

A Committee of the Whole meeting was in Council Chambers in Baddeck, on March 24, 2025, at 11:00am 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

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Leanne MacEachen, CAO

Alix Redden, CFO

Steff MacLeod, Municipal Clerk and Executive Assistant, Recorder

### **ABSENT**

District #8 – Wanda Hennick

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

***On Motion of Councillor Donovan seconded by Councillor Kerr that the Agenda for March 24, 2025, be approved.***

***Motion Carried.***

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

***On Motion of Councillor Kerr seconded by Councillor Donovan to approve the February 10, 2025, Minutes.***

***Motion Carried.***

**MILE BROOK ESTATES REQUEST – CAO MACEACHEN**

CAO MacEachen presented a request from Mile Brook Estates who want to build an extension to connect the road from Alexander Street and Jones Street in Baddeck rather than a cul-de sac be considered.

They want to give over lots 6 and 10 to the County at no cost but there would be costs incurred to the County for getting the road up to standard. The County would have to get an engineered road design and estimates for the construction and those costs would exceed the amount of the surety that was submitted by the developer for the original cul-de-sac design.

CAO MacEachen explained that as a result of the Upper Tantallon wildfires in 2023, where 151 homes were destroyed by fire, there is a need for a road extension rather than a cul-de-sac so residents have more than one way out, which they did not have during those wildfires because there was only one way in and one way out.

Council agreed to explore this option and also agreed that a road extension would be preferred because it allows for a secondary exit for safety reason.

**CODE OF CONDUCT INVESTIGATOR APPOINTMENT – CAO MACEACHEN**

CAO MacEachen explained that at the December 4, 2024, regular Council meeting, Victoria County Council passed a motion to accept and approve the new Provincial Code of Conduct for Elected Officials.

Next step for Victoria County Council is to approve an investigator and inform the Province of their choice (timeline is 6 months after the approval of the Code of Conduct).

CAO MacEachen provided a Staff Report to Council with a list of options/recommendations and Council chose to go with option 2; Accept One group of Investigators with a full team that could accommodate, if a breach of Conduct arose.

### **INGONISH WASTEWATER PROJECT COMMUNITY MEETING RECAP**

CAO MacEachen said the meeting was well attended and the public listened to the information presented from the consultants and perhaps felt more comfortable with the project. Councillor Donovan stated that he had lots of good comments come back and had new supporters of the project that were against it before the meeting and also asked if they could change their minds on the survey.

CAO MacEachen suggested putting out another survey to see if there is an updated number of interested residents and this exercise may also help with the final route selection. Council supported putting out another survey and new FAQ's.

### **NEXT MEETING**

April 14, 2025

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.