

Present:

Councillors:	Warden Russell Boucher	Deputy Warden Owen McCarron
	Councillor Mary MacLellan	Councillor Rémi Deveau
	Councillor Donnie MacDonald	Councillor John Dunbar
	Councillor Hugh Stewart	Councillor Gary Mattie
	Councillor Vaughan Chisholm	Councillor Bill MacFarlane

Regrets: None

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer  
Beth Schumacher, Deputy Clerk

Media: Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket  
Ken Kingston, 98.9 XFM

Gallery: Travis DeCoste

The meeting was called to order at 7:47pm by the Chair, Warden Boucher.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

An amendment was made to move item 9(b) – the appointments of community members to municipal committees, to the in-camera agenda for the Committee of the Whole.

**Min #2016-154 (Approval of Agenda)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron that the agenda be approved, as amended. Motion carried.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Warden Boucher called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Min #2016-155 (Approval of Minutes)**

*MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan, that the Municipal Council minutes of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be approved. Motion carried.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**John James Barter**

This presentation was postponed to occur later in the meeting to accommodate Mr. Barter. When Mr. Barter arrived, Warden Boucher expressed the Municipality's gratitude for his years of service with the Building for Youth Commission (Arena Commission). Mr. Barter was presented with a plaque.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been received from the following:

- a) 4H Antigonish – Thank-you letter
- b) OMA / Fire Marshall - Notice of Building Code Regulation changes
- c) NS Power – Auld’s Cove lights response
- d) Chez Deslauriers – Update 2016
- e) Eastern Mainland Housing Authority – Confirmation of Committee Appointment
- f) Antigonish Affordable Housing Society – Thank-you letter
- g) ESREN – 3 year strategy

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Committee of the Whole – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016****Min #2016-156 (St. Martha’s Foundation)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau, that the request made by the St. Martha’s Hospital Foundation to provide \$500,000.00 over ten (10) years, in the amount of \$50,000.00 each year, be approved. Motion carried.*

**Min #2016-157 (Establishing an Audit Committee)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron, that Municipal Council establish the Committee of the Whole as the Audit Committee and direct staff to draft amendments to the Committee of the Whole policy reflective of that decision. Motion carried.*

**Min #2016-158 (Joint Council Terms of Reference)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane that Municipal Council approves the Joint Council Committee Terms of Reference. Motion carried.*

**Min #2016-159 (Antigonish Senior’s Care Van)**

*MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Deputy Warden McCarron, that Municipal Council provide a grant of \$1000.00 to the Antigonish Senior’s Care Van. Motion carried.*

**Min #2016-160 (Antigonish Early Childhood Intervention Program)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that Municipal Council provide a grant up to a maximum amount of \$2,500.00 to the Antigonish Early Childhood Intervention Program. Motion carried.*

**Committee of the Whole – December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016****Min #2016-161 (Generators)**

*MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Dunbar that Municipal Council approves the purchase of two (2) diesel generators from Sansom at the quoted price. Motion carried.*

**Min #2016-162 (Mount Cameron and Hwy 337 Water System Review)**

*MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald, that Strait Engineering be awarded the review of the Mount Cameron and Hwy 337 water system. Motion carried.*

**Min #2016-163 (Canada 150 Legacy Project)**

*MOVED by Deputy Warden McCarron, SECONDED by Councillor Stewart, that Municipal Council, in consultation with the Strait Regional School Board, explore the feasibility of constructing a multi-purpose outdoor structure at Saint Andrew Junior School to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> year of confederation, and that the professional services of a firm or company be obtained for the purpose of designing and determining the construction costs of the multi-purpose outdoor structure. Motion carried.*

**RCMP MONTHLY REPORTS**

Mr. Horne introduced a series of monthly RCMP Reports that have been circulated from Staff Sgt. Glassford for Council's review as information. Staff Sgt. Glassford is scheduled to review these reports with Council at the next meeting, taking place in January.

**ACFVD LOAN GUARANTEE REQUEST**

The Antigonish County Volunteer Fire Department has requested that the Municipality issue an \$180,000.00 loan guarantee for a pumper truck. This request has been reviewed by Finance staff, which sees no challenges with the request. Therefore, the request is being forwarded to Council for its consideration.

**Min #2016-164 (ACFVD Loan Guarantee Request)**

*MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor Chisholm, that Municipal Council approve the issuance of a \$181,000.00 loan guarantee for the Antigonish County Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried.*

**MOTIONS****Min #2016-165 (Road Name Change Petition)**

*MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor MacFarlane, that Municipal Council approve the naming of an unnamed private lane off of MacNeil Road to Terag Lane. Motion carried.*

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS***Updates and Reports from Individual Council Members*

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- High-speed Internet strategy meeting
- Municipal Open House
- Town Tree Lighting
- UNSM Conference

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Municipal Open House
- Town Tree Lighting
- Santa Claus Parade
- UNSM Conference
- Crime Prevention Meeting

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- Library Meeting
- RK MacDonald Orientation
- UNSM Conference

Councillor Mattie reported that he attended:

- UNSM Conference
- Angus Bowie Appreciation Night
- RK MacDonald Orientation

Warden Boucher reported that he attended:

- Coady Student event in Havre Boucher
- CEDI workshop
- Highway Opening
- St. FX Graduation
- Mayors and Wardens Meeting

Warden Boucher then took the opportunity to wish a Merry Christmas, Season's Greetings, and a Happy New Year to the residents of the County, members of Council, the Media, and Municipal Staff.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Min #2016-166 (Motion to Adjourn)**

*MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, seconded by Councillor MacDonald that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:04pm. Motion carried.*



**Warden Russell Boucher**



**Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer**