

A Committee of the Whole meeting was in Council Chambers in Baddeck, on January 27, 2025, at 11:00pm with Deputy Warden MacLeod in the Chair.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

District #1- Donna Matheson-Lefort

District #2- Perla MacLeod, Deputy Warden

District #3- Jess Kerr

District #4- Rosella Born

District #5- Fraser Patterson

District #6 – Tim Donovan

District #7- Jackie Organ, Warden

District #8 – Wanda Hennick

STAFF PRESENT

Leanne MacEachen, CAO

Alix Redden, CFO

Steff MacLeod, Municipal Clerk and Executive Assistant, Recorder

CALL TO ORDER

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

On Motion of Councillor Matheson-LeFort seconded by Councillor Hennick that the Agenda for January 27, 2025, be approved.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 18, 2024, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

On Motion of Warden Organ seconded by Councillor Patterson to approve the June 18, 2024, Minutes.

Motion Carried.

POLICY AND BYLAW REVIEW

Council and Administrative staff went over all the current Victoria County policies and bylaws and the following recommendations were made:

- Make the recommended changes as discussed and send back to Council for review to begin the Approval and Repeal process.
- Send draft of Community Standards Bylaw to Council for review.
- Minimum Planning Standards/Land Use Bylaw: schedule a meeting with Upland to go over changes to meet the March 31, 2025, deadline from the province.
- Request staff to explore a Private Roads Policy and/or review what other Municipalities do regarding private roads.

MUNICIPAL GRANTS REVIEW

CFO Redden went over the structure of the Municipal Grants Policy and recommended incorporating a Scoring Rubric as part of the evaluation process for determining which organizations will receive a municipal grant and the funding they will be awarded.

VILLAGE OF BADDECK CCBF (FORMERLY GAS TAX) RECOMMENDATION REPORT

Council was presented with a recommendation report on the Historical CCBF Arrangement with the Village of Baddeck.

The following recommendations were given for Council consideration:

- Transferring \$189,010.95 to the Village of the Baddeck from the Municipality's Capital Reserve to settle the historical arrangement related to CCBF.
- Internally allocating \$189,010.95 back to the Municipality's own CCBF funds for reporting purposes.
- Transfer \$65,000 to the Village of the Baddeck from the Municipality's Capital Reserve for the 2024-25 year so that all new negotiated arrangements would begin next fiscal year (April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026).

Council supported the recommendations and will bring it to the Council meeting for approval.

NEXT MEETING

TBA

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm.