

**VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**November 2, 2016**

A session of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Sandy Hudson, CAO, opened the session.

Present were:

Paul MacNeil – Councillor Elect for District #1  
Perla MacLeod – 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  
Norman MacDonald – Councillor Elect for District #8

Also present were:

Sandy Hudson, CAO  
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

**2016 MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

Sandy Hudson, Returning Officer, advised of the results of the October 15, 2016, Municipal and School Board Election (copy attached).

District #1	Paul MacNeil	(Acclamation)
District #3	Bruce Morrison	(Acclamation)
District #4	Merrill MacInnis	(Acclamation)
District #5	Fraser Patterson	(Acclamation)
District #6	Larry Dauphinee	(Acclamation)
District #7	Wayne Budge	(Acclamation)

Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board incumbent, John Berk, was acclaimed for District #M (Southern Victoria County).

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Sandy Hudson declared Paul MacNeil, Bruce Morrison, Merrill MacInnis, Fraser Patterson, Larry Dauphinee and Wayne Budge elected as Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Victoria and John Berk elected as Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board Member for District #M.

Elections were held for Councillors representing District #2 and District #8 and for Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board member for District #N (North of Smokey).

Sandy Hudson presented the election results.

<u>District #2</u>	<u>Poll 2A</u>	<u>Poll 2B</u>	<u>Advance Poll</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Bradley MacDonald	77	43	41	161	
Perla MacLeod	34	66	104	204	(Elected)
Norman Matheson	8	15	8	31	

Sandy Hudson declared Perla MacLeod elected by the electors of District #2 as Councillor for District #2.

<u>District #8</u>	<u>Poll 8A</u>	<u>Poll 8B</u>	<u>Advance Poll</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Johnny Buchanan	31	44	64	139	
Norman MacDonald	98	48	206	352	(Elected)

Sandy Hudson declared Norman MacDonald elected by the electors of District #8 as Councillor for District #8.

The results of the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board District #N (North of Smokey) were presented.

	<u>District #6</u>		<u>District #7</u>			<u>District #8</u>		<u>Advance</u>	<u>Total</u>
	6A	6B	7A	7B	7C	8A	8B		
Ray Briand	3	5	2	13	18	81	62	301	485
Jackie Organ	23	19	14	62	4	48	30	427	627 (Elected)

Sandy Hudson declared Jackie Organ elected by the electors of District #6, #7 and #8 as District #N representative on the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board.

The CAO provided voter statistics, indicating overall percentage of voter turnout and the online/telephone percentages for Districts #2 and #8 and District #N of the Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board

Mr. Hudson then called upon the Councillors Elect to individually to take the Oath of Allegiance and of Office.

***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 – Perla MacLeod*

*District #3 – Bruce Morrison*

*District #4 – Merrill MacInnis*

*District #5 – Fraser Patterson*

*District #6 – Larry Dauphinee*

*District #7 – Wayne Budge*

*District #8 – Norman MacDonald*

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016, before me*

*A. W. (Sandy) Hudson*

*Chief Administrative Officer*

***ELECTION OF WARDEN***

Sandy Hudson advised that the next item on the agenda was the election of Warden for a two year term.

Any Councillor is eligible for the Office of Warden and the selection is by secret ballot. Should Council be unable to agree on the choice of Warden, the decision will be determined from the two leading candidates by lot as provided in the *Municipal Elections Act*.

Mr. Hudson then called for nominations for the position of Warden.

**It was moved and seconded that Bruce Morrison be nominated for the Office of Warden.**

Mr. Hudson called three times for further nominations.

**It was moved and seconded that nominations cease. Motion carried.**

Sandy Hudson declared Bruce Morrison elected as Warden for a two year term. He then administered the Oath of Allegiance and of Office to Warden Morrison.

### ***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***

***Sworn to (or affirmed) by Bruce Morrison at Baddeck, in the County of Victoria and Province of Nova Scotia, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016, before me***

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

Sandy Hudson then turned the Chair over to Warden Bruce Morrison who thanked Council for their support as Warden for the next two years. He acknowledged the two newcomers to Council.

### ***ELECTION OF DEPUTY WARDEN***

Warden Morrison indicated that the next agenda item was the election of Deputy Warden for a two year term.

Warden Morrison called for nominations for Deputy Warden.

**It was moved and seconded that Fraser Patterson be nominated for the position of Deputy Warden.**

**It was moved and seconded that Larry Dauphinee be nominated for the position of Deputy Warden.**

Warden Morrison called three times for further nominations.

**It was moved and seconded that nominations cease. Motion carried.**

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

The ballots were distributed, collected and counted and Sandy Hudson advised that the results were four (4) votes for Councillor Patterson and four (4) votes for Councillor Dauphinee.

As stated previously, in the event of a tie, the selection is drawn by lot. Both names – Fraser Patterson and Larry Dauphinee were placed in a hat. Amon Brooks then drew the ballot and Sandy Hudson advised that Larry Dauphinee was selected.

Warden Morrison declared Larry Dauphinee elected as Deputy Warden for a two year term.

**Councillor Patterson moved that the election of Larry Dauphinee as Deputy Warden be unanimous. The motion was seconded and carried.**

Deputy Warden Dauphinee thanked Council for their support.

**RECESS**

Warden Morrison announced that Council would recess for 10 minutes.

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AND OF OFFICE – DEPUTY WARDEN**

Warden Morrison indicated that they neglected to swear in the Deputy Warden and then called on Sandy Hudson to administer of the Oath of Allegiance and of Office to Larry Dauphinee, Deputy Warden.

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

*I, Larry Dauphinee, 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 #6 – Larry Dauphinee*

*Sworn to (or affirmed) by Larry Dauphinee at Baddeck, in the County of Victoria and Province of Nova Scotia, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016, before me*

*A. W. (Sandy) Hudson*

*Chief Administrative Officer*

### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Warden Morrison indicated that the list of Committees was previously forwarded to Council and appointments will be made at the next Council session, with the exception of three Committees that require immediate appointments – Highland Manor Board, Alderwood Management Board and two members for the Eastern District Planning Commission Board.

**It was moved and seconded that Merrill MacInnis, Wayne Budge, Larry Dauphinee and Norman MacDonald be appointed to the Highland Manor Board. Motion carried.**

**It was moved and seconded that Fraser Patterson, Paul MacNeil, Perla MacLeod, Merrill MacInnis and Bruce Morrison be appointed to the Alderwood Management Board. Motion carried.**

**It was moved and seconded that Bruce Morrison and Perla MacLeod be appointed to the Eastern District Planning Commission Board. Motion carried.**

### **DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**

Warden Morrison extended the courtesy of Council to Emily Pond, Municipal Advisor, Eastern Region, Department of Municipal Affairs.

Emily Pond introduced her colleagues, Ron Dauphinee, Municipal Advisor for the Cumberland/Valley Region, Department of Municipal Affairs; and Nick Barr, Manager of Legislative and Policy Services, Department of Municipal Affairs.

Ron Dauphinee provided a presentation to Council on “The Role of the Province”, (copy attached) outlining the players, who they are and what they do.

Emily Pond presented on the “Role and Responsibilities of Council and Staff” (copy attached), indicating the staff requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*, CAO system and responsibilities, staff reporting and accountability, Warden and CAO relationship/Council and CAO relationship, roles and responsibilities, etc.

Nick Barr then provided Council with a presentation on “Conflict of Interest” (copy attached) providing an ethics overview, outlining what is conflict of interest, the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*; etc.

Warden Morrison extended a thank you to the Department of Municipal Affairs representatives for their presentations.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council will be held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, November 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

**There being no further business, it was moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.**

**Bruce Morrison, Warden**

**Sandy Hudson, CAO**

