

**VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
**July 31, 2017**

A special meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, July 31, 2017, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with Warden Bruce Morrison in the Chair.

Present were:

District #1 – Paul MacNeil  
District #2 – Perla MacLeod  
District #3 – Bruce Morrison, Warden  
District #4 – Merrill MacInnis  
District #5 – Fraser Patterson  
District #6 – Larry Dauphinee, Deputy Warden  
District #7 – Wayne Budge  
District #8 – Norman MacDonald

Also present were:

Leanne MacEachen, Interim 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 and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

**AUGUST 14, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of Council will be held at the Indian Brook Fire Hall, Indian Brook, on Monday, August 14, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Possible presentations on the agenda include Nancy Smith, Victoria County Health Board, Carla Arsenault, Vietnam Partnership Project Visit and the presentation of the non-consolidated financial statements for the Municipality of the County of Victoria for the year ended March 31, 2017.

Councillor Patterson indicated that the Age-Friendly Plan and visit by the Deputy Minister will be September 25, 2017.

**MINUTES – JULY 17, 2017**

Council agreed to defer the approval of the July 17, 2017, Victoria County Municipal Council minutes until the August 14, 2017, session of Council.

**DISTRICT CONCERNS**

**District #1**

Councillor MacNeil recently attended a CEPI meeting and the topic of the BLUE DOT Declaration was brought up. A declaration was drafted for the Municipality some time ago and it was felt that this declaration should be reviewed and brought to the next session of Council.

**District #2**

Councillor MacLeod again brought forward concerns with regard to the traffic problems at the Irving/Tim Hortons on Highway 105.

Residents are interested in starting a petition to have the speed reduced from 90 km to 60 km per hour. Discussion took place.

**It was moved and seconded that Council support the public's petition to bring attention to the traffic issues at the Irving/Tim Hortons west of Exit 8. Motion carried.**

Speeding in the Village is also a concern and it was felt the RCMP should be more active in handling this issue and the illegal parking at the Irving/Tim Horton's.

**District #4**

Councillor MacInnis advised that both the Department of TIR and the EDPC have approved the name for the unnamed road at New Harris Settlement as "Dale's View Lane". The road name now requires Council's approval.

**It was moved and seconded that the name "Dale's View Lane" be approved as the name for the unnamed road at New Harris Settlement. Motion carried.**

**District #5**

**It was moved and seconded that a street light order be placed for installation 0.6 km up the Church Road from the Kempt Head Road at Ross Ferry (BBB's Nest). Motion carried.**

**District #8**

Councillor MacDonald brought up the issue of a fire hydrant for the Quarry Road, Dingwall. A resident wishes to come before Council on this matter.

This matter will be investigated, but it was felt it was not a municipal responsibility.

The lack of RIM work being done in District #8 was discussed. There has been no work done in this district past the Highway Garage in Cape North. This could be a concern addressed with the Minister if a meeting can be arranged.

The residents are pleased with the patch work and shouldering done in the Dingwall/Cape North area.

### **District #3**

A formal request was received from the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department for the Municipality to relinquish their interest in the property on which the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department is situated. They are prepared to accept ownership to the property.

The Municipality and County are currently the registered owners of this property.

**It was moved and seconded to accept the formal request from the Baddeck Volunteer Fire Department and begin the process, along with the Village of Baddeck, to relinquish interest to the Fire Department. Motion carried.**

Warden Morrison indicated he would also like to have a clause included that should the fire department ever go to sell the property, the Municipality be given first right to purchase the property.

A problem with derelict vehicles within the Village of Baddeck was discussed. This complaint cannot be driven by Council and must come from the public and then it can be investigated by the Dangerous and Unsightly Premises Administrator.

Department of TIR are to be contacted to dry patch the potholes on Upper Queen Street.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A three year cost share agreement for Subdivision Streets was received by the Municipality. This agreement is to be reviewed.

The Province has also sent out notice of surplus property at Ski Cape Smokey, Ingonish Harbour, questioning whether the Municipality has an interest in obtaining this property.

**It was moved and seconded that the Municipality indicate they have no interest in the surplus property at Ski Cape Smokey, Ingonish Harbour. Motion carried.**

**IN CAMERA**

**It was moved and seconded to move to In Camera to discuss personnel issues.**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**It was moved and seconded to return to the regular session of Council.**

**SIGNING AUTHORITY**

**It was moved and seconded to authorize Leanne MacEachen to have signing authority for the Municipality and in future all cheques be signed with two live signatures. Motion carried.**

**DOG CONTROL BY-LAW**

Now that the Dog Control By-Law has been approved, the policies approved are to be implemented.

**ADJOURN**

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

**Bruce Morrison, Warden**

**Leanne MacEachen, Interim CAO**