

VICTORIA COUNTY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
March 18, 2002

A meeting of Victoria County Municipal Council was held at the Court House, Baddeck, on Monday, March 18, 2002, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Present were:

District #1 – Dan E. MacNeil
District #2 – Shane Toms
District #4 – John Graham MacInnes
District #5 – Gerald Sampson, Warden
District #7 – Wayne Budge
District #8 – Robert MacLellan

Also present were:

Brian Trask, CAO
Heather MacLean, Recording Secretary

Absent were:

District #3 – Bruce Morrison, Deputy Warden (Out of Town on Work Related Training)
District #6 – Lawrence Barron

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Sampson called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/TIME TO ADJOURN

The agenda was presented for approval. Additions to the agenda included Dingwall Water arrears and an Open Period.

It was moved by Councillor Toms, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that the agenda be approved with the noted additions and the time for adjournment be set at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Warden Sampson advised that from this point on, when a presentation is made to Council, the time allotted for the presentation will be adhered to. If the presenter is given 10 minutes on the agenda, then he will ensure that the presentation is completed in the allotted time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 4 and 11, 2002, Victoria County Municipal Council meetings were presented for approval.

It was moved by Councillor MacNeil, seconded by Councillor MacInnes, that the Victoria County Municipal Council minutes of March 4 and 11, 2002, be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Request Cut Trees on Municipal Property

A request was received from individuals wishing to enter County land for the purpose of cutting trees. This request was passed on to Solicitor Pickup for his review. He had previously provided his opinion on this matter when a similar request arose in March, 2000, and this letter was read to Council.

The possibility of identifying surplus County lands and putting these properties on sale by tender was discussed. This matter is to be investigated.

Presentation – Provincial Electoral Boundaries Review Commission

Warden Sampson advised that a presentation was made on behalf of the Municipality at the Provincial Electoral Boundaries Review Commission's public hearing in Baddeck on March 17, 2002.

FCM CONFERENCE

Discussion took place on the FCM's Annual Conference to be held in Hamilton, Ontario, from May 31-June 3, 2002.

A motion was passed on July 26, 1999, that each year 2 Councillors be authorized to attend the Annual FCM Conference on a rotating basis, so that 8 Councillors will attend during the 4-year Council term. Discussion took place.

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the motion of July 26, 1999, be rescinded. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor MacLellan, that the Warden and 2 Councillors be authorized to attend the FCM Conference each year, with preference being given to any Council Member who hasn't attended in the past. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES – CONFERRING POWERS

Discussion took place on standing and special committees. Brian Trask advised that the *Municipal Government Act*, Section 23(1) states “The Council may make policies, (c) providing for committees and conferring powers and duties upon them, except the power to expend funds. Committees cannot have the power to expend funds.

Council determines a procedure for choosing people to appoint to Committees. This may be as simple as appointing a nominating committee to find suitable candidates or may involve advertising for members and more formal application criteria. Council must make all appointments to committees.

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor Budge, that Council form the nominating committee for selecting members to Council Committees. Motion carried.

It was also indicated that the Committees of Council are to be chaired by a Municipal Councillor.

REPRESENTATIVES – CAPE BRETON SOLID WASTE-RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE

Brian Trask advised that a request was received from the Cape Breton Solid Waste-Resource Management Regional Committee that each municipal unit in the Region put forth the names of a staff and an elected committee member to serve as representatives on a newly established sub committee.

It was moved by Councillor MacLellan, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that Councillor Shane Toms serve as the elected representative and Brian Trask, CAO, be the staff representative on the Cape Breton Solid Waste-Resource Management Regional Sub Committee. Motion carried.

FUNDING – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

Brian Trask advised that the recently announced federal funding for the 13 regional development agencies in the province when divided, amounts to \$107,000 per year per RDA.

Warden Sampson advised that Ross MacDonald, Director of Economic Development, has arranged for a meeting with Department of Economic Development representatives, Catherine Ann Fuller and Ross Kennedy, on Friday, March 22, 2002. Warden Sampson, Deputy Warden Morrison and Tom Wilson will be attending this meeting, along with Ross MacDonald.

ECBC FESTIVALS AND EVENTS PROGRAM

A memorandum was received from Tom Wilson, Director of Recreation and Tourism, advising that the Festival & Events Program that was administered by the Recreation and Tourism Department for the past 4 years will be terminated March 31, 2002. This program was funded by ECBC.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence from Rick Ramsay regarding the UNSM Spring Workshop.
2. Letter from John Shaw, Camp Administrator, Atlantic Burn Camp, advising of its new camp location at the Cape Breton Bible Camp, New Campbellton, and requesting the opportunity to appear before Council.
3. Letter from the Department of Transportation and Public Works regarding 2002 Annual Temporary Count Program.
4. Notice of UNSM/AMA Workshop to be held on April 18, 2002, regarding Community Consultation and Consensus Building. Deadline for applications for this workshop is March 25, 2002.

RESOLUTION – FERRY FARES

Councillor MacInnes presented a resolution regarding ferry fares. (copy attached).

It was moved by Councillor MacInnes, seconded by Councillor MacNeil, that this resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

RECESS

Warden Sampson advised that Council would recess for 10 minutes and reconvene to an In Camera Session.