

A Special Meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held via Team's on March 31, 2025, at 10:00am with Warden Organ in the Chair.

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

District #1- Donna Matheson-Lefort

District #2- Perla MacLeod

District #3- Jess Kerr

District #4- Rosella Born

District #5- Fraser Patterson

District #6 – Tim Donovan

District #7- Jackie Organ

District #8 – Wanda Hennick

STAFF PRESENT

Leanne MacEachen, CAO

Alix Redden, CFO

Steff MacLeod, Municipal Clerk and Executive Assistant, Recorder

Natasha Kochhar, Manger of Communications

Jessica Klein, Digital Communications Coordinator

Dan Coffin, Manager of Tourism and Recreation

Yvette Rogers, Community Development Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

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

On Motion of Councillor Kerr seconded by Deputy Warden to approve the March 31, 2025 agenda.

Motion Carried.

INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND ACCESSIBILITY (IDEA) PLAN APPROVAL

Ms. Rogers went over the IDEA plan with Council and the plan was circulated to Council prior to the meeting. Discussion and questions followed, and Council agreed to approve the plan.

On Motion of Deputy Warden MacLeod seconded by Councillor Hennick to approve IDEA plan.

Motion Carried.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

NHNHDA (Neils Harbour/New Haven Development Association) - \$100,000 for Lighthouse Rehabilitation Project, specifically accessible washroom and ice cream shed.

On Motion of Councillor Donovan seconded by Councillor Kerr to approve the \$100,000 funding request for the Lighthouse Rehabilitation Project.

Motion Carried.

- Bay St. Lawrence Community Centre – up to \$140,000 for insurance shortfall for repairs due to smoke damage.

Council requested they come to Council to better explain the situation further and get more information. Council requested quotes, invoices and insurance information and approval of funding is conditional on receiving those items and the funds will be taken out of the operational reserves.

On Motion of Councillor Hennick seconded by Deputy Warden MacLeod to conditionally approve the \$140,000 funding request for repairs to the Bay St. Lawrence Community Centre. The funds will be taken from the Operating Reserve and to receive the funding the following conditions that to be met are providing Council with the appropriate documentation to explain the fire insurance shortages and quotes from the restoration company, which Council can suggest making changes, based on discussions.

Motion Carried.

- Theatre Baddeck - \$100,000 for phase 1 renovations + \$75,000 for phase 2.

On Motion of Councillor Kerr seconded by Councillor Born to approve the \$100,000 funding request for Phase 1 renovations to Theatre Baddeck.

Motion Carried.

- Àros na Mara - \$100,000 (\$25,000 for four years) for Phase II Vision (2022-2028) “Expanding Our Impact” plan – funding scope not yet provided.

On Motion of Councillor Matheson-LeFort seconded by Councillor Patterson to approve the full \$100,000 funding request for Àros na Mara rather than \$25,000 for four years, contingent on their CEDF funding application, and a clear business plan developed.

Motion Carried.

- Seniors Safety Social Network Pilot \$80,000 (\$10,000 per district) for separate funding stream for organizations offering community based senior lunches.

On Motion of Councillor Born seconded by Councillor Kerr to approve the \$80,000 (\$10,000 per district) funding request for the Senior Safety Social Network Pilot.

Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

Councillor Patterson made a motion to adjourn at 11:20am