

***Victoria County Municipal Council***

November 18, 2020

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at Council Chambers, Baddeck on November 18, 2020 at 5:00pm with Warden Bruce Morrison in the Chair.

Present Were:

District #1- Paul MacNeil  
District #2- Perla MacLeod  
District #3- Bruce Morrison, Warden  
District #4- Barbara Longva  
District #5- Fraser Patterson  
District #6- Larry Dauphinee, Deputy Warden  
District #7- Jackie Organ  
District #8- Norman MacDonald

Also present were:

Leanne MacEachen, CAO  
Stephanie MacLeod, Recorder

**CALL TO ORDER**

Warden Morrison called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval.

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved and presented. Motion Carried.**

Welcome to the two new Councillors, 7 and 4. We look forward to working with you.  
Presentation of the day care by Diane and Matt Hart.

**DAY CARE PRESENTATION/MATT HART**

Matt and Diane Hart were welcomed to council to present an update and overview on the Taigh Curiaiam Day Care Society.

Previous session the Society asked for a letter of support from the County to be sent to the province to indicate the need of a daycare in the community of Baddeck. As a result of that letter and community support, the Day Care was able to obtain funding of \$100, 000.

*Allocation of the funding:*

Necessary capital improvements needed to be carried out at the facility which is located at the Community Centre in Baddeck. A secondary investment was made in the creation of the Bras D'Or Wellness Society, which was constructed in the basement of the community centre.

Upgrading fire safety improvements; new fire panel, upgraded the system to working order to reflect the Daycare Operating Regulations that have to be abided by. Upgraded/replacement of sprinklers, fire extinguishers, emergency plans, etc., were all completed with accordance to the regulations. The replacement of the sprinkler system was just over \$17,000.

Department of Environment improvements needed to be made to follow the regulations for food safety because snacks are provided to the children throughout the day. As per the Departments regulations, the fluorescent lights needed to be replaced.

As per the regulations, certain amounts of window space are needed with the amount of square footage area. To install enough new windows to abide by regulations would have been too great a cost. A transparent wall was erected in the middle of the entire room to borrow light from the existing windows and that allowed the building to have sufficient light as per the Departments regulations.

Other capital improvements include; new windows in the infant area, new storage units, plumbing improvements, handwashing station installed, wall removals, painting and improvements to the inside and outside of the building.

Significant amount of the funding also went to heating (oil heat). Furniture and toys were also purchased and made locally by Henry Krueger and are made of wood so they will last longer and are more sustainable.

*Other costs expended:*

Covid-19 safety protocols recommended that more supplies are needed so kids have their own supplies and don't have the need to share. The license allows for 22 kids; 18 toddlers and up to 4 infants, this added a significant cost to ensure the daycare had adequate supplies for every child.

They have been in operation since October 7, 2020.

*Financials:*

Prior to opening the daycare on October 7, 2020 they were responsible for maintaining the building, the total cost up to that point to maintain the building was \$19,361.00. Those costs were incurred from insurance and utilities.

Diane indicated there was a need to open the gym as a second revenue stream to operate the daycare. They are hoping that in the future, the gym will cover 100% of the costs of maintaining the building and contribute to the operating costs of the daycare.

The gym was designed as non-profit and all the equipment was donated and there is a minimal cost to run it, maximizing the profits to the community centre.

Covid-19 had a huge impact on the gym. No income from the gym was generated from March 2020 to August 2020. The gym did receive just over \$1,200.00 from the Province of Nova Scotia in Covid relief. There was a decrease in membership when the gym reopened in August. The ideal membership number year round would be 100.

Membership increase in 2021 to \$25.00, this will increase gross revenues to \$30,000, if they had 100 members, and will cover the operating costs of the building and contribute a small portion to the daycare operating expenses.

Currently, they have 58 members. From January to March 2020 they had 211 memberships.

*Annual budget:*

The enrollment numbers dictate parent fees and what they receive for government funding. QIG is the provincial funding they receive from the government and expect to receive every quarter. The Infant Initiative and the Inclusion Support Grants (Provincial Grants) are more difficult to qualify for and can't expect to qualify for them every year.

The fees and grant funding bring in about \$131,000 per year. Our total employee cost \$148,000 and Government dictates these wage ranges.

We need more funding from more grants, fundraising and donations. They are going to apply for the Operational Grant through Victoria County. If we receive that grant, it will reduce fundraising need, which is about \$24,000 annually.

There is a significant need to find other revenue streams, the gym projections for the first 4 quarters is \$20,000.

*Going forward review:*

Utilizing untrained staff, for every trained staff. Grow the wait list to reflect the need, if the wait list grows they are able to obtain another employee.

Increase the number of gym memberships.

We have limits as to our revenue amounts coming in and then the amounts that have to pay out. This is what creates the biggest constraint in our budget.

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Issues with our budget come from a lack of support from the Government in allowing us to know what the funding will be. We were not aware of what our operating budget would be until after we were opened and submitted our applications and received the funding.

Maximize enrollment, utilize staffing ratios.

*Focus of the Society*

We are managing the entire building so any improvements made to the building is to ensure it is for the benefit of the entire community. We also want to make sure we keep the main floor of the community building for rental space.

*Wish list*

They want to make another accessible exit in case of emergency. This would also aid with receiving more from the Accessibility Grant. This grant can be applied for year after year. If more improvements are made, like adding another emergency exit, they could be eligible for more funding. Within the next 5 years, they would also like to install heat pumps.

We ask council for \$19,361 to help with the costs incurred while maintaining the building before the daycare opened.

*Questions*

Warden Morrison asked are you asking for this year after year or prior years.  
We are asking for prior years.

Warden Morrison thanked them for their presentation and recognized that the daycare was a needed service in the community.

Councillor Patterson thanked the presenters and commented that it is a needed service.

Deputy Warden Dauphinee thanked the presenters and asked who owns the building. The Baddeck Fire Department owns the building and the Society is leasing the space for a 3 year term with an option to renew. They are taking the burden off the fire department for not having to maintain the building. As past financial statements were looked at, the cost of oil per year was roughly \$12,000.

Deputy Warden then commentated that the Government gave them the initial \$100,000 even though they did not own the building. Presenter Diane retorted that the \$100,000 was only for capital improvements which they went over by about \$8,600 because of additional costs, like a structural integrity of one of the walls.

How do you choose who gets in to the daycare?

Policy for enrollment:

Preference first goes to full time children, then any staff member's children, then first come first serve basis then remainder is added to a wait list.

Do you pay rent? No, we maintain the building.

Deputy Warden Dauphinee commented that the cost is about \$15,000 per child, per year.

What areas in the County do the children represent, are they all from Baddeck?

I'm not sure exactly where they are from because I am on the Board and that information is only privy to our Director of Operations. The centre is available and open to all residents though, not just from Victoria County.

Are there any other licensed or unlicensed day cares in the area?

There are other daycares in different parts of the county and surrounding areas, however many are not licensed.

Councillor MacDonald asked about the cost per child, per day.

\$32 for toddlers/per day.

\$41 for infants/per day.

There are also subsidies for families as well if they qualify.

Councillor MacDonald commented that the wages and insurance are exceptionally high.

Wages are set by the government.

Councillor MacNeil commented that it was a valuable asset to the community and had questions pertaining to the amount of children and current employees and were the employees local or not.

Our average daily in toddler room is 7, infants room is 2. There are three ECE's and one director.

1 is local, 2 from Ontario but are losing them tomorrow because of a move.

We don't have any infants that we expect to come in after December so we can utilize the staff differently and possibly hiring a part time person to cover breaks.

Councillor MacLeod had questions pertaining to the use of the space at a multi-level use and asked if there are any other organizations that they can enter into a partnership with. Councillor MacLeod also asked about current rentals or potential rental dates/inquiries in the future. There are currently no rentals and getting no calls for rentals. It is available for rent and the community thinks its not. We need help from council to get the word out that it is available.

Councillor Longva asked about logistics of how enrollment is done, drop off service offered, set days, etc.

Daily basis is a little more difficult. If they have full enrollment they can create a floating list, which could work for a daily drop off.

Councillor Longva assured them that she will insure her district knows about the daycare and that they have room for more children.

#### CAO Questions

CAO MacEachen wanted further clarification on what the \$19,361 is for. Is it to cover prior year deficit?

CAO indicates that their financials show a surplus of \$83,000...you spent that? So its in your equity

Will there be future asks? The presenters indicated that there will be future asks, as they will be applying for the \$10,000 Operational Grant every year.

The CAO then asked about the other daycare/day camp in town and why the two didn't partner and share the expenses in one building, rather than having it in two separate buildings with 2 building

expenses. The presenters countered that by saying that the other daycare (B.O.L.D.) is not licensed so they cannot share a space under the provincial government regulations.

Warden emphasized that a decision would not be on this tonight; this decision will be made at budget deliberations. Warden also requested further clarification in regards to what the financial ask actually is. Is the \$19,361 for 2019, 2020 and 2021?

Presenter Diane clarified it is up to October 7, 2020. November 2019 was when the lease was signed. Warden asked Presenter to clarify what the ask is and dates pertaining to that in the application before they send it to Council.

Warden then thanked them and acknowledged that the service they provide was needed. He reiterated that this decision would not be made tonight and that their application would be discussed further in a budget meeting at a later date.

Matt thanked all involved and local business. He specifically addressed Robert Plant and Baddeck Building Supplies and thanked them for “holding” their accounts until they are able to make payments on them. He also mentioned that he and Diane contributed \$9,000 of their own money as well.

**Warden then asked council what they would like to do with their request. Deputy Warden moved to discuss this request at budget deliberations. CAO stressed to the presenters to fill out the application as it is part of the process and that it is imperative that this process be executed.**

**It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council were presented for approval.

Warden then called for approval of minutes from last Council session held on November 3, 2020.

Any errors or omissions in those minutes?

Councillor Patterson said he was not listed in attendance. Warden Morrison confirmed his presence at the last Council session held on November 3, 2020.

**It was moved and seconded that the Victoria County Municipal Council minutes of November 3, 2020, be approved as presented. Motion carried.**

Councillor MacLeod asked about the Sea-doo and helicopter rentals were looking at air space regulations. CAO indicated she was looking into that with Transport Canada.

**OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS**

CDDI Bylaw will be sent out to new councillors, hoping to do a second reading and get a public hearing on it.

Still pushing residents to download the Voyent App for Municipal issues - please encourage all to sign up.

It has been clarified - the Provincial rebate for Tourism accommodations is a 25% rebate for tourism operators. We initially thought it was going against what we had in place with the property tax refinancing program. Although it is clarified that tourism operators can apply for it if they have their taxes paid for in full or have payment financing plan in place with us.

Deputy Warden Dauphinee asked who is covering the 25%. The Province is and then they will pay it to us if it's part of the repayment plan.

*CAO Report*

Please see ReUse Centre Stats previously emailed. Acknowledgments were made to the staff at the Baddeck Transfer station from the charities involved with the Reuse centre.

*Tourism*

Dan, Lydia and Jocelyn have ideas for Christmas Parade involvement that they will communicate with the Councillors as it will take place outside in front of the Municipal building.

Visioning session happening next week for provisioning in Baddeck.

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Placemaking - going to have 15 sessions around the County  
Working with VCTF - need to develop a mandate, and follow it.

*Rec/AL*

Lydia and Councillor MacLeod are working on Newcomers package - working on this with St. Ann's, and Baddeck.

Planning a winter staff event to get out and get active

Helping with Placemaking project

Strategy for her Active Living is back from Vibe Creative - looking to present draft to council

Helping with application for indoor track at NVCC

Outdoor learning/Natural seating project is coming to completion

Working with Ski Cape Smokey on Modified Ski in School program

Exploring a Youth Council project with Councillor MacLeod and Jocelyn Bethune. We could see some youth coming here to run a joint Council session in the near future.

*Finance*

Amy is working on projects/taxes/grant applications/financial reports and collection of taxes.

*Public Works*

Winter Ready program Lead sampling project happening now - looking to see if partnering with Senior Safety on potential funding

Looking to present to Council on Tipping Fees in December

Also working with Robert on Senior Safety and Cassondra left some brochures.

*Economic Development*

Patrick has been working with Wagmatcook/ACOA, on trail funding options. He is also assisting Dan in Visioning session.

Broadband meeting happening this week with Develop NS.

Working on an Investor package related to the Housing strategy.

Doing site visits around the County, Counselling on winter business which ties into tourism and trying to get businesses winter ready.

Scheduling Business session roundups around the county this winter as well.

*Other*

Land use bylaw for Baddeck and area and adopting the Terms of Reference - Baddeck PAC, needs to be approved.

We received some safe start-up funds related to Covid- a small amount of money to replace projects and funding we are missing out on related to the pandemic and preventative measures, so we need to decide how to spend it.

Councillor Longva expressed that there was someone in her district that was asking for money for PPE for businesses, such as restaurants. CAO MacEachen made Councillor Longva aware of a program that the Municipality had over the summer for those items. We have a Covid stream that is run by Lydia through our recreational department so have them contact her for further assistance.

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Attended the FCM webinar on Deeply affordable housing - we will not meet the criteria for funding.

I am instructing a "Covering your assets Course" for AMANS. 2- 1.5 hour sessions

Councillor Patterson wanted to thank Council, Leanne and Steff for the work they did regarding the letter that was sent to the FCM, allowing him to be on those committees. Councillor Patterson is sitting on 4 committees and is participating in many meetings.

Some issues that were discussed were; housing, internet and climate change action.

Housing is an issue for rural areas and Councillor Patterson is going to draw up a report regarding seasonal housing and send it off to Ottawa. There is also an issue with transit and a need for a permanent transit fund at the Federal level. Rural transit is one of FCM's priorities.

Councillor Patterson and Deputy Warden Dauphinee discussed a Disaster Relief Fund which may apply to the breakwater in Ingonish.

Councillor Patterson and Warden Morrison attended a luncheon with Dave Dingwall, President of CBU. There are many ways we can work together with CBU.

Councillor MacLeod had some questions and clarifications for Councillor Patterson regarding his FCM Committees. How many he is on, does he have to travel, expense coverage when travelling is involved, as he only asked permission from other Councillors to be on "a" committee

Councillor Patterson is on four committees and there is no travel due to the pandemic, all meetings are held virtually. In the past, when travelling, all meetings were done in one trip to limit the amount of travel and travel related expenses.

Warden Morrison indicated that President Dingwall will be presenting to council in the near future.

**TAXATION UPDATE**

CAO MacEachen indicated that she was pleased with the numbers the CFO provided. As of November 18, 2020, Total Outstanding was \$1,899,000 so it is only \$55,000 higher than it was this time last year. Current Outstanding is \$1,340,000 so we are \$68,000 behind where we were last year and Covid. In our Arrears, we have outstanding of \$656,000 which means our collections are going really well and acknowledged the good work of the staff in the tax department.

Councillor MacLeod thanked the CFO for the financial update email.

**DEPARTMENT OF TIR ITEMS/CONCERNS**

***District 8***

Intersection at Cape North Hill Stop Sign, he is getting calls because people are not stopping at Intersection and driving through. Could TIR look into this and access the size and placement of the stop sign.

Councillor MacDonald requested to add that on the DTIR Action Items List.

The shoulder leading into the old Morrison's restaurant where the mail boxes are needs to be looked at and probably needs some gravel.

Councillor MacDonald requested to add that on the DTIR Action Items List.

The shoulder at 496 Aspy Bay road needs immediate attention. The area district supervisor is aware of the issue but funding has been ceased at this time but Councillor MacDonald wanted the minutes to reflect that this issue has been brought to council.

The shoulder washout at a residential driveway at 2548 Bay Road Valley needs immediate attention.

The resident is requesting that more gravel be put down.

Councillor MacDonald requested to add that on the DTIR Action Items List.

The turn off from Bay St. Lawrence Rd to Meat Cove road needs immediate attention area, the supervisor is aware but there needs to be a reassessment of that before winter arrives.

***District 7***

There is rock erosion that needs to be replaced at New Haven. There is always flooding in that area and there is a lady that has to leave her home every time there is a flood.

In South Harbour there is a walking safety hazard, one of the snow plows hit an abutment and knocked it down creating a big hole as there is no gravel there. Councillor Organ indicated she will provide the civic number for this area.

There is a speed limit reduction request from residents in north Ingonish. Owners of the Groovy Goat Farm and other area residents would like the speed limit to go from 70km/h down to at least 50km/h as it is a residential area and there have been numerous issues surrounding speed in that area. Signage is requested for Cape Breton Regional Area for Education, Tara Gaskell to discuss bus stop signage as there are numerous issues with cars passing the school bus when kids are getting off the bus in Neil's Harbour. Parents are very concerned; this is a major safety concern.

Warden Morrison suggested that the school board should notify the RCMP police as well and mention that is was brought up at Council.

Councillor MacDonald also agreed with Councillor Organ in regards to the speed issues and a need to have them addressed. Councillor MacDonald asked if there was someone else, other than Mr. Murphy that they could go to address these matters as it seems there is little action being taken or

response given by Mr. Murphy. Warden Morrison commented that we can go to someone else and that we will and that it is duly noted.

***District 6***

Deputy Warden Dauphinee shared some good news in regards to a meeting he had with Steve MacDonald in regards to road complaints. Mr. MacDonald suggested that Councillors who have road complaints should email him directly and residents call the 1800 number. This insures that a ticket is created in the system and issues and any follow up work related to the issues will be addressed faster. It also creates more tickets in the system if more people use it versus just one Councillor calling and getting one ticket created.

Deputy Warden asked that the County use social media to advertise this message and ensure residents know and use the number to address road concerns in their area.

Councillor MacNeil also commented that this can also be used for winter works/snow plowing as well.

***District 5***

Councillor Patterson commented that the stumps along the highway past the Patterson road, have been removed.

Warden Morrison wanted to acknowledge and recognize the work that the TIR have been doing lately.

***District 1***

Councillor MacNeil has already been in touch with Steve MacDonald with these concerns but wanted them reflected in the minutes.

Fall Grading on most of the roads. He indicated that they will look at roads to see what has to be graded. Councillor MacNeil especially expressed concern about the John Neil George Road.

Ditching and Grading on Peter MacLean Road were addressed and Mr. MacDonald indicated that there is RIM money coming and will be allotted next year for this. Councillor requested that ditching be completed in the meantime.

Also discussed was the Jamesville Gypsum Road problem. They are looking into funding for this major project for next year. For this year, they are just going to do a patch job before the winter and that will hopefully be done this week.

***District 2***

Councillor MacLeod requested that the Westside Big Baddeck Road be added to the RIM program.

***District 4***

Councillor Longva commented on the state of the road in South Haven, stressing how bad that the stretch of road is and brought up the recent fatal car accident that took place in that area. Baddeck Bay Road residents requested that their sidewalks get fixed. The majority of the side roads in District 4, specifically Big Harbour and Plaster Mines are neglected and in need of major repairs. The road from the ferry to the church is in terrible shape.

Councillor Longva ensured council she would encourage the residents in her district that they call the 1800 number or email for road concerns.

Warden indicated that we have changed our procedures with the Department of Transportation on a go forward and that we will be no longer doing motions or letters to address those concerns.

**DISTRICT CONCERNS**

***District 4***

Councillor Longva has a resident at 1783 Baddeck Bay Road requesting a street light.

**It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

A resident requests that her mailbox be returned at the end of her driveway. Motion made to send a letter to area manager with Canada Post with that request.

**It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

There is no cell service around the harbour, Indian Brook areas. Councillor Longva requested that an emergency phone be installed. Warden Morrison indicated that should be brought to the attention of Lyle Donovan, our EMO Coordinator. CAO MacEachen indicated that she would be in touch Mr. Donovan to see who is best to contact with the Province regarding this request.

There was a Timebank presentation for that area done at a previous council session and they were looking for funding. CAO MacEachen indicated that they need to fill out an application

***District 2***

Councillor MacLeod mentioned councils tour of public works today and brought up the Re-Use building for up North and they say they are going to come to council with public works sometime this month and we'll chat about it.

She wants it reflected in the minutes that we talked about the Hazard materials too. We talked to Robert and he will check it out and see how we can set up funding and we had to put a special spot there for that. Robert is getting many requests about that. It's something that the County really needs.

Email circulating about a resolution from the County of Pictou about the relief from community rinks and halls and wondering if we could get through that letter. Can council send a letter for a solution?

CAO: Is council agreeing to send a similar letter? Sending a letter off to the Province for relief funding.

Requesting that a letter be sent to the Province to request relief funding for rinks and halls.

**It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

Request was made that there be winter signage put up at Uisge Ban Falls. Also requesting a letter to DNR for an update on the River Trail repairs and when that might be completed.

**It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

Requests that a thank you letter be sent to Good Food Bus for the groceries they donated to the students at Baddeck Academy.

Motion for a letter to be sent to the Department of Culture and Heritage to ask for guidance and assistance with the cemetery repairs that need to be made. The breakwater is gone so the cemetery is washing out and human remains are being found in the river. There is a high level of concern from the residents. This is a County wide concern that needs to be addressed.

**It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

Councillor MacLeod requests that Councillors meet about the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan. Cost Allocation is a consideration for us. The FCM Climate Change workshop, there it is a lot of funding and a lot of tools the County can use right now.

### ***District 1***

Councillor MacNeil requesting that we look into forgiving water bills for community centers.

CAO interjected that our water utility is in a deficit of over a million dollars, we can look into but if we forgive payments for one, we have to forgive payments for all the community centres do we then have to do that for all non-profits? A cost analysis would be done for the community centres first and then these findings will be brought back to public works at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

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Letter to Cape Breton Victoria Center for Education and Department of Education, concerning the bussing issue for Jubilee Road. Bus will not travel on I class road. This is a new policy and it is a disadvantage to rural communities. They Dep't of Education did not consult TIR before changing the policy as to the differences between the different classes of road. The classifications of most roads in Nova Scotia are outdated.

**It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

***District 8***

Area residents of Fraser Road (St. Margaret's Village) have called with concern about a critical incident where RCMP had Fraser Road blocked additional resources came in from other Detachments to contain an incident of a person armed with a suspected weapon. Residents from that area were only notified by word of mouth and social media messenger to stay inside and many had no notification from RCMP.

His question is, is there a cost to send out the provincial alert, in conversation with the local EMO, it has to come from the Federal level to be sent out by municipal RCMP. This was the second incident, the first incident was in Cape North. The County was told it was contained at all times. Clearly the second incident was not contained initially and area residents had no idea what was taking place. Many have young children and elders and there are 15 families on that road. Many are asking for answers from me.

Mr. MacDonald would like to make a motion to have a letter written to Staff Sgt of the local RCMP and EMO asking for the criteria required for an alert to be issued and specifically why was it not issued for the Fraser Road incident in St Margaret's Village.

Motion for a letter to be sent to RCMP Staff Sargent in Baddeck and Provincial EMO asking what the process and criteria is for the alert system.

**It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

***District 7***

Councillor Organ is looking for a "Children Playing" sign to put up in her district. CAO MacEachen will provide her with one at the end of the council session.

***District 6***

Deputy Warden recognized the staff at Alderwood and Highland Manor for their work through the Covid pandemic. Highland Manor Administrator came up with a recognition program and gave out gift cards, etc. Deputy Warden Dauphinee made a motion to take \$600.00 from his district budget to go to Highland Manor to go toward the staff recognition program.

**It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

***District 4***

Residents in Councillor Patterson's district were having phone service issues but they since have been resolved. Councillor Patterson also brought up the issue with FibreOp and when this project might be completed in his area. No definitive timelines for this.

***District 3***

Warden Morrison and Councillor MacLeod have to adopt the Terms of Reference for the Planning Advisory Committee. The only change to be made was to reflect that it is not two Village Commissioners than it is two Village residents appointed by Commissioners. Motion to accept the Terms of Reference.

**It was moved and seconded. Motion carried.**

Warden Morrison also wanted to recognize the staff at the Baddeck Transfer Station for their good work with the Re-Use Centre. The Baddeck Bay Hospital Auxiliary sent a note to Jocelyn Bethune expressing their appreciation. Also wanted to thank Robert and Kelly for the tour of the Baddeck Transfer Station earlier in the day.

CAO, highly recommends any member of the public to arrange a tour of the Baddeck Transfer Station, it is very educational.

Councillor MacLeod also noted that the Council Sessions have not been updated on YouTube since May. The minutes are no longer being uploaded to YouTube; they are only on Facebook as we now have live Council sessions. We are looking to upgrade the WIFI.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Councillor MacLeod wants to set up a meeting with the Cannabis Committee. CAO will contact Jean MacQueen to set that up.

Councillor MacLeod asked for an update from Victoria Transit, the financials are almost complete. There is going to be something for seniors for Christmas, possibly some transit punch passes.

Councillor Longva asked that the committees notify her when they have meetings.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The County received a complaint about a fire in Councillor Patterson's district, wants to table it until a further meeting with John Bain. More info will be provided as we proceed.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 made a motion that the camera be shut off.

Bruce Morrison, Warden

Leanne MacEachen, CAO