

Present:

Councillors: Warden Russell Boucher
Councillor Mary MacLellan Councillor John Dunbar
Councillor Hugh Stewart Councillor Gary Mattie
Councillor Vaughan Chisholm Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: Deputy Warden Owen McCarron
Councillor Donnie MacDonald
Councillor Rémi Deveau

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Adam Rodgers, Solicitor- Boudrot Rodgers Law Firm
Andrew Jones, Development Planner, EDPC

Media: Richard MacKenzie, The Casket
Matt Draper, The Reporter
Matthew Moore, 98.9 XFM

Gallery: Jennifer DeWolfe, Nova Scotia Housing
Anne Baxter, Nova Scotia Housing
Michael MacKay, HomeWarming
Daniel MacDonald, Marble Holdings Limited

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by the Chair, Warden Boucher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Warden Boucher called for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Min #2017-036 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of March 21st, 2017.

Min #2017-037 (Approval of Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that the Municipal Council minutes of March 21st, 2017 be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Horne reviewed the Public Hearing Protocol in accordance with the requirements of the *Municipal Government Act*.

Development Agreement – Marble Holdings Limited – Beech Hill Road

Andrew Jones, Development Planner, Eastern District Planning Commission, provided a brief summary of the Development Agreement proposed to permit the development of an automatic and self-serve carwash on Beech Hill Road, to be located off of a cul-de-sac that will be situated across Beech Hill Road from the existing Tim Hortons/Sobeys Express development at 124 Beech Hill Road. A copy of the staff report presented to the Planning Advisory Committee and Committee of the Whole on March 20th and 21st, respectively, and provided to members of Council at this meeting is attached to the minutes. EDCP staff recommended that Council give the item second reading.

Warden Boucher asked if there was anyone present that was against the recommendation. No one asked to speak in opposition to the Development Agreement. Warden Boucher then asked if there were anyone present in favour of the recommendations. The development proponent, Mr. Daniel MacDonald, identified that he was present and in favour of the Development Agreement.

Min #2017-038 (Development Agreement – Marble Holdings Limited, Beech Hill Road)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that the Municipality enter into a Development Agreement between Marble Holdings Limited and the Municipality of the County of Antigonish, for a property totaling approximately 8290 square metres of area, to be located off of a cul-de-sac that will be situated across Beech Hill Road from the development at 124 Beech Hill Road, in the Commercial Designation, with respect to the construction of an automatic and self-serve carwash, subject to the terms and conditions included in the agreement (including revisions recommended from Planning Advisory Committee). Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS**Jennifer DeWolfe and Anne Baxter – Nova Scotia Housing**

Ms. Jennifer DeWolfe and Ms. Anne Baxter of Nova Scotia Housing provided members of Council with a brief overview of the services and programs available to assist homeowners with repairs and upgrades to their homes, such as the Home Repair Assistance Program. In 2016, Nova Scotia Housing had 67 files in Antigonish County, and is hoping to do more in the area this year. Copies of information folders and forms were left with Councillors and staff for distribution and display at the Municipal Office. Discussion followed. The representatives from the Housing Nova Scotia were thanked for their presentation.

Michael MacKay – HomeWarming

Mr. Michael MacKay from the HomeWarming program provided members of Council with an overview of their program, which provides energy efficiency upgrades to low-income homeowners as a means of decreasing the financial burden of heating/cooling their residence. The HomeWarming program is provided in partnership with Efficiency Nova Scotia, with funding from the Province and Nova Scotia Power. It was also noted that the HomeWarming program and Nova

Scotia Housing Home Repair Assistance Programs can both be utilized by qualifying property owners in order to maximize the benefits of both programs. Mr. MacKay enquired as to whether consideration would be given to distributing program information to qualifying property owners when bills are distributed, as has been done in previous years. Discussion followed, and Mr. MacKay was thanked for his presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- a) Municipal Affairs – 12 month notice under the Municipal Government Act

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development Advisory Committee – March 5, 2017

Councillor Stewart read the committee report, noting that no recommendations had been made. The Committee had received a presentation from Trillium Consulting Group regarding a feasibility study for a new business park in Antigonish County. The Committee also selected Deputy Warden McCarron and Councillor Stewart to sit on a joint working group with the Planning Advisory Committee to review and advise Municipal Council on options for the Trunk 4 Access Management Strategy between Addington Forks & Lower South River. Finally, it was reported that future Committee meetings will feature a presentation from Paqtnkek officials concerning the community's highway development project and a discussion of the ESREN Strategic priorities

Active Transportation Advisory Committee – March 28th, 2017

Mr. Horne read the committee report, noting that no recommendation had been made. The Committee had reviewed the Active Transportation (AT) Plan and provided some thoughts and comments. Preliminary planning took place regarding a workshop to provide an overview of AT and AT awareness, for Committee members and other key community stakeholders. The Committee also received information regarding provincial AT efforts, and an introduction to a Passport Program for community groups that would be used to promote AT along with outdoor areas in the region.

Committee of the Whole – April 4th, 2017

Min #2017-039 (Parks Canada National Cost-Sharing Agreement – County Court House)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council approve the signing of a contribution agreement with Parks Canada's National Cost-Sharing Program for Heritage Places for the funding of a project pertaining to the Antigonish County Court House National Historic Site of Canada. Motion carried.

Min #2017-040 (Special District Grant Balance Carry-overs)

MOVED by Councillor MacFarlane, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council approve the Special District Grant balance carry-over for priorities as identified by each Councillor. Motion carried.

Committee of the Whole – April 18th, 2017**Min #2017-041 (Summer Recreation Staff)**

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council approves the recommended hiring for summer recreation staff, as amended. Motion carried.

Min #2017-042 (PCAP Applications)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar, that Municipal Council approve PCAP applications made for the Sylvan Valley Sewer, Somers Road Waterline, and C&D cell construction projects. Motion carried.

Min #2017-043 (Bulky Waste Tender Advertisement)

MOVED by Councillor Dunbar, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council approve the issuance of a Tender for bulky waste collection during the last two weeks of May, 2017. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS*Updates and Reports from Individual Council Members*

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- March 27th ACALA fundraising meeting; instead of doing Fit4Lit, ACALA would be preparing a cookbook and holding a rubber ducky race
- April 5th School meeting
- April 6th CEDI workshop
- April 7th Space Maker opening at the library
- Water film viewing at the Municipal Office

Councillor Mattie reported that he attended:

- April 1st B&W night at St.FX
- April 6th CEDI workshop
- April 11th roads meetings with MLA Randy Delorey in St. Andrews and at the Heatherton Community Centre

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- EDCP Board Meeting
- School Board Meeting

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- March 25th Affordable Housing Opening
- Kilted Skate Fundraiser
- March 27th RK MacDonald meeting
- April 5th School Board Meeting
- April 12th movie screening at Municipal Office
- Keppoch AGM

Councillor Dunbar reported that he attended:

- March 28th AT Committee meeting
- April 6th CEDI meeting

Councillor Dunbar also provided Council with an update regarding the rescheduling of the Business Expo at Paqtnkek, due to the initial date being snowed-out. The event will now be held on May 25th.

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- CACL funding announcement
- Highway meeting
- CEDI Workshop and meeting

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Warden Boucher took the opportunity to congratulate local radio station 98.9XFM for their receipt of the Byron MacGregor award for best Newscast in Atlantic Canada in a small market. This award puts the station in the running as a finalist for the National RTDNA Canada Awards. Winners of the national awards will be announced in Toronto at the end of May.

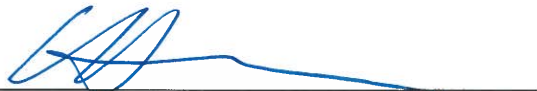
MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2017-044 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, seconded by Councillor Stewart that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:44pm. Motion carried.



Warden Russell Boucher



Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer