

## **COMMUNITY MEETING**

### **ÉCOLE NDA**

**Wednesday 19th NOVEMBER 2014**

**19 h to 21 h**

Mr. Alfred Arthur Poirier, Councillor for District 1 County of Inverness, welcomed the 65 participants. He mentioned that the municipal Council as well as other municipalities of the province have shown great interest in this community meeting. The formation of the community committee of the municipality is unique in its history and will be the first of its kind in the province of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Paul Gallant, as a member of the Working Group, also welcomed the participants. He then presented the agenda to participants and proposed that there be a vote for the chair and the Secretary of record for the meeting.

*It was a unanimous vote that Paul Gallant act as chair and Maurice Lelièvre recording secretary for the meeting.*

It was proposed that every person present have the right to vote at the meeting. *Proposed by: Alcida Landry/Seconded by: Lucille Timmons. Adopted.*

The Chair asked if there were any questions about the agenda. With none forthcoming, a proposal was made to adopt the agenda. *Proposed by Danielle Haché/Seconded by Jeannot Chiasson. Adopted.*

Mr. Scott Aucoin, CDÉNE development officer and member of the CCCL working group, provided an update of the work of the group and presented the Terms of References for the Community Committee that had been accepted by the municipal Council of the County of Inverness.

A number of questions were raised and thoroughly discussed before a vote was taken on the proposed Terms of Reference. It was proposed that the Terms of Reference be adopted as presented. *Proposed by Mr. Yvon Michaud/Seconded by Mr. Perry Muise. Adopted*

Mr. Alfred Arthur Poirier noted that the municipal Council was very impressed with the work of the committee and that the Terms of Reference were in accord with the requirements of the Municipal Act.

Paul Gallant also mentioned that this process that we were about to undertake is unique. And that a lot of other municipalities in Nova Scotia are watching the process closely. The Government wants communities to take an active role in resolving their own problems in partnership with the municipalities.

Darlene Doucet asks three questions. Are we limiting ourselves by having only an advisory role ? Second, how are sector representatives chosen? And third, was there consultation with the sectors before the meeting?

Alfred Arthur Poirier answered the first question by saying that this Community Committee is not limiting its scope by being an advisory committee.

Paul Gallant, Member of the Working Group, responded to the second and third questions by stating that the Working Group had proposed a list of sectors and the Committee may modify what was proposed. In making the list of sectors they had attempted to reach out to the largest number people in all sectors.

Marie Aucoin explained that this advisory committee was breaking new ground as it will have to write its own regulations. Done correctly, it may become a model for other municipalities in the province.

Darlene Doucet asked how the sectors would function.

Scott Aucoin, member of the Working Group explained the mandate and purpose of the Community Committee by reading a portion of the Terms of Reference which provides a coordination mandate and not only a role of Advisor to the municipality. Even the municipal warden thinks that the

Committee is primarily a community committee first and secondly a collaboration tool for the community.

Alcida Landry suggested that we should concentrate solely on the Terms of Reference.

Paul Gallant also noted that the committee's role is not limited. The possibility still exists for the Committee to add, delete or amend the Terms of Reference after 6 months or a year. However, the Municipal Council will always have the final say. It is their Committee.

Claude Bourgeois asked whether the Community Committee may lobby other organizations or departments, or if the municipality would limit these types of actions? Alfred Arthur noted that would be possible but the bottom line is that the councillors would have the last say, especially any decision on spending priorities for the municipalities.

A vote was then taken on the proposal to form the advisory committee (CCCL). *The vote was 63 for and 2 against. The committee will be formed.*

The participants were then divided according to their respective sectors in order to elect their representatives to the Committee;

This was the outcome of that election:

Business: Michèle Pothier

Seniors: Alcida LeBlanc

Arts & Culture: William Roach or Joeleen Larade

Communication: Marie Aucoin

Cooperatives: Lynn Deveau

Education: Paul Gallant

Environment: Stefan Sogne

Youth: Denise Arsenault

Fishery: Léonard LeBlanc

Health: Marcel Aucoin

Security: David Deveau

Sports: Perry Muise

Tourism: Lyne Larade

*Proposed by Jeannot Chiasson/Seconded by Yvon Michaud: that the duly elected sector representatives officially form the Committee as proposed. 63 for and 2 against. Motion carried.*

Paul Strome suggested that it will be very important to continue the communication of this Community Committee with the community. He suggested that the Cheticamp web site could be used for this purpose.

Marie Aucoin asked that the minutes of the Committee be made accessible on the Cheticamp website.

It was determined that a meeting to elect the Executive for the new Committee should be held on Monday, 24 novembre 2014 at 7 :30 pm at Maison Fiset.

The Community meeting ended at 20:45 hrs