

3 reports all call for development officer

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opportunities in the County.

Council collaborates with and supports the work of community development organizations.

Form an organization to develop a market for locally produced goods, and promote value-added processes for local consumption and export.

Advocate for improvements to Route 223 to support the more efficient transport of goods to and from the County.

Advocate for 3-phase power to be installed in specific areas near the community of Iona to entice development.

Work with Community Access Program to determine viability of offering computer literacy workshops to communities and businesses.

Complete, implement and provide for the annual review of a source water protection plan in line with guidance provided by the Province for municipal water utilities for Dingwall, Ingonish, Neil's Harbor, and Little Narrows.

Encourage the Village of Baddeck to pursue a plan and complete Source Water protection plans.

Undertake feasibility study exploring opportunities for development of renewable energy production in the County, including wind-generated, solar and tidal power.

Comply with provincial requirements for the creation and maintenance of a municipal emergency by-law, management organization, and planning committee.

Enhance existing parks, including

updating playgrounds and recreational venues.

Submit proposal to Seniors Secretariat to develop a lunch program/education series to address the specific needs of County seniors.

Undertake survey to determine seniors housing needs and recent statistics on the seniors' demographic in the County. Provide to the province, regional municipalities, and local builders.

Promote the culture and identity of Cape Breton through continued County funding of community programs, facilities, and events.

Develop on the County's website resources for the cultural development of the community: community instructors, classes, and events of music, dance, arts, and history.

Coordinate an annual meeting of regional governments, including First Nation Communities, to promote coordinated action in establishing Biosphere Reserve.

McIntosh Report

The Economic Development Priorities which Mr. McIntosh identified were

- 1) Broadband 100% coverage of the county is a work in progress.
- 2) Bill 191 which allows for a favourable tax benefit for businesses that close for four consecutive months is making some progress and will likely be repealed.
- 3) Land use plan.
- 4) Bell Museum expansion to house the *Silver Dart* replica and a theater type space is a work in progress.

This report also recommends the

hiring of an Economic Development Officer, and joining a Regional Development Agency (RDA).

Novak Report *Shaping our Future*

Council expand its meeting time in order to focus specifically on the advancement of the strategic directions of the municipality.

Council review and approve all budget expenditures from the perspective of the strategic directions.

Council should meet outside of Baddeck on at least three occasions per year. These meetings in addition to regular council business and strategic issues should contain agenda items that are reflective of local concerns. More-over local groups should be encouraged to make presentations.

The Council should hire a community economic development officer whose responsibility will be to work with individuals, community groups and small enterprise with the aim of developing employment and of increasing economic activity.

The Municipal Council make a recommendation to the Provincial Government directly or through the Union of Nova Scotia to repeal the provision that grants a favourable tax benefit for businesses that close for four consecutive months.

The Municipality of the County of Victoria join the Cape Breton Economic Development Authority.

The Municipality establish a fund and funding criteria and allocate an annual amount in the budget for the purpose of supporting and encouraging community associations and not-for-profit groups to engage in activity that helps to fulfill one or more of the strategic directions. Continuing of funding for a recipient group should be contingent upon demonstrated success in achieving the objects for which the grant money was originally awarded.

The Municipal Council begin discussions with the School Board to explore ways in which the school assets can be better utilized for broader community purposes however, there has been no response from CBVRSB.

The Municipal Council begin discussions with the Gaelic College and include others as may be appropriate to explore ways to leverage the physical assets.

The Municipal Council request the working group on Community Assets to develop a practical and workable proposal to encourage greater participation in small scale farming.

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Council has created six jobs in the County plus the purchase of fuel and other services for the municipally owned Solid Waste Collection service as well as providing heavy garbage pick-up in the County.

Wagmatcook election had 80% turn-out

by Jim Morrow

The election of Chief and Band Council members for the First Nation of Wagmatcook took place on July 8th.

Voter turn out was high with 80% of the eligible voters casting ballots.

With well over sixty candidates running for six band council seats voters selected Mickey Basque, Korey Jason Karl Knickle, Lester Michael Peck, Tommy Peck, Angela Lorraine Pierro and Jason Vance Pierro to represent them on Council.

There were three contenders for the Office of Chief. They included Norman Bernard, Brian Isadore and Vera Pierro.

Mr. Bernard took the office of Chief with 264 votes with his closest contender being Vera Pierro with 64 votes.

Returning Officer Melinda Young said she was very impressed with the number of voters who participated in the election. She also was appreciative of the Wagmatcook Band Office staff who assisted her in the election.

The final results were officially tabulated by 1:00 a.m., July 9th.

Manor is DoH responsibility

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and laundry spaces and use the kitchen and laundry at Buchanan Memorial Hospital, some two kilometers away.

MLA Keith Bain said whoever made that suggestion has never been to Neil's Harbour in the winter. "Snow and ice could isolate the Manor for days," Bain said.

Mr. Bain also e-mailed Premier Dexter advising him of the situation on June 23rd.

The Premier replied that he would forward the information on to the Minister of Health, Maureen MacDonald. As of press time Minister MacDonald had not responded to MLA Bain.

Administrator Blakeney told *The Victoria Standard*, "The licensing for the Manor comes up in August and with a failing fire marshal report our license will not be renewed."

The Municipality of the County of Victoria is in the process of purchasing land adjacent to Highland Manor so that an addition may be constructed, but in the end any expansion renovations or alterations are the responsibility of the N.S. Department of Health.



ANNIVERSARY CONCERT SERIES

Thursday, July 22 - Good Boy M.A.

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This concert starts at 7 pm. in the Malagawatch Church.
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