

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held in Council Chambers at Baddeck on June 12, 2023, at 2:00pm with Warden Morrison in the Chair.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Leanne MacEachen, CAO

Steff MacLeod, Recorder

Allan Bragg, Manager of Finance

Dan Coffin, Tourism and Recreation Manager

Jennifer Dagsvik, Communications and Marketing Coordinator

Warden Morrison welcomed everyone and acknowledged that this meeting is being held in Unama'ki, one of seven traditional districts of Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw People.

CALL TO ORDER

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

There was an In Camera meeting held prior to Council.

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dauphinee seconded by Councillor MacNeil that the Agenda for June 12, 2023, be approved.

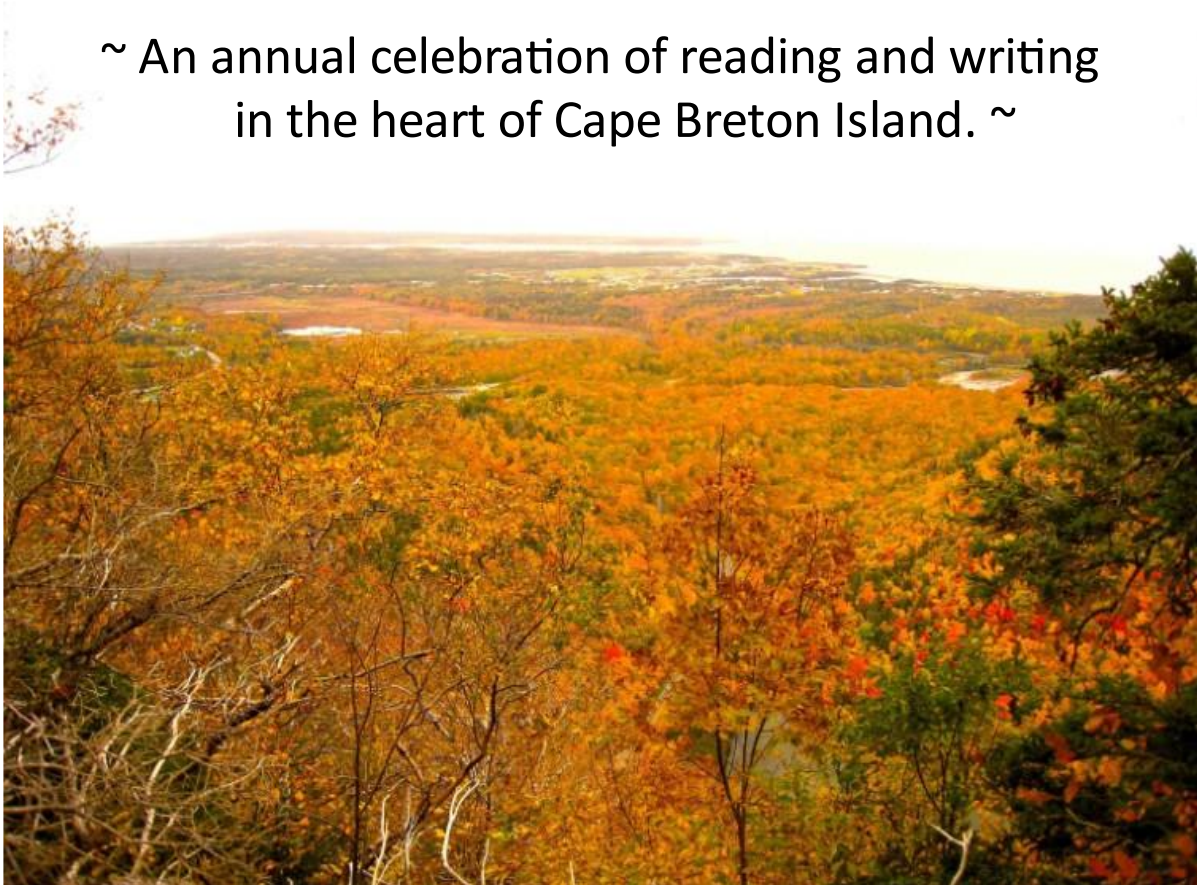
Motion Carried.

CABOT TRAIL WRITERS FESTIVAL PRESENTATION – REBECCA SILVER SLAYTER



Presentation to the Municipality of Victoria County
by Rebecca Silver Slayter, Executive & Artistic Director
June 12, 2023

~ An annual celebration of reading and writing
in the heart of Cape Breton Island. ~




CABOT TRAIL
WRITERS FESTIVAL

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

- Pre-covid, our total audience exceeded 4,000, last year, post-hurricane, it was about 700
- Each year we bring author visits and school writing workshops to public schools across Victoria Inverness County, typically reaching 200-300 youths in more than a dozen classrooms and as many as 9 schools
- Up to 40% of our audience trails from outside Cape Breton
- The festival typically showcases 1520 authors and musicians, including local talent alongside renowned artists from across the country
- The festival includes typically more than 20 unique events in addition to online and in-person events hosted in the off-season between festivals.
- Our reach includes more than 500 newsletter subscribers with an open rate more than double the industry standard and roughly 2,000 social media followers

Ms. Silver Slayter went over a short PowerPoint presentation and some of the highlights included:

- 15th year for the festival.
- Outgrew the size of the North River Fire Hall, we now use the hall of clans at the Gaelic College.
- Their workshops include panels, music, readings, forest walks and school activities among others.
- Reinvent themselves during Covid.
- Had to cancel the 2022 festival due to Hurricane Fiona.
- Thanks to Victoria County Council for all your support over the years.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Councillor Organ commented on how lovely the brochures are and Ms. Silver Slayter said that they commission a different Cape Breton artist to do the brochures every year.

Councillor Longva said this festival is a wonderful thing and it impacts every district in the County.

Councillor MacLeod said this festival is very important for our County and was glad it was back.

Deputy Warden Dauphinee was impressed with the number of people who took part.

Councillor MacNeil said it was impressive how much the festival has grown over the years.

Warden Morrison wished them continued success and said they should continue to apply for municipal grants.

WATERFRONT BADDECK PRESENTATION – STEVE GOLDTHWAITE

Committee members in attendance with Mr. Goldthwaite were:

Terry Kelly

Bill Marchant

Gary Crowder

Mr. Goldthwaite gave updates and a short overview.

- Construction for the gateway is underway, with the funding for the County we were able to secure other funding from different levels of government.
- These updates that are underway will see public washrooms, a sink for the food bank and a bus drop off.
- Requesting funding for the boardwalk in the amount of \$86,046.00 to provide a matching commitment to qualify for a provincial grant of \$301,162.00.
- The Village is willing to support \$31,000 over three years, will the County support \$55,000 over three years?
- There is a chance for fundraising, and if its successful we can return that money to the Village and the County.
- This grant really kicks off the boardwalk work.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Warden Morrison said he can attest to the amount of work that is being done.

Deputy Warden Dauphinee said there is a possibility of the payback, is that a guarantee and Mr. Goldthwaite said it is not a guarantee.

Councillor Longva said she is excited to go see the changes.

Councillor MacLeod understands the request is an emergency and the project is needed, and it is a tourist attraction for the County.

Councillor MacDonald asked if there is a total commitment from the Village and Steve said \$31,000 to get the \$310,162.00.

Councillor MacNeil said we see the importance of the boardwalk, but we just went through budget talks and the budget is set and it does help Council if these requests are done as early as possible. Mr. Goldthwaite recognized this and said we didn't have time to secure the funds elsewhere.

Councillor Patterson also agreed with the set budget, and asked CAO if this request was financially able? CAO said it has to come from somewhere, it could be doable, but it may mean not doing something else.

Deputy Warden Dauphinee asked if the Village is requesting gas tax funding for the \$31,000? And Mr. Crowder said no, it is not coming out of this fund.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the May 23, 2023, meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was presented for approval.

On Motion of Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor MacDonald that the Victoria County Municipal Council Minutes of May 23, 2023, be approved.

Motion Carried.

CAO REPORT/DEPARMENTS UPDATE

ACTION ITEMS

- Strategic Plan – Staff are updating, first draft was not as expected. Will be later in June.
- Upland Planning – Consultants will be seeking community input on Draft Report, doing Community meetings in June/July
- Local Improvement Charge By-Law
- Sent draft MPS Planning documents June 8. Please advise of any comments, prior to next phase of engagement by Upland.
- Council Office Hours?
- Trails Grants have been approved. Some sent back to Council for recommendations.
- Final survey plans have been received for Crown Land Conveyance. Being sent for the land to be migrated, and payment has been processed for it.
- SeaCan for NS Washroom has arrived in Baddeck. Staff will be doing repairs/upgrades, getting it ready to be moved to North Shore. Meeting scheduled with NS Group for next week on next steps.
- Meals Plus Update – First round over at end of June. Participants have been contacted. Round 2 filled, with the waitlist in Washabuck, Ingonish, NH, and BSL (Waitlist is quite large in this location). Recruitment next week for Baddeck/Big Baddeck/Middle River, Ross Ferry North River (one spot each)
- The Department of Public Works Weather camera down north, asking north Councillors for suggestions.

FINANCE

- Working on year end, prepping for Audit.
- Capital reports due for the end of the month.
- Asset Retirement Project.
- Transit budget preparations.
- Tax sale preparations.
- Village assessment for 2023 is the final thing needed to be done for the Village.
- New Career opportunities that will have job postings soon.
- Water smart meter update. 93% signed up.
- Tax Update. Next tax sale is July 18th at the Inverary Inn.

PUBLIC WORKS

Waste Management:

- SEL is currently doing an assessment of our leachate wells on cell #1. They are not draining properly. This was first identified as an issue in 2011 by NSE and was not addressed.
- North Shore septic system tender has been awarded.

- Once the septic work is going to start, going to schedule the well drillers on site at the same time because we need the well dug up and a pump test performed to determine the condition of the well casing and the yield.
- Unsure when we're going to be able to do our C&D haul. Trucks are going to be working on the South Haven paving project. Makes sense to wait until the paving is complete.
- Ingonish school roof is moving along. It looks like they're almost ready to start shingling.
- Ingonish school septic to be pumped out on Wednesday, May 31st.
- Contract has been awarded the tender for the Ingonish test pits. SEL is just waiting on the contractor to book traffic control and then the work will begin.
- Maintenance was down to the stairs at the beach in Neil's Harbour and noted it will take quite a bit of work to get new ones installed. Due to the erosion caused by the hurricane, a landing and stairs will have to be built. If we could move the location of the stairs a little in either direction where there's more ground, it would help but unsure who owns what. Next year we should look at replacing everything that's there.
- Expecting to see our new side loader by late June, early July.
- We are moving along with our asset management project. Corrections are being made to the previous water maps, we are capturing much more data points and also including municipal infrastructure such as sidewalks and buildings.

Water:

- The Neptune water meter upgrade project starts Monday, May 29th in Little Narrows. We need everyone to sign up. There will be a Re-Hookup fee charged if you are not signed up.
- Island Well Drillers are going to be in Dingwall to try and identify a turbidity issue in one of our production wells.
- Bell performing work needed to allow us to upgrade to our new SCADA panels in Bucklaw and Dingwall.
- Sludge is being removed from the NH treatment plant (\$30,000 - \$40,000 annual cost).
- Groundwork for the new tower in Dingwall is expected to begin in June.
- Department of Public Works culvert work that is requiring our waterline in MacKinnon's Harbour to be relocated is scheduled to begin in June.
- Lance Fricker is now certified as a Class 1 Treatment water operator.

COMMUNICATION

Working on the newsletter.

TOURISM AND RECREATION

Tourism:

- BABTA has hired a marketing membership coordinator for the Visitor Information Centre (VIC).
- Beautification is finishing up at the VIC.
- STEP in Ingonish is kicking off next week.
- Cabot Trail Relay this weekend. Great showing, thanks to all the Volunteers!
- 31 seasonal food establishments opened this month.
- Cluster mapping draft is done, looks very interesting.
- June 23rd meeting at Cabot's Landing for Cabot Trail 100th Anniversary

Recreation:

- The multi-sport program is going very well.
- Focus groups for Bicycling NS.
- Had meetings about the Dynamic Trail workout in Ross Ferry.

Trails:

- Early discussions with Baddeck ATV Club.
- Approved the Trails Grants.

Community Development:

- Placemaking sessions kicking off.
- Met with Department of Natural Resources and Renewables, spoke of keeping the provincial parks open longer.
- We have a stage and training on set up will be taking place soon and then scheduling parameters.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- In terms of business advisory, I have been actively supporting numerous small to medium-sized businesses across Victoria County. My role involves offering guidance and assistance tailored to their specific needs, helping them overcome challenges and pursue their growth objectives.
- On the topic of housing initiatives, various organizations are exploring opportunities throughout Victoria County. While there are no significant updates to report at this time, I continue to collaborate with these entities to identify viable solutions. Affordable and accessible housing options are crucial for our community's sustainability and growth, and I remain committed to addressing this important issue.
- Lastly, I am pleased to share that we are in the final stages of identifying the requirements for a feasibility study on electrification and the grid. The notice of intent for

the study will be given on June 21st. The primary objectives of this study are to understand our grid capacity and capabilities, allowing us to make informed decisions regarding EV-minded programs. Through this study, we aim to promote sustainable transportation solutions and position Victoria County as a leader in clean energy initiatives.

Councillor MacDonald asked about the meals plus program and confirmed that Dingwall was the highest wait list.

Deputy Warden asked about the meeting with Bicycle NS and asked that Recreation reach out to the north Councillor's for further consultation.

Councillor MacNeil asked about the John Neil George project and CAO said she doesn't have information but is aware that it's an issue.

Councillor MacLeod asked if the recreation survey is closed and CAO said the survey is closed.

Councillor MacLeod asked about the Upland planning and CAO MacEachen said she let Upland know that Middle River is interested in hosting that meeting.

Councillor MacLeod and Councillor MacDonald asked about the training of the stage setup and CAO said if you're interested in the stage to contact Dan, and Dan mentioned that there will be a spot on the website to book as well. Councillors are also able to take the training for the stage and Dan Coffin provided the details of the stage.

Councillor Longva asked if Upland will be in her district and CAO said she told Upland that there needs to be 5 meetings set up and wasn't sure if District 4 was included but will get back to Councillor Longva. CAO will send out an email to all Council where and when all the meetings will be but noted Councillor MacDonald and Councillor Organ still need to submit meeting venues to the CAO.

Councillor Longva asked who was awarded the septic contract for the North Shore school property and it was Alex Fitzgerald who was awarded the work.

Councillor Patterson had questions on the Upland maps and said Upland needed to answer some questions on that and CAO said she has requested that Upland meet with all the surveyors on the island as well.

CORRESPONDENCE

- All previously forwarded and sent.

DISTRICT CONCERNS

DISTRICT 1

- Thank You to Charlene Ellis and the Students at Rankin School of the Narrows for the Community Clean up from the School to the Port in Iona. Are there no littering signs available and CAO will look into this.
- Congratulations to Charlene Ellis on her retirement as a teacher at Rankin Memorial and Rankin School of the Narrows. She has been dedicated to her students for over 35 years not only teaching but coaching soccer and track and field led the Remembrance Day ceremony at the school. Hope that she enjoys her retirement.
- Congratulate the members and board of Central Cape Breton Community Ventures / Aros Na Mara on a very successful World oceans Day Festival and Celebration at the Port of Iona.
- CGC had open houses in the area and it looks very competitive for wages and benefits start right away, there is not wait time.

On Motion of Councillor MacNeil seconded by Councillor Organ to write a letter to CGC to thank them for coming back to Victoria County to re-open the gypsum mine.

Motion Carried.

DISTRICT 2

- Construction on the bridge near Baddeck concerns of traffic and entrance for the campgrounds, it has been reported to Public Works.
- South Big Baddeck looking for some patching, the pavement is breaking up.
- One space left for meals plus program call Jennifer Ripley with Victoria County Home Support.

On Motion of Councillor MacLeod seconded by Councillor Organ to write a letter to Premier Houston for considerations of budgets for fire departments, their funding should be increased in the light of the recent forest fires.

Motion Carried.

- Thank you to the staff and council for all the support over the last 6 months.

- Also received complaints about Victoria County Transit as well. A transit meeting needs to take place ASAP.

DISTRICT 3

- Thanks to those attending and participating in street renaming for Jessica Wong.

On Motion of Warden Morrison seconded by Councillor MacNeil to write a letter to Public Works Supervisor, Steve MacDonald to request street patching and paving in the Village of Baddeck.

Motion Carried.

DISTRICT 4

On Motion of Councillor Longva seconded by Deputy Warden Dauphinee to write a letter to Mary Black, Government Relations for Nova Scotia Power requesting Nova Scotia Power to have a public meeting at the Indian Brook Fire Hall to update the residents in District 4 on the ongoing project they are doing at the Wreck Cove Hydro Project.

Motion Carried.

- Residents had issues with Victoria County Transit, residents weren't called when their appointment were cancelled.
- Residents on New Harris Road are having new issues on that road, and a request was made for Steve MacDonald to take a drive on that road.

DISTRICT 5

- More concerns about signs from 1st Responders, tourists and locals, they have to know where they are going and signage is crucial to have in the County.

On Motion of Councillor Patterson seconded by Councillor Organ to write a letter to the Minister of Department of Public Works to request signage around the County be replaced as it is crucial for first responders, tourists and locals.

Motion Carried.

- Counsellor Contact Form goes to junk mail. CAO said she will have IT to take a look at that and get it unblocked.
- Acting Collectively – I encourage Councillors to recruit 8 people in 8 weeks.

- Refusal at Transfer Station. Got a call from a very upset resident that had construction waste that was refused at the Transfer Station. The wood was refused but wanted the pallets and asked if there is a record that is kept at the Transfer Station when there is a refusal. CAO went over why the items were refused and added that the resident was upset but was speaking in a tone and language that was unacceptable to our staff. The staff were following the rules as per the bylaw. The pallets are acceptable, but the other wood was not. Councillor Patterson asked if there could be a copy of why the material was refused, could there be a copy of the rejection. Warden Morrison said unless we start getting a lot of complaints then we will stay as status quo.

Warden Morrison congratulated Councillor Patterson on the election to the FCM Board.

DISTRICT 6

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dauphinee seconded by Councillor Longva that the Highland Manor be exempt from paying the deed transfer tax.

Motion Carried.

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dauphinee seconded by Councillor MacDonald that Victoria County arrange bridge financing of \$77,000.00 plus \$30,000.00 for the construction of the Highland Manor.

Motion Carried.

CAO MacEachen said as long as we are bridge financing, we can do that. Warden Morrison asked if the County lawyer could send a letter to the CAO explaining this.

- Requested status of grants in lieu and CAO said she can give the list, but I doubt there will be any changes and Deputy Warden Dauphinee said they can be appealed.
- There is a piece of land in Ingonish centre, Ropers Road. CAO said we have moved on from that one and Deputy Warden Dauphinee would like to start this back up again and CAO said she believes the cost to survey it is very expensive but will look it up and get back to the Deputy Warden.
- Received an email from Steve MacDonald about a courtesy road in his district, its an unlisted road that the province still looks after. There are two in District 6 and Steve MacDonald said they won't be done now and Deputy Warden Dauphinee said that it's a provincial issue and he will contact MLA Bain and encourages residents to do the same.

DISTRICT 7

- I received a few calls about the transit bus, not being in our area.
- I made many calls and texts to the residents about the water meter installs if you haven't made your appointment please do so.
- Job Fair will be at Cabot Education Centre on June 17, 2023.

On Motion of Councillor Organ, seconded by Deputy Warden Dauphinee to take \$1,000.00 out of District 7 Budget for North Ingonish Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion Carried.

On Motion of Councillor Organ, seconded by Councillor MacDonald to take \$1,000.00 out of District 7 Budget for Neil's Harbour/New Haven Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion Carried.

On Motion of Councillor Organ, seconded by Councillor Longva to take \$1,000.00 out of District 7 Budget for the Ingonish United Church for the cemetery fund.

Motion Carried.

On Motion of Councillor Organ, seconded by Councillor MacNeil to take \$1,000.00 out of District 7 Budget for the St. John's Anglican Church for the cemetery fund.

Motion Carried.

On Motion of Councillor Organ, seconded by Deputy Warden Dauphinee to take \$1,000.00 out of District 7 Budget for the St. Andrew's Anglican Church for the cemetery fund.

Motion Carried.

- Public Works sent to Steve MacDonald and still waiting for the no parking sign.

On Motion of Councillor Organ, seconded by Councillor MacDonald to send a letter to CBVRCE to request a new sign and fence repairs at Cabot Education Centre.

Motion Carried.

DISTRICT 8

- Several concerns about the North Bus. The bus was out of service and some riders who have become dependent on rides have been misplaced for medical appointments etc. I had emailed the transit dispatcher and asked for better communication. We, as Councillors need this information. Today's world has a standard and most people do obtain information through social media. (Last post on Victoria transit was January).

On Motion of Councillor MacDonald, seconded by Councillor Patterson to write a letter to MP Battiste to inquire about the funding that Victoria County Transit applied for, for new vehicles.

Motion Carried.

- Several calls from residents that are wanting two rusty old culverts removed from the Capstick area, a new one was installed and the remaining was left, residents have been calling the provincial department of Public Works with no answers.
- Fisherman from Dingwall are looking to have the grader in on the road that leads to the wharf and asking for some gravel. This is the same yearly request, as the road is in bad shape.
- Courtney Road in Cape North is in need of some RIM work. I ask that this be a major priority this spring.
- Dingwall is looking at the littering signs once again.
- Lastly, I would like to take \$ 1500 from my D8 Budget:
 - \$500 for Bay St Lawrence Fire Department Crab Fest
 - \$500 for the Bay St Lawrence community Center (Community Cupboard)
 - \$500 to the Northern Cabot landing Society (for Upcoming Cabot day July 2nd).

RECESS

Warden Morrison called for a 10-minute recess at 3:45

MOTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- **Local Improvement Charge (LIC) Bylaw – First Reading**

CAO is recommending that based on things that the County is working on, we can't make a decision on charging or not charging so I am recommending that this be put through.

On Motion of Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor MacLeod to approve the First Reading of the proposed Local Improvement Charge (LIC) By-Law.

Motion Carried.

Councillor MacNeil commented that he didn't initially want this bylaw but seeing all these potential projects coming up, it is a way to get projects started. If we don't vote this in, I can't see smaller projects in districts going ahead. And all residents still get a vote to see if a project will go ahead.

Councillor Organ asked if there can be more community discussion with this bylaw first. CAO said we have had a session in everyone's district, whenever there is a project there will be ample communications and engagement done on each project.

Warden Morrison also reminded council that this is the First Reading and there will be a public hearing before the Second Reading.

Councillor Longva asked if the proposed draft of the LIC was online and CAO said no, a draft by-law does not get posted until the first reading is passed.

Deputy Warden asked if changes can be made between the readings and CAO said yes but there haven't been any changes brought forward in a few weeks from Council.

Councillor Patterson said the areas for the public hearing should in the areas that this could affect right away.

Councillor MacDonald asked about the posting of it in the paper and said many areas do not get the paper and CAO said the MGA stipulates it needs to be in the paper but changes are being made to the MGA but until those qualifications change, we need to follow what the current MGA states.

- **Marketing Levy Bylaw – There was a Public Hearing held prior to Council.**

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor MacLeod to pass the Marketing Levy By-Law.

Motion Carried.

- **Grants Discussion and Water Accounts Changes from In Camera – Approvals/Motions Needed**

On Motion of Councillor Longva, seconded by Councillor MacNeil to approve the recommendations made in the prior In-Camera meeting.

Motion Carried.

Grants:

- Kitchenfest is seeking \$10,000, it was a late request that was received May 25, 2023.

On Motion of Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Longva the Kitchenfest funding.

Motion Defeated.

Councillor MacNeil said right now we have a surplus of \$951.00 so we are going to have to shift money around or take it from somewhere else. CAO said we will have to find it somewhere if Council approves but when this flood gate opens with late requests then why have a deadline?

Councillor Longva asked if they can apply through Tourism and added that organizations need to start following the deadlines. CAO said that Tourism has a small pot for development of \$500.00.

Deputy Warden Dauphinee mentioned that Kitchenfest incorrectly called Victoria County, Inverness County in the request and that they only requested \$5000.00 from Inverness County.

Councillor MacLeod suggested just giving \$5,000.00 since they missed the deadline.

On Motion of Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Deputy Warden Dauphinee to give \$5000.00 in funding to Kitchenfest.

Motion Carried.

- Late Ask from Baddeck Waterfront – May 18 – Ask of \$55,000 (could be spread over 3-4 years at \$18,348.67).

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dauphinee, seconded by Councillor MacLeod to support the proposal of \$18,348.67 over three years.

Contrary Minded by Councillor Organ.

Motion Carried.

Deputy Warden Dauphinee said he would hate for Baddeck Waterfront lose funding of \$300,000 but would like to see that documentation provided to us that stipulates that.

Councillor Patterson agreed with Deputy Warden Dauphinee and added that it should be stressed that there could be some of that money returned if fundraising is successful as stated by Mr. Goldthwaite earlier.

Warden Morrison said they have a proven track record of their work.

Councillor Organ doesn't want them to lose the money either but said the Village of Baddeck should contribute similar to what the County is being asked.

Councillor MacDonald is in favor of the project and asked if there was any of the gas tax money contributing to that project and it was stated earlier by the committee that it was not coming from gas tax funds.

Councillor MacNeil asked if they need the money right away and how will that work over the three years and CAO MacEachen said they would need a letter from the County guaranteeing that funding.

Councillor MacLeod said it's a beneficial project.

Warden Morrison is declaring conflict with Baddeck Nordic's request and stepped away, the meeting is now being chaired by Deputy Warden Dauphinee.

- Baddeck Nordic request didn't meet the Trails mandate, so it was sent back to Council for consideration.

It is on private land; proof of easements would have to be seen.

There were some discrepancies with what the Total Project Cost was. Baddeck Nordic listed \$10,000 and they are saying it is a \$30,000 project and asking for \$10,000.

On Motion of Councillor MacLeod, seconded by Councillor Longva to award Baddeck Nordic \$10,000.00 in funding.

Motion Tabled.

Councillor MacLeod said it is a new group that is trying to start.

Councillor Patterson asked about trail development of this request. CAO re-read the request from the application.

Councillor Longva said we should give them some but not the full \$10,000.00.

Councillor MacDonald had concerns about it being on private land, other Councillors shared those concerns as well.

Dan Coffin also mentioned the membership that is required to use the trail which is why it doesn't fit the trails mandate.

On Motion of Councillor Patterson seconded by Councillor MacNeil to table this discussion until further information on the land easements are provided.

Motion Carried.

Councillor MacLeod asked if in the future the Trails Committee can share what their requirements are and CAO said yes.

- Crowdis Mountain ask of \$10,000.00k operational and \$5,000.00k was awarded by trails and the other \$5,000.00 was redirected back to council.

Trails intent is trying to get out of the operational side because if we supplied funding for all the groups every year we would run out of funding quickly.

Councillor Organ said she knows trails are important and so are a lot of other organizations and that is why she will vote against the request.

Deputy Warden Dauphinee said it goes back to organizations asking for all three types of grants and we have to have a limit. Since they already received funding, I am happy with what they received already.

Councillor MacDonald agreed with the Deputy Warden and said that Crowdis Mountain should be pleased with the funding received already.

Warden Morrison asked if this didn't come back from trails would our consideration be different? From that perspective, that is how I will be voting.

On Motion of Councillor Longva seconded by Councillor MacLeod to approve the \$5,000.00 funding to Crowdis Mountain Snowmobile Club.

Motion Defeated.

- **EDPC – Assign Special Constables/Summary Tickets**

CAO MacEachen indicated we need a motion to appoint the following for EDPC;

Building Inspection

- Building Inspectors: David MacKenzie and Sean Donovan
- Alternates: Harry Martell, Johnathan Martin, Andre Sampson and Luke Ross
- Special Constable: Sean Donovan and Johnathan Martin

Development Officer

- Wanda Ryan
- Alternates: John Bain, Andrew Jones, Dawn Sutherland, Kristen Knudskov and Mikayla Tait

Fire Inspector

- David MacKenzie
- Alternates: A. Sampson, S. Donovan, H. Martell, J. Martin, and L. Ross

Dangerous or Unsightly Premises

- Administrators: Johnathan Martin and John Bain
- Alternate: Luke Ross, David MacKenzie and Andre Sampson
- Special Constable: Sean Donovan and Johnathan Martin

On Motion of Councillor MacNeil seconded by Councillor MacLeod to accept the EDPC appointments.

Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

All forwarded.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Requested a VCT meeting via zoom, Councillor MacLeod will let Council know her availability.

Councillor MacNeil said the off shore wind task force met and will send out the Minutes of that meeting.

Warden Morrison attended a CEPI meeting and congratulated Councillor MacNeil on his work on the committee as he steps down.

OTHER

Deputy Warden has had a couple of requests for swag. Just returned from FCM and all other Counties had nice shirts,

On Motion of Deputy Warden Dauphinee seconded by Councillor Organ to direct staff to order County swag for giveaways for Council, staff and for prizes for events happening around the County.

Motion Carried.

Councillor Longva wished a happy 59-year anniversary to Angus and Marian MacAskill.

Councillor MacDonald said he heard from Steve MacDonald, and he discussed the no littering signs with Bernie Murphy and said it was not a provincial responsibility, so CAO suggested getting our own signs.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions from the Public.

NEXT MEETING

An Unsightly Premises meeting may have to take place before the next Council.

Warden will discuss dates with CAO and Steff.

Do we want to stay at 2pm or move back to 5pm? Julys Council meeting will be at 5pm. And we will look for a different location. Councillor Patterson expressed interest in having a Council session in his district.

ADJOURN

Councillor MacNeil made a motion to adjourn at 5:01pm.