NOTICE OF MOTION – MEAT COVE**

Councillor Grant brought up the issue of Meat Cove, Inverness County, receiving services from Victoria County and not being reimbursed for these services. This matter was raised over one year ago, with no agreement reached.

Councillor Grant estimated that the total annual costs for 2014-2015 to be \$39,000.00.

Councillor Grant made notice of motion that he would be introducing a motion at the January 26, 2015, meeting, that a bill be sent to Inverness County in the amount of \$39,000.00 for services provided by Victoria County for 2014-2015.

### **CAPE BRETON DAYS IN OTTAWA**

Warden Morrison advised that the “Cape Breton Days” in Ottawa will be held from January 27-29, 2015.

Councillors expressing an interest in attending included Councillors MacInnis, MacNeil, Buchanan, Dauphinee, Deputy Warden Patterson and Warden Morrison.

**It was moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that the Council members interested in attending “Cape Breton Days” in Ottawa be authorized to attend. Motion carried.**

A number of Ministers will be requested to attend. Mark Bettens is to be advised tomorrow on attendance from Victoria County.

### **FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES**

Warden Morrison advised that the FCM Board of Directors travel to various locations in the Country for their Board meetings and he would like to express Victoria County’s interest in having them travel to our County, whether it is Baddeck or Ingonish. Over 100 people attend these meetings and he is suggesting the September, 2015, meeting as the one we request to host.

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that the Warden be authorized to move forward on the possible hosting of the FCM Board of Directors in Victoria County in the fall of 2015. Motion carried.**

### **DISTRICT CONCERNS**

#### **District #1**

Deputy Warden Patterson indicated that his only concern was the condition of the Kempt Head Road.

**District #6**

Councillor Dauphinee brought up the condition of the roads North of Smokey. The Department of TIR are not meeting their road standards at all. On talking to Steve MacDonald, Area Manager, there were some mechanical problems with two pieces of equipment which have since been repaired. The residents of the area are feeling isolated and unable to travel and this is unacceptable,

The possibility of the Minister travelling to the northern area of the County to meet with Council was discussed.

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Budge, that Honourable Geoff MacLellan, Minister of TIR, be requested to meet with Council in the North of Smokey area by mid-February at his convenience. Motion carried.**

The flooding of the rink at Ingonish Beach was discussed. Fire trucks are being used to flood the surface. The possibility of installing a flush hydrant was discussed.

**It was moved by Councillor Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that a flush hydrant be located in Ingonish Beach for preventative maintenance purposes. Motion carried.**

**District #7**

Councillor Budge indicated that the Department of TIR now have all service trucks taken to Sydney to be serviced. The cost of travelling them to Sydney and the wait time until they return is not acceptable.

**It was moved by Councillor Budge, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, that the Department of TIR be requested to re-evaluate the decision with regard to service truck maintenance and revert to their former maintenance policy for these trucks. Motion carried.**

Councillor Budge brought up the changes to the school bus routes in the White Point area.

**It was moved by Councillor Budge, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that Paul Oldford and Colleen MacMullin, CBVRSB, be requested to meet with Council at their convenience concerning school bus route changes. Motion carried.**

**District #8**

The webcam on French Mountain has not worked since July, 2014, and Councillor Buchanan questioned as to who would be responsible. It was felt that this is a Parks Canada webcam.

**It was moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Budge, that contact be made with Derek Quann, Acting Superintendent, CBHNP, with regard to the repair of the French Mountain webcam. Motion carried.**

Councillor Buchanan brought up the matter of the Old Church Road in Dingwall. Recently the ambulance could not find this road. It is a provincially listed road and as such should be signed and be their responsibility. A letter is to be forwarded to Steve MacDonald on this matter.

**District #4**

Councillor MacInnis questioned on the unsightly premises on Route 312 in River Bennett. This was forwarded to Sean Donovan for investigation.

Councillor MacInnis questioned on the cell coverage for the Barrachois area. This is contingent on ACOA funding and no reply has been received to date.

**District #2**

Councillor Grant indicated that the Biosphere Northeast Trails Association met earlier this afternoon with Larry Maxwell concerning trail development at Humes River. He updated Council on the recommendation regarding applying for small amounts of funding to assist with trail layout, etc. to work towards approval. The possibility of applying for a trail concept plan through the Department of Environment was also outlined. It is hoped that some work will be done this summer.

Councillor Grant advised that he would like to hold an Alternate Energy Committee meeting in the near future to investigate solar and carbon capture possibilities for Victoria County to consider.

Councillor Grant updated on the Cape Breton Private Land Partnership silviculture projects. The possibility of a biomass project in a small community that could provide heat and hot water to buildings was outlined. He indicated he would like to gather information on oil consumption etc. and meet on this matter.

**District #1**

Councillor MacNeil advised that the Department of TIR's 5 year plan is now available and it appears that for the most part Victoria County is neglected with regard to road work. He outlined to projects for Victoria County.

**It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, that Council's concern with regard to Victoria County projects contained in the Department of TIR's 5 year plan be brought to the attention of the Minister. Motion carried.**

Councillor MacNeil advised that Central Cape Breton Discover Us will be producing a brochure this summer outlining all activities taking place in the area. He questioned on where a map of Central Cape Breton could be obtained and was advised to contact Bryne Butts at the Eastern District Planning Commission.

**District #3**

Deputy Warden Patterson took the Chair.

**It was moved by Warden Morrison, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that a letter of congratulations be forwarded to Jessica Wong on capturing a gold medal at the 2015 Nations Cup in Germany with Hockey Canada's National Women's Development Team. Motion carried.**

Warden Morrison expressed concern on the inadequate Bell Aliant internet service in the Baddeck area. This will be addressed with representatives from Bell Aliant when they attend Council on January 26, 2015.

Warden Morrison advised of the One Nova Scotia Meeting to be held at Membertou, on January 13, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. Councillors are encouraged to attend if available and wear their County blazers.

Lyle Donovan, EMC, will be doing a presentation on a Business Continuity Plan on January 14, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at the Court House, Baddeck. A good Council representation is requested.

Warden Morrison returned to the Chair.

**District #7 and #8**

**It was moved by Councillor Budge, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that \$500.00 be approved from both the District #7 and District #8 for CLANS. Motion carried.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Age-Friendly Communities Committee**

Deputy Warden Patterson previously distributed the Mobility Strategy Business Plan for Council's review.

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Patterson, seconded by Councillor Dauphinee, to endorse the proposed Mobility Strategy Business Plan and proceed to work out the details of possible implementation.**

Councillor Grant expressed concern about the costs associated with the business plan and indicated there are a lot of possible capital projects and the County should be careful with how the money is spent.

**The motion was then called. Motion carried with Councillor Grant casting a dissenting vote.**

Warden Morrison, Deputy Warden Patterson and Councillor Dauphinee will meet with the CAO and Director of Finance to work out details and bring back the recommendations to Council.

**NATIONAL SPORT SUMMIT**

Vince Forrestall, Physical Activity Strategy Coordinator, has requested approval to attend the National Sport Summit in Gatineau, Quebec, later in January. The cost is approximately \$1,500.00, of which \$500 will be paid by the Province.

**It was moved by Deputy Warden Patterson, seconded by Councillor MacInnis, that authorization be given for Vince Forrestall to attend the National Sport Summit. Motion carried.**

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, on motion of Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Budge, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

**Bruce Morrison, Warden**

**Sandy Hudson, CAO**

