



MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF ANTIGONISH

Municipal Council Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

7:30pm

Present: Deputy Warden Owen McCarron

Councillors: Bill MacFarlane Rémi Deveau
Mary MacLellan Vaughan Chisholm
Donnie MacDonald Hughie Stewart
Pierre Boucher Angus Bowie

Regrets: Warden Russell Boucher

Also present: Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer
Shirlyn Donovan, Interim Deputy Clerk
Corey LeBlanc, Antigonish Casket
Matthew Draper, Port Hawkesbury Reporter
Bill MacCuish, 98.9 XFM
Adam Rodger, Solicitor – Boudrot & Rodgers Law Firm

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm by the Chair, Deputy Warden Owen McCarron.

On behalf of Municipal Council, Deputy Warden McCarron requested that moment of silence be observed in memory of Warden Boucher's brother and Councillor Boucher's uncle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Warden McCarron called for any additions or deletions to the agenda. The following item was added to the agenda:

- Municipal Mural Competition

Min #2016-001 (Approval of Agenda)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau, that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deputy Warden McCarron called for the approval of the Municipal Council Minutes of December 17th, 2015.

Min #2016-002 (Approval of December 17th Council Minutes)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan and SECONDED by Councillor Bowie, that the Municipal Council Minutes of December 17th, 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole – January 19th, 2016

Min #2016-003 (Letter of Support for Provincial AT Policy Framework)

MOVED by Councillor MacDonald, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council send a letter of support for the draft Active Transportation Policy Framework to the Minister of the Department of Health and Wellness. Motion carried.

Min #2016-004 (Street Improvements for Mount Cameron and Appleseed)

MOVED by Councillor Chisholm, SECONDED by Councillor MacDonald that Municipal Council approve the street improvements for Mount Cameron and Appleseed Drive. Motion Carried.

Min #2016-005 (Letter of Support)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Bowie that Municipal Council send a letter of support for a walking trail in Bayfield. Motion carried.

Min #2016-006 (Appointment of Returning Officer)

MOVED by Councillor Deveau, SECONDED by Councillor Boucher that Municipal Council approve the appointment of Linda Arsenault as Returning Officer for the 2016 Municipal Election. Motion carried.

Planning Advisory Committee – January 19th, 2016

Min #2016-007 (Amendments to Antigonish County Subdivision By-Law)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that Municipal Council approve the amendments to the Antigonish County Subdivision By-Law as presented with a change to section 21A-1B to 950 square metres (10,225.7 sq ft.) and to section 21A-2 to 950 square metres (10,225.7 sq ft.). Motion carried.

MOTIONS

Mr. Horne reviewed the Alternative Voting By-Law, which represents the option to have e-Voting in the upcoming Municipal Election. E-Voting is increasingly becoming the method of choice for elections at the municipal, provincial and federal levels throughout Canada with benefits such as easy access, fewer spoiled ballots and almost immediate results.

We were part of an RFP put forward by the City of Halifax back in the fall to obtain a firm to coordinate and administer all e-voting services. That RFP has been awarded and we are determining the approximate cost for us to engage with that firm.

E-Voting is the option to vote online from home, at a kiosk at a polling station or by phone from home. Residents would be given a unique PIN which they would use to vote.

Staff recommended Municipal Council give first reading to the Alternative Voting By-Law authorizing voters to vote electronically in the 2016 Municipal election and that there be concurrent use of paper ballots.

Min #2016-008 (Alternative Voting By-Law)

MOVED by Councillor Stewart, SECONDED by Councillor MacLellan that Municipal Council approve the first reading of the Alternative Voting By-law. Motion carried.

UPDATES/REPORTS FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councillor MacLellan reported that she attended:

- Planning Meeting
- Library Meeting in Halifax
- Library Board Meeting
- Meeting with RK CEO
- Northumberland Quarry Community Liaison Committee Meeting

Councillor Boucher reported that he attended:

- Eastern District Planning Commission Meeting

Councillor MacDonald reported that he attended:

- Antigonish Affordable Housing
- Municipal Mural Unveiling
- Town and County Joint Council

Deputy Warden McCarron reported that he attended:

- New Years' Levee
- Early Childhood Intervention Meeting
- Planning Meeting
- Town and County Joint Council

Councillor MacFarlane reported that he attended:

- Town and County Joint Council

Councillor Deveau reported that he attended:

- Town and County Joint Council

Councillor Chisholm reported that he attended:

- RK Board Meeting

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Municipal Mural Competition

The first mural developed through the Municipal Mural Competition was unveiled on Tuesday, January 12. This project came about with the goal of developing public spaces and highlighting our local arts community. We challenged both emerging and professional artists to design an image that would reflect the ideals, values and essence of our community. We hoped to receive a design that would inspire and celebrate who we are and who we strive to be as well as reflect our community today. This project has been widely seen as a significant success.

Mr. Horne is looking for feedback from Council on whether another mural competition should be initiated. Mr. Horne would also like feedback on the recently completed project.

Based on feedback gathered throughout this process, if Municipal Council would like to initiate a new competition for a mural at another location, it ought to be done through the winter.

Mr. Horne suggested requesting expressions of interest from community groups. Staff will set parameters and send them out to Council and the public. Any communities which identify themselves as interested will go into a hat and then one community will be drawn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Min #2016-009 (Motion to Adjourn)

MOVED by Councillor MacLellan, SECONDED by Councillor Deveau that the Council meeting adjourns at 8:17pm. Motion carried.


Warden Russell Boucher


Glenn Horne, Municipal Clerk/Treasurer